



la Convention
de la Baie-James
et du Nord québécois

Comité d'évaluation
Evaluating Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE 316TH MEETING
OF THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE**

(Adopted)

DATE: May 3, 2023

PLACE: Videoconference

PRESENT: Louis Breton, Canada
John Paul Murdoch, CNG
Lucas Del Vecchio, CNG
Daniel Berrouard, Québec

Sophie Cooper, Executive Secretary

ABSENT: Geneviève Bélanger, Canada, Chair

Nicholas Poirier, Québec

1) Meeting declared open and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as written.

2) Adoption of the minutes of the 315th meeting

The minutes of the 315th meeting were adopted as written.

Action: Translate and post the minutes of the 315th meeting.

3) Correspondence and follow-up

correspondence for the period April 5 to May 3, 2023 is presented in Appendix A.

4) Opening and operation of a new quarry in Nemaska by the Cree First Nation of Nemaska
Ref. No.: 3214-03-050

- Preliminary information
- For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment procedure, or on the scope of the impact study to be conducted

On February 28, 2023, the Evaluating Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information about a plan to open a new quarry in Nemaska.

The project involves operating a new 2.9-hectare quarry near the community of Nemaska and building an access road approximately 800 meters in length. Stripping activities will be carried out to expose the rock surface in the area from which the materials will be taken. Drilling activities will take place for a few weeks when the quarry opens and on an ad hoc basis thereafter. The site selected for the new quarry contains large volumes of good quality granular materials and will meet the needs of the Nemaska community for a period of 5 to 7 years. The aggregates produced will be used mainly for the road repair and maintenance as well as the construction of certain infrastructure within the community.

After reviewing the documents submitted by the proponent, COMEV recommends exempting this project from the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure.

Action: Send letter to the Provincial Administrator
Forward the recommendation of exemption

5) 2023-2024 repair and maintenance work on the Billy Diamond Highway and Chisasibi Road by the James Bay Development Corporation
Ref. No.: 3214-05-081

- Preliminary information
- For recommendation on whether to exempt the project from the assessment procedure, or on the scope of the impact study to be conducted

On March 3, 2023, the Evaluation Committee (COMEV) received the preliminary information concerning planned maintenance and repair work on the Billy Diamond Highway and Chisasibi Road in 2023-2024.

The proponent is planning repair and maintenance work at km 453 and km 454 of the Billy Diamond Highway (RBD) as well as at km 37 and km 65 of Chisasibi Road (CCH). The work planned on the RBD will require a supply of granular materials and will require the development of two new quarries. These will be located near the Billy Diamond Highway and construction work will include building access roads to the sites and work areas for the equipment. Two new quarries will also be necessary for the the Chisasibi Road repair work. However, access roads for these already exist, as these new sites are located near old borrow pits. The old platforms of these borrow pits will be used for equipment work areas, which will eliminate additional encroachment. The proponent plans to operate a mobile asphalt plant at each of the planned sites until the repair work is completed.

After reviewing the documents sent by the proponent, the COMEV decided that it needed additional information before it could continue its analysis. Thus, the proponent will need to respond to the questions and comments that will be included in a letter of transmittal. In addition, the Regional Administrator will be informed that activities related to the construction and operational phases of the project will take place on Category 1B lands and will be provided with a copy of the correspondence.

Action: **Send a letter to the Provincial Administrator with a copy to the Regional Administrator**
 Forward questions and comments

6) Varia

Projects pending

- Construction of a road for the installation of a wind measuring mast by Projet éolien Oujé-Bougoumou Skakeegun S.E.C., Ref. No.: 3214-05-082 (Waiting for responses from the proponent)
- Champion Lake shoreline protection project by the Cree First Nation of Nemaska, Ref. No.:3219-01-002 (Waiting for responses from the proponent)
- Construction and operation of a remote landfill (LETI) at the Eastmain Mine by Benz Mining Corporation Ref. No.: 3214-16-081 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*
- Expansion of an existing quarry and reopening of the old sand pit at km 58 of Route 19900 (formerly R-1005) by the Ministère des Transports du Québec. Ref. No.: 3214-03-022 *(Under analysis)*
- Opening and operation of a sand pit near Lake Lardet by Les équipements J.V.C. inc. Ref. No.: 3214-03-048 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*
- Environmental rehabilitation of a former service station on the Trans-Taïga Road by the Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles. Ref. No.: 3214-16-085 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*
- Construction of the Nadoshtin Residence by the Société Corporation Résidence Nadoshtin Inc. Ref. No.: 3214-06-031 *(Waiting for responses from the proponent)*
- Construction of forest roads in the Témiscamie sector by Chantiers Chibougamau Ltée Ref. No.:3214-05-086 *(Waiting for clarifications)*
- New Lagoon Cell in Waskaganish by the Cree Nation of Waskaganish *(under analysis)*

7) Next meeting

The next COMEV meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2023, by videoconference (Teams).

Appendix A Correspondence and follow-up --April 5 to May 3, 2023					
Project	From	To	Document	Date	Action - comments
5)Hub-and-spoke mining complex– Chibougamau by Doré Copper Mining Corp. Ref. No.: 3214-14-069	Geneviève Bélanger COMEV	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Transmittal of impact study directive	Sent April 20, 2023 Acknowledgement of receipt April 20, 2023	<i>For recommendation</i>
Expansion of an existing quarry and reopening of an old sand pit at km 58 of Route 19900 (formerly R-1005) by the MTQ Ref. No.: 3214-03-022	Philippe Lemire MTQ	Marie-Josée Lizotte Deputy Minister MELCCFP	Transmittal of additional information (responses to QC01)	Sent April 3, 2023	<i>For recommendation</i>
	Mélissa Gagnon MELCCFP	Geneviève Bélanger COMEV		Sent April 18, 2023 Rec'd COMEV April 20, 2023	