FORM Preliminary information

PREAMBLE

The James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement (JBNQA), by its chapters 22 and 23, establishes a system of protection for both the natural and social environment in the James Bay and Northern Quebec region. Depending on the type of project, some aspects of these chapters may report under the responsibility of the Government of Canada, or the Government of Québec or both levels of government. Some projects can also be reported under the responsibility of the Cree Nation Government, notably for projects conducted on Category IA lands. Title II of the Environment Quality Act (EQA) presents the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedures applicable in the James Bay region (section 133 of the EQA) and in Northern Quebec (section 168 of the EQA).

The projects mentioned in schedule A of the EQA are subjected to one of the procedures applicable in the Northern environment, contrary to those mentioned in schedule B, which are exempt from the procedures. Projects not outlined in either schedule are considered "grey zone" projects. Anyone who intends to undertake a project in a northern environment covered by schedule A of the EQA must apply for a certificate of authorization. For "grey zone" projects, a proponent must request an attestation of exemption and the Provincial administrator will confirm to him, after analysis of the project by the northern committee concerned, whether the project is not subject to the Environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure or if it is subject to it. In the first case, an attestation of exemption will be issued to the proponent for the project and, in the second, a directive will be prepared and sent to him, which will indicate the nature, scope and extent of the impact study he must prepare. Thus, except for the projects listed in schedule B, a proponent must file a preliminary information form with the Provincial administrator of the JBNQA.

If necessary, it is possible to confirm whether your project corresponds to an activity listed in schedules A and B of the EQA or a "grey zone" by sending an e-mail request for verification of exemption, including a short description of your project, its location and the anticipated impacts at the following email address: dgees-assujettissement@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

The preliminary information form is used to describe the general characteristics of a project. It must be completed in a clear and concise manner and the information must be limited to the elements that are relevant for a proper understanding of the project, its anticipated impacts, and possible ramifications.

In accordance with the EQA, the preliminary information form is either sent to the Evaluating Committee (COMEV), if the project concerns the region south of the 55th parallel (James Bay), or to the Kativik Environmental Quality Commission (KEQC), if the project concerns the region north of the 55th parallel (Nunavik). These two committees review the preliminary information and, in the case of projects covered by schedule A of the EQA, produce a recommendation on the directive indicating the nature, scope and extent of the study impact that the proponent must prepare. For "grey zone" projects, these committees produce a recommendations and decisions are then forwarded to the Provincial administrator who communicates his decision to the proponent. The proponent may be issued an attestation of exemption for projects that are exempt from the procedure or issued a directive for those subjected to the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure.

The Evaluating Committee is a tripartite advisory body composed of representatives appointed by the Cree Nation Government and representatives of the Government of Canada and the Government of Quebec. The Kativik Environmental Quality Commission is a bipartite body of Inuit or Naskapi representatives appointed by the Kativik Regional Government and representatives of the Government of Quebec. While performing their duties, both bodies pay particular attention to the following principles, which are outlined in sections 152 and 186 of the EQA:

- a) the protection of the hunting, fishing and trapping rights of the Native people;
- b) the protection of the environment and social milieu;
- c) the protection of the Native people, of their societies, communities and economy;
- d) the protection of the wildlife, of the physical and biological milieu and of the ecological systems of the territory;
- e) the rights and guarantees of the Native people in Category II lands;
- f) the participation of the Crees, Inuit and Naskapis in the application of the environmental and social protection regime provided for in this division;
- g) any rights and interest of non-Native people, and
- h) the right of the persons acting lawfully to carry out projects in the territory.

Also note that the preliminary information form will be published in the <u>Environmental assessment register</u> (French only) as defined in section 118.5 of the EQA but only for projects for which a directive will be issued. The <u>COMEV</u> and <u>KEQC</u> also publish preliminary information form on their websites.

In accordance with sections 115.5 and 115.12 of the EQA, the applicant for any authorization granted under that act must, as a condition of issuance, complete a « Declaration of the applicant or the holder of an authorization issued under the act respecting the Environment Quality Act », together with the other documents required by the minister. You will find the explanatory guide and the associated forms at the following address: https://www.environnement.gouv.qc.ca/lqe/renforcement/index.htm (French only).

The preliminary information form must be accompanied by the payment, charging the proponent for services provided under the environmental authorization system. This payment must be made to the ministre des Finances. Details regarding the applicable rates are available in the <u>Tarification</u> section (French only) of the environmental assessment web page. It should be noted that the MELCC will not process the application until payment is received.

Once completed, the proponent must send its preliminary information form together with a letter of transmission, which must be sent to the JBNQA Provincial administrator:

- Send the electronic copy of the documents (form and letter of transmission) to reception.30e@environnement.gouv.qc.ca including the Deputy minister (marc.croteau@environnement.gouv.qc.ca) as well as Vanessa Chalifour, coordinator/team leader for northern projects (vanessa.chalifour@environnement.gouv.qc.ca). The letter of transmission must confirm that the hard copies are consistent with the electronic ones. In case of large electronic documents, please consult the last bullet.
- Send a hard copy of the documents (French) to the Deputy minister office at the following address:

James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement Provincial Administrator Deputy minister of the Environment and Fight against Climate change Édifice Marie-Guyart, 30e étage 675, boul. René-Lévesque Est, boîte 02 Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7

 Send the other hard copies and the USB keys (including the French and English versions) to the Direction de l'évaluation environnementale des projets industriels, miniers, énergétiques et nordiques at the following address:

Mélissa Gagnon, director Direction de l'évaluation environnementale des projets industriels, miniers, énergétiques et nordiques Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques Édifice Marie-Guyart, 6e étage, boîte 83 675, boul. René-Lévesque Est Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7

Projects located south of the 55th parallel (James Bay) Ten (10) hard copies, including six (6) in French and four (4) in English Three (3) PDF copies in electronic format Additional copies may be requested depending on the scope of the project.

<u>Projects located north of the 55th parallel (Northern Quebec/Nunavik)</u> Seventeen (17) hard copies, including nine (9) in French and eight (8) in English Three (3) PDF copies in electronic format Additional copies may be requested depending on the scope of the project.

If the electronic documents are very large: Inform the Direction de l'évaluation environnementale des projets industriels, miniers, énergétiques et nordiques (vanessa.chalifour@environnement.gouv.qc.ca) and a secure link allowing you to send your documents on the ShareFile platform will be shared with you. This link will be valid for a period of 7 days. Attach the letter of transmission to the email, indicating that the electronic version will be transmitted via the ShareFile platform of the DGÉES.

1. IDENTIFICATION AND COORDINATES OF THE PROPONENT

1.1 Identification of the proponent

Name : Les Équipements J.V.C. Inc.

Civic address : 880, rue Perreault, Chibougamau (Qc) G8P 2K3

Postal address (if different from civic address) :

Name and function of the signatory(s) authorized to submit the application: Roger Migneault, Président

Telephone (other) :

Telephone : 418 748-7383

Email : cclaveau@equipementsjvc.ca

1.2 Company number

Québec enterprise number (NEQ) : 1143285303

1.3 Resolution of the municipal council, band council, northern village, or responsible body

If the proponent is a municipality, the preliminary information form is accompanied by the resolution of the municipal council, band council, northern village, or the responsible body duly certified authorizing the signatory(s) of the application to present it. Add a copy of the resolution to appendix I.

1.4 Identification of the consultant mandated by the proponent (if applicable)

Name : N/A

Civic address :

Postal address (if different from civic address) :

Telephone :

Telephone (other):

Email: @

Description of mandate :

2. GENERAL PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECT

2.1 Project title

Rehabilitation project Main Campbell Mine and MTQ abrasive sand on the territory of Chibougamau /Chapais and Mistissini reserve, Oujé-Bougoumou

2.2 Article of accordance

To verify the accordance of your project, indicate which paragraph of schedule A of the Environment Quality Act your project is subjected to, in your opinion, and why (threshold, for example). Indicate if your project is considered a "grey zone" project, if applicable.

Article B

2.3 Objectives and justification of the project

Indicate the main objectives and highlight the reasons for implementing the project.

Cleaning and closing of mine operating shafts production of abrasive sand for regional roads

2.4 Brief description of the project and alternatives

Briefly describe the project (length, width, quantity, voltage, surface, etc.) and for each of its phases (development, construction, and operation and, when appropriate, closure and restoration), briefly describe the main characteristics associated with each of the project alternatives, including planned activities, developments, and construction (deforestation, expropriation, blasting, backfilling, etc.).

Maximum 62000 square m about 6 hectares after several years

If relevant, add to appendix II all the documents allowing to better understand the characteristics of the project (diagram, sketch, cross-section, etc.).

2.5 Related activities

Summarize, if applicable, related planned activities (ex: road access, crushing or milling, installation of a cofferdam, stream diversion) and any other projects that may influence the project design.

Access road already existing by the forestry companies (Chantier Chibougamau and Barrette-Chapais) and we plan to do the on-site storage of the earth precisely on site for the rehabilitation of the bench during the closure as the sector is exploited

3. PROJECT LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

3.1 Identification and location of the project and its activities

Name of the municipality, village, or community where the project is located (indicate if several municipalities, villages, or communities are affected by the project):

Mistissini, Chapais, Chibougamau and Oujé-Bougoumou

Land categories (I, II and III): III

Geographical coordinates in decimal degrees of the central point of the project (for linear projects, provide the coordinates of the project start and end point):

Central point or start of the project:

Latitude: 49.970550

Longitude: -74.234203

Project end point (if applicable) : Latitude: Longitude:

3.2 Description of the project site

Describe the main components of the physical, biological, and human environments likely to be affected by the project by focusing on the description on elements considered to be of scientific, social, cultural, economic, historical, archaeological, or aesthetic importance (environmental valued components). Indicate, if applicable, the ownership status of the lands where the project is planned, as well as the main features of the site: zoning, available space, sensitive environments, wetlands and bodies of water, compatibility with current uses, availability services, topography, presence of buildings, aboriginal land use and occupation, etc.

No component should be affected and rather it is for the protection of road users in the different communities in the Chibougamau – Chapais, Mistissini and other sectors.

3.3 Project schedule

Provide the implementation schedule (estimated period and estimated duration of each step of the project) considering the time required for the preparation of the impact study, if applicable, and the progress of the procedure.

April 2022 to December 2022 and from April to December each year if necessary

3.4 Location plan

Add to appendix III a topographic or cadastral map showing the location of the project and, if applicable, a plan for the location of development or activities on an appropriate scale indicating any existing infrastructure and its relation to the proposed work site. **See Appendix**

4. INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES OF THE PUBLIC, ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES AND USERS OF THE TERRITORY

4.1 Information and consultation activities carried out

If applicable, indicate the terms and conditions relating to the public information and consultation activities carried out as part of the project design (methods used, number of participants and represented areas), including those carried out with the local populations, among others the Crees, Inuit and Naskapi, as well as the users of the territory, and indicate, if needed, the concerns raised by the public and whether these concerns were taking into consideration in the design of the project.

<u>any</u>

4.2 Information and consultation activities planned during the environmental and social impact assessment procedure

If applicable, indicate the terms and conditions for public information and consultation activities during the environmental and social impact assessment procedure, including those planned for aboriginal communities and users of the territory impacted by the project.

<u>n/a</u>

5. DESCRIPTION OF THE MAIN ISSUES¹ AND IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT ON THE RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT

5.1 Description of the main issues of the project

Briefly describe the main issues regarding the development, construction, and operation phases and, when applicable, closure and restoration phases of the project.

Keep the topsoil on site during operation and return it to the site and request for tree planting afterwards

5.2 Description of the main anticipated impacts of the project on the receiving environment

For the development, construction, and operation phases and, when appropriate, closure and restoration phases of the project, briefly describe what are the anticipated impacts of the project on the receiving environment (physical, biological, and human). Briefly outline the planned mitigation or remediation measures, if applicable.

No negative impact, but the improvement of a deforestation and clearcutting site for the restoration of a natural site for fauna and flora

For a "grey zone" project, provide sufficient information to assess its environmental and social impacts to determine whether it should be subjected to the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure. Provide mitigation or remediation measures, if applicable.

6. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION

6.1 Greenhouse gas emission

Indicate if the project is likely to lead to the emission of greenhouse gases and, if so, which ones. Briefly describe the main sources of projected emissions at the various phases of the project.

To minimize greenhouse gases the importance of this bench by reducing the number of kilometers for transport for the restoration of the mine and to make the abrasive sand closer to the main arteries

Position of the bench to limit the transport distance for the maintenance of forest roads, for the Route du Nord and a portion of Route 167, thus reducing greenhouse gases.

7. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

7.1 Other relevant information

¹ Issue: A major concern for the government, the scientific community, or the population, including the impacted indigenous communities, and whose analysis could influence the recommendations or decisions of the northern committees regarding the authorization or refusal of a project.

Enter any other information deemed necessary for a better understanding of the project.
If you have any questions please contact us thank you!

Inscrivez tout autre renseignement jugé nécessaire à une meilleure compréhension du projet.

Si vous avez des questions veillez nous contacter merci !

8. DÉCLARATION ET SIGNATURE

8.1 Déclaration et signature

Je déclare que :

1° les documents et renseignements fournis dans ce formulaire de renseignements préliminaires sont exacts au meilleur de ma connaissance.

Toute fausse déclaration peut entraîner des sanctions en vertu de la LQE. Tous les renseignements fournis feront partie intégrante de la demande et seront publiés sur les sites web du Comité d'évaluation (COMEV) ou de la Commission de la qualité de l'environnement Kativik (CQEK) ainsi qu'au Registre des évaluations environnementales.

Prénom et nom
Roger Migneault
Signature John plant
Date
2022-02-21

Resolution of the municipal council, band council, northern village, or responsible body

If applicable, insert below the resolution of the municipal council, band council, northern village or responsible body duly certified authorizing the signatory(s) of the application to present it.

Appendix II Project characteristics

If relevant, insert below documents to better understand the characteristics of the project (diagram, sketch, cross-section, etc.).

Appendix III Location plan

Insert a topographic or cadastral map showing the location of the project and, if applicable, a plan for the location of works or activities on an appropriate scale indicating in particular the infrastructures in place in relation to the work site.

























