

Minutes of the COFEX-North Meeting Port Infrastructure Project for the Nunavik Nickel Mine by Canadian Royalties Inc.
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Date: May 15, 2012, **11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Location: conference call: 1-877-413-4791, access code 5258607

Participants:

Claude Langlois, Chair
Caroline Larrivée
Selena Whiteley
Judy Doré
Vicki Da Silva-Casimiro
Anne-Marie Gaudet, Executive Secretary

Objective: Decision on the holding of consultations at Salluit following the May 14, 2012, e-mail from proponent CRI

1/ Status

A meeting was held on May 7, 2012, in Montreal, during which the proponent presented the modifications made to the Nunavik Nickel Mine port infrastructure construction project. The project was filed in December 2011 and a few modifications have been made to it since then.

On May 14, Gail Amyot of CRI sent an email to COFEX-North to inform it of a change in CRI's planning and in the project.

Here is an excerpt: [translated] *we must build the concentrate warehouse this year. Concentrate production will begin by late 2012, and, for a number of reasons, including environmental considerations, it is not reasonable to store these products in temporary warehouses.*

The decision has therefore been made to build the concentrate warehouse on the site already authorized in 2008. We are now planning to submit to MDDEP our plans for the land facilities, hoping that we will have enough time to complete them in 2012. To remedy the situation, we are considering the possibility of temporarily installing a floating wharf system anchored by a removable, and therefore not permanent, structure. An application for a certificate of authorization under section 22 will be submitted in that connection to MDDEP, and the necessary licence applications will be made to the federal authorities."

The documents that CRI had planned to file with the government authorities, and that will include the recent changes and adjustments, will be ready only in late summer 2012.

- CRI therefore requests that COFEX-North postpone the public consultations at Salluit.

Claude Langlois had a discussion with Ms. Amyot by telephone. Ms. Amyot confirmed to him that the concentrate warehouse and the permanent camp would be built in 2012. No dredging will be done in

2012. The floating wharf will be installed in 2013 and will be used temporarily for shipping the first loads of concentrate, pending construction of the permanent wharf.

Since the new proposed location (Q2) of the permanent wharf will be farther from the warehouse (800 m), a longer conveyor will be needed. The conveyor will have to be mudslide-resistant. No ore would be moved by conveyor during high-risk periods.

Since the final project design will be submitted in summer 2012, COFEX-North will wait to receive all the up-to-date information before it determines the scope of the review.

2/ Public consultations at Salluit

The public consultations planned for June 2012 will be cancelled, pending the submission of the new information. COFEX-North will reassess the need for consultations.

3/ Next steps

The decision of COFEX-North to cancel the consultations will be communicated to Ms. Amyot in writing. At the same time, COFEX-N will confirm the information received and the expectations for the next steps.

In addition, the mayor of Salluit will be informed in writing of the cancellation of the consultations for June 2012.