



To better plan the public hearing process, the COMEX secretariat wishes to have prior notice of the intention of a group or individual to present comments on the project. The COMEX secretariat can be reached by phone at 418 521-3933 ext. 4065, or by email at [secretariat.comex@mddelcc.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:secretariat.comex@mddelcc.gouv.qc.ca).

## THE PROPONENT'S PROJECT PROPOSAL

Métaux BlackRock inc. plans to exploit a deposit for the production of a concentrate of iron-vanadium ore located in the lac Doré geological complex, located 30 kilometers southeast of the city of Chibougamau. This project was authorized by a global certificate of authorization issued on December 6, 2013 comprising 29 conditions. In December 2017, Métaux BlackRock inc. requested an amendment to his certificate of authorization.

The main changes proposed and currently under review by the COMEX are:

- The mine's originally planned mine life of 13 years will be extended to 43 years;
- The expected average daily mining rate at 32,000 tons of ore will be reduced to 8,400 tons;
- Fine and coarse tailings will be placed in the same tailings pond instead of being placed in separate tailings ponds;
- The treatment capacity of the industrial water treatment plant will be 30,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day;
- Lac Denis will no longer be used as a process water basin. The process water will instead be transported directly from the polishing pond to the mine water treatment plant;
- The concentrate will be transported by truck or by train;
- The 500-person construction camp will no longer be built.

## DOCUMENTATION

Information on the project is available at <http://comexqc.ca/en/> under "Projects - BlackRock mining project." Documents can also be consulted at the COMEX secretariat in Québec City. Please call 418 521-3933 ext. 4065 to arrange an appointment.

## COMEX

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