

TRANSLATION

Québec City, April 28, 2016

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION

Matériaux Blanchet Inc.
2771 route de l'Aéroport
Amos, Québec J9T 3A8

Our reference: 3214-05-075

RE: Project to construct "H section west" and "I" forestry roads

*In case of discrepancy,
the French version shall prevail*

Dear Sirs, Dear Madams:

Following the filing of preliminary information dated July 1, 2009 and finalized on December 3, 2015, concerning the project to construct "H section west" and "I" forestry roads on the James Bay territory, and after having followed the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure and consulted the Review Committee, and following the filing of the declaration required under section 115.8 of the Environment Quality Act (Chapter Q-2), I authorize, in accordance with section 164 of the Environment Quality Act (Chapter Q-2), the above-mentioned holder to:

- construct the "H section west" forestry road;
- repair and extend the "I" forestry road.

Unless otherwise indicated in the conditions described below, the project must be carried out and operated in accordance with the following documents, which are an integral part of this certificate of authorization:

- Letter from Mr. Roch Plusquellec of Matériaux Blanchet Inc. to Ms. Madeleine Paulin of the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs, dated July 1, 2009, concerning roads subject to environmental and social assessment in FMU 86-65, 2 pages and 1 attachment;
- Letter from Mr. Roch Plusquellec of Matériaux Blanchet Inc. to Ms. Madeleine Paulin of the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs, dated March 29, 2010, concerning the filing of the impact study, 1 page and 1 attachment;

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- ENVIROCRI LTÉE. *Environmental impact assessment – Construction of access roads “I” and “H”* by Matériaux Blanchet Inc. and the beneficiaries of FMU 86-65, March 2010, 95 pages and 11 appendices;
- Letter from Mr. Roch Plusquellec of Matériaux Blanchet Inc. to Mr. Robert Joly of the Ministère du Développement durable, de l’Environnement et des Parcs, dated May 21, 2010, concerning the H part west and I forestry road projects, 1 page and 2 attachments;
- Letter from Mr. Roch Plusquellec of Matériaux Blanchet Inc. to Mr. Jean-François Coulombe of the Ministère du Développement durable, de l’Environnement et des Parcs, dated October 21, 2010, concerning the H part west and I forestry road projects, 1 page and 1 attachment;
- ENVIROCRI LTÉE. *Étude d’impact sur l’environnement et le milieu social – Addenda – Construction des chemins d’accès « I » et « H section ouest »* by Matériaux Blanchet Inc. and the beneficiaries of FMU 86-65, October 2010, 9 pages and 3 appendices;
- Letter from Mr. Roch Plusquellec of Matériaux Blanchet Inc. to Ms. Christyne Tremblay of the Ministère du Développement durable, de l’Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, dated July 23, 2015, concerning the filing of the impact study of the H and I road projects, 1 page and 2 attachments;
- Letter from Mr. Alexis Deshaies of EnviroCri Ltée. to Ms. Christyne Tremblay of the Ministère du Développement durable, de l’Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, dated December 3, 2015, concerning the filing of responses to questions and comments, 31 pages and 8 appendices.

In the event of conflict between the provisions contained in the above-mentioned documents, the most recent provisions shall prevail.

The project must be carried out and operated in accordance with this authorization certificate application and these documents.

The holder of this certificate of authorization must comply with the following conditions:

Condition 1:

The proponent shall terminate the road layout of “H section west” at the northern boundary of the cutting areas adjacent to the roads planned for 2013-2018. This point corresponds to the site 3 watercourse crossing identified on map B-0936 of the impact study. With regard to the “I” forest road, the layout shall terminate at its junction with the southern boundary of the W05C trapline. Any project to extend roads “H section west” and “I” must be authorized by the Administrator.

Condition 2:

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With the objective of contributing to the recovery of woodland caribou, construction work on roads “H section west” and “I” and the transport of lumber on these roads shall be prohibited during the calving period, i.e., from May 20 to June 10.

Condition 3:

In partnership with the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs, the proponent shall contribute to monitoring woodland caribou, especially the Nottaway and Assinica herds. To this end, the proponent shall submit to COMEX, for information purposes, the means agreed upon with the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs for its contribution to monitoring the species.

Condition 4:

The proponent shall submit a characterization program of the natural environment to the Administrator for approval prior to the start of work. The characterization program shall include all watercourses crossed by the roads authorized by this certificate of authorization and all sites operated for granular material. This characterization must be performed according to proven methods under the supervision of recognized specialists in the field. The program shall also make mention of the way in which the traditional knowledge of the territory’s users is taken into account.

Condition 5:

The proponent shall submit the characterization reports requested in Condition 4 to the Administrator for approval. The work associated with these water crossings and the operation of the borrow pits can only begin after approval by the Administrator. Among other things, these reports shall present, the exact location of the watercourse crossings and areas used for granular material.

Condition 6:

In the event that characterization work reveals the presence of endangered or vulnerable wildlife species in the limited study area defined in the impact study filed in support of this application, the proponent shall submit to the Administrator for approval the measures it will implement to ensure their protection.

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Condition 7:

“H section west” and “T” forestry roads must be located at a distance of more than 700 meters from bald eagles’ nests.

Condition 8:

The proponent shall submit an archeological potential study to the Administrator for approval within three months of the project’s authorization. This study shall be based on a cartographic analysis of environmental, cultural and historical factors, as well as on interviews with the territory’s elders and users.

Condition 9:

The proponent shall establish a monitoring committee with the Waswanipi community, including the tallymen, in order to share information on the work’s progress, anticipated impacts, mitigation measures implemented and results obtained concerning the monitoring of woodland caribou. The proponent shall submit the minutes of this committee to the Administrator for information purposes.

Furthermore, this certificate of authorization does not exempt the holder from obtaining any other authorization required by any act or regulation, or, where appropriate, those that may be required under Chapter I of the Environment Quality Act.

Original signed by

Christyne Tremblay
Deputy Minister