



August 25, 2022

Denis Couture
Head of Canadian Operations
Galaxy Lithium (Canada) Inc.
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Dear Denis Couture:

On June 23, 2022, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) received your request for an extension to the three-year legislated time limit to provide the required information or studies for the environmental assessment under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) of the James Bay Lithium Mine Project (the Project).

As per subsection 181(2.1) of the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA), at the proponent's request, the Agency may extend the time limit by any period that is necessary for the proponent to provide the Agency with the required information or studies.

Following a review of available information, including the information submitted in your request, the Agency has determined that it will **extend the time limit**. The Agency is of the view that:

- the environmental assessment is well under way.
- a detailed work plan has been provided.
- you must be able to provide additional information to resolve issues related to the design of haul roads or respond to requests arising from Indigenous consultations.

The deadline to submit the required information or studies described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines (EIS) is now **February 24, 2023**. Please note that no further extension may be granted by the Agency.

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The required information and studies to be provided include the EIS and any additional required information or studies that may be identified as a result of:

- the Agency's conformity review of the EIS;
- the public comment period on the EIS Summary;
- the technical review of the EIS by the Agency and federal authorities; and
- associated consultation and engagement by the Agency with Indigenous communities.

If the information or studies are not provided within the extension of the time limit that has been granted, February 24, 2023, the environmental assessment for the Project under CEAA 2012 will be terminated in accordance with subsection 181(3) of the IAA. If the environmental assessment is terminated, note that, in accordance with subsection 7(1) of the IAA, proponents of a designated project are prohibited from carrying out any act related to the project that may cause one of the effects listed therein.

If the proponent wishes to continue with the Project after the termination of the assessment, it must submit an Initial Project Description to the Agency in accordance with section 10 of the IAA.

Please note that your request of time limit extension, this determination, and a notice informing the public of the new time limit will be posted to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Benoît Dubreuil, Regional Director of the Quebec region, by phone at <personal information removed> or by email at *benoit.dubreuil@jaac-aeic.gc.ca*.

Sincerely,

Terrence Hubbard (il, he/him)