



Department of Energy, Mines & Resources
PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6



March 8, 2023

File No: LQ00585

Strategic Metals Ltd.
510 - 1100 Melville Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6E 4A6
Attention: Heather Burrell

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Class 3 Quartz Mining Land Use Approval LQ00585

Your application for a Class 3 approval has been approved and is subject to the attached conditions. The effective date of this approval will be March 8, 2023. All work, including restoration, must be completed by March 7, 2033, and inspected before full security and/or completion certificates can be applied for.

The attached 'Operational Guidelines' offer additional mitigations that would enable you to maximize the environmental performance of your program, but are not approval conditions.

Please ensure that pre-season and post-season reports are provided before and after each exploration season. Pre- and post-season reports assist the Mineral Resources Branch in monitoring exploration activity and reclamation. Not providing reports may result in additional security being required.

Please feel free to contact our office at (867) 668-3058 should you have any questions.

Regards,

Kelly Constable
Chief of Mining Land Use

cc: EMR Natural Resources Officer, Compliance Monitoring and Inspections
ENV Environmental Affairs, Environmental Protection Branch



MINING LANDS
MINERAL RESOURCES BRANCH
GOVERNMENT OF YUKON

Pursuant to the *Quartz Mining Act* and *Quartz Mining Land Use Regulation*, the Chief, Mining Land Use hereby grants a Class 3 approval to:

Strategic Metals Ltd.

APPROVAL NUMBER:	LQ00585
PROPERTY NAME:	CD PROPERTY
UNDERTAKING:	Quartz
CLASS:	Class 3 Approval
EFFECTIVE DATE:	March 8, 2023
EXPIRY DATE:	March 7, 2033 or until another Quartz Mining Land Use approval is issued, whichever occurs first

This approval shall be subject to the restrictions and conditions contained herein and to the restrictions and conditions contained in the *Quartz Mining Act* and the *Quartz Mining Land Use Regulation* made there under as proposed in Mining Land Use Application.

Dated this March 8, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Constable".

Kelly Constable
Chief of Mining Land Use

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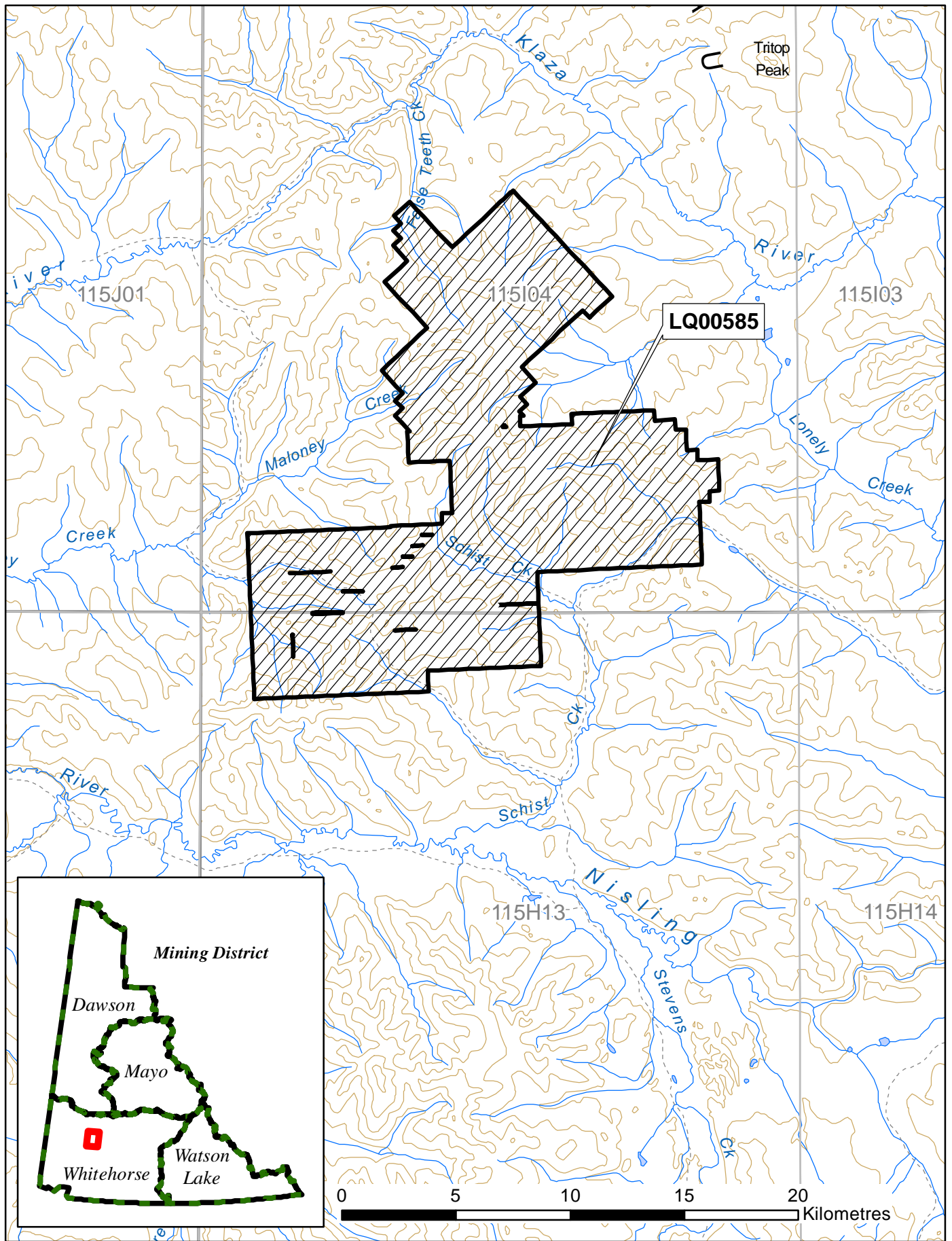
SCOPE OF APPROVAL:				
Claim Status Report (Appendix A)		LQ00585 – 10 years – 1,050 quartz claims		
Operating Season	May 15 to October 30	CD PROPERTY		
PROJECT ACTIVITIES (ON-CLAIM):				
USE OF VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT				
Use of vehicles on existing roads or trails				<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Gross vehicle weight		On-roads: less than 40 t, or within the design tolerances of the road	On-trails: Less than 20 t, or within the design tolerances of the trail	
Off-road use of vehicles in summer				<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Off-road use of vehicles in winter				<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
NEW & EXISTING ACCESS				
Upgrading of existing access	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes	Length: 0 km	Width: 0 m	
New roads	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes	Length: 0 km	Width: 0 m	
New trails	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	Length: 10 km	Width: 3 m	
New temporary trails	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes	Length: 0 km	Width: 0 m	
Other new access: n/a				
LINES & CORRIDORS				
Lines	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes	Length: 0 km	Width: 0 m	
Corridors	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes	Length: 0 km	Width: 0 m	
SITE PREPARATION				
Clearings for drill sites and trenches: up to 10 clearings per claim		Drill pad clearings: Area: 25 m ² Trench clearings: Area: 1,000 m ²		
Number of clearings for helicopter pads: 10		Area: 1,000 m ²		
Surface area where trees and brush will be removed: up to 1,000 m ² (includes clearing for camp)				<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
EXPLORATION TRENCHING & BULK SAMPLING				
Hand-dug				<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Mechanized				<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Number: 20	Length: 100 m	Width: 3 m	Depth: 2 m	Total volume: 12,000 m ³
Bulk sampling			<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes	Amount/year: 0 tonnes
Explosives		<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes	Total amount: 0 kg	Max. in 30 days: 0 kg
EXPLORATION DRILLING				
TYPE	NUMBER OF HOLES	TOTAL DEPTH (m)		

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Reverse Circulation/Rotary Air Blast	Up to 100	10,000 (either RC or RAB but not both)
Diamond	Up to 100	50,000

FUEL STORAGE		
FUEL TYPE	STORAGE TYPE & CAPACITY	TOTAL VOLUME
Diesel	205 L	5,000 L
Gasoline	205 L	4,000 L
Propane	100 lb	2,000 lb
Jet Fuel	205 L	4,000 L
FACILITIES & STRUCTURES		
Camp structures: 2 camps – 50 m ² for each camp. Camps will not operate simultaneously. Maximum person days will not exceed 3,000 for the year.		
Number of persons in camp at any one time: 20	Number of person days: 3,000	
Construction of underground structures	● No ○ Yes	
Amount per year: 0	Amount per program: 0	

All other applicable legislation, regulations, laws, by-laws and ordinances must be complied with. Additional authorizations or approvals may be required. Any doubt as to whether an additional authorization or approval is required should be verified by a duly authorized official at the appropriate government body or bodies.



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DEFINITIONS

“**Act**” means the Quartz Mining Act, S.Y. 2003, c.14;

“**Access road**” means a road that provides access to a public highway or to a private road;

“**Adverse effects**” of an exploration program means its adverse environmental or socio-economic effects and any adverse effects it may have on the existing or asserted aboriginal or treaty rights of any First Nation;

“**Chief**” means the Chief of Mining Land Use designated pursuant to the Act;

“**Clearing**” means an area that is cleared of trees, brush or vegetative mat for the purpose of establishing a campsite or carrying out mining exploration, but does not include an area cleared for the purpose of establishing a corridor or trail;

“**Corridor**” means a path from which trees and brush have been cut to accommodate a water line, fuel line or power line;

“**Effective date**” means the date this Approval comes into force as evidence by the date of the signature of the Chief;

“**Exploration program**” means any activity or group of activities undertaken for the sole or principal purpose of assessing land for its suitability for the production of minerals;

“**Foundation**” means the part of a structure that penetrates the ground and supports the structure;

“**Isolated road**” means a road that does not provide access to a public highway directly or through a private road;

“**Inspector**” means an inspector designated pursuant to the Act;

“**Line**” means a line cut for the purpose of carrying out a geophysical, geological, or engineering survey;

“**Low ground pressure vehicle**” means a vehicle that applies 35 kPa of pressure or less to the ground surface;

“**Operator**” means a person who is engaging in an exploration program, or in development or production;

“**Person-day**” in respect of the use of a campsite, means the use of the campsite by one person during a period of 24 hours;

“**Response**” means a notice given by the Chief that indicates whether or not an exploration program may be carried out or that extends the time for the Chief’s review of a Notification or operating plan;

“**Road**” means a pathway for vehicular traffic the construction of which requires the movement of rock or earth;

“**Site**” means the area bounded by the sum of the mineral claims described above under ‘Scope of Approval’;

“**Summer**” means the period of a year that is not winter;

“**Trail**” means an access to a site within a claim or lease that is constructed with little or no movement of rock or earth; and

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“Trenching” means excavation carried out on a mineral claim for the purpose of obtaining geological information;

“Upgrading”, in relation to a road, means re-establishing a road that has not been useable for more than five years by vehicles of a type the road was originally designed to serve, modifying a road to provide usability for vehicles that are of a different type than those for which the road was originally designed to serve and any other upgrading or modifying of a road, other than for maintenance or erosion control;

“Vegetative mat” means the organic surface of soil, characterized by the accumulation of organic matter, or partly decomposed organic matter, derived mainly from leaves, twigs, and woody materials, and includes the root mass of living vegetation;

“Winter” means the period of the year during which (a) the ground is frozen sufficiently to support a vehicle, other than a low ground pressure vehicle, without rutting or gouging of the surface; and (b) there is a sufficient amount of snow on the ground to produce a packed base of 10 cm.

PART ONE – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Duration of Approval

- 1.0 This approval is valid upon signature of the Chief until the expiry date. In the event that claims lapse, or that agreements to operate on claims are dissolved, the approval becomes null and void for that portion of the operating plan, where there is no right to the minerals.

Compliance with Operating Conditions

- 1.1 All mineral exploration activities must comply with the Operating Conditions contained in Schedule 1 of the *Quartz Mining Land Use Regulation* and within the approval. Where there is a difference between the operating conditions and approval, the terms of this approval shall prevail. These Operating Conditions are enforceable.

Reporting Requirements

Contact Information

- 1.2 Submissions and reports to the Chief should be made to both the following addresses:

Chief, Mining Land Use
Box 2703, K-9
Whitehorse, Yukon
Y1A 2C6

Mining Lands Officer
Room 102 - 300 Main Street
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2B5
whitehorse.mining@yukon.ca

- 1.3 The contact for the operator will be:

Strategic Metals Ltd.
Heather Burrell, Sr. Geologist, P. Geo
510 - 1100 Melville Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6E 4A6

Pre-season and Post-season Reporting

- 1.4 A pre-season report shall be submitted no later than March 31st outlining the exploration activities planned for the season including the proposed locations.
- 1.5 A post-season report shall be submitted no later than December 31st indicating exploration activities completed during that season. This report shall include but is not limited to:
- detailed mapping of all areas worked;
 - location of new construction;
 - shp files of new areas of disturbance;
 - map data, in the form of SHP files or GIS compatible, of all new roads and trails;
 - map data, in the form of SHP files or GIS compatible, of all reclaimed roads and trails;
 - areas of permafrost encountered;
 - total disturbed area;

- pre-activity survey results, if applicable;
- reclamation activities (including photos); and
- documentation produced by environmental monitors.

* Spatial data (in the form of shapefiles or other GIS compatible file) shall be attributed with the type of feature (e.g. road, trail, drill pad etc.), their width (in metres, for linear features only), ground surface type, date of capture, and method of capture used to delineate new disturbance (e.g. digitized from satellite/aerial imagery, GPS point collection etc.). Spatial data shall be provided in NAD83 or Yukon Albers projection.

1.6 The operator shall contact the Northern Tutchone Mining Inspections Office (Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections) at (867) 996-2343 at least 14 days prior to commencing the field season.

1.7 The operator shall contact the Northern Tutchone Mining Inspections Office (Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections) at (867) 996-2343 at least 14 days prior to leaving the site at the end of the operation.

Spill Reporting

1.8 All spills must be reported immediately to the 24-Hour Yukon Spill Reporting Line (867) 667-7244 and to the Northern Tutchone Mining Inspections Office (Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections) at (867) 996-2343.

1.9 An operator who takes an emergency remedial measure shall, as soon as possible but not later than 10 days after taking it, send a written report to the Chief describing the duration, nature and extent of the emergency and the measures taken to respond to it.

Heritage Reporting

1.10 All paleontological resources uncovered during operations shall be reported to the Yukon Paleontology Program, Government of Yukon in Whitehorse at (867) 667-8089 or (867) 667-5386 and the Chief.

1.11 All archaeological resources uncovered during operations shall be reported to the Yukon Archaeology Program, Government of Yukon in Whitehorse at (867) 667-3771 or (867) 667-5386 and the Chief.

1.12 A heritage resources overview assessment shall be completed in advance of ground disturbing activities. Area with elevated potential for the presence of archaeological or historic sites shall be avoided until such time as a heritage resources impact assessment can be completed.

1.13 A heritage resources impact assessment shall be completed in advance of ground disturbing activities in area with elevated potential for the presence of archaeological or historic sites.

Wildlife Reporting

1.14 All incidents with wildlife shall be reported to the District Conservation Officer in Mayo (Northern Tutchone Region) at (867) 996-2247.

PART TWO – PROJECT SPECIFIC OPERATING CONDITIONS

Schedule 1 Operating Conditions (Appendix B)

The operator is bound by the Schedule 1 Operating Conditions per the *Quartz Mining Land Use Regulation*. In addition to the Schedule 1 Operating Conditions, the operator must also comply with the following terms and conditions:

Erosion Control and Permafrost

- 2.0 The operator shall insulate the ground surface beneath all temporary structures and temporary facilities used in the project where permafrost is present to:
- a) prevent any vegetation from being removed; and
 - b) prevent the ground from settling or eroding.

Trenching

- 2.1 Open trenches shall be sloped at one end to avoid entrapment of wildlife.
- 2.2 The operator must ensure that all employees and contractors working at the trench sites are aware of the operating conditions for trenching.

Solid Waste

- 2.3 The operator shall store all attractants, including garbage, kitchen waste and strained solids from grey water in a container that prevents access by bears and other wildlife, until properly disposed of according to the *Solid Waste Regulation* or burned daily to ash by force air and fuel fired incineration according to the *Air Emissions Regulations*.
- 2.4 When burning kitchen waste on site it must be burned regularly to reduce odours that might attract wildlife and be burned to ash by forced air or fuel fired incineration.
- 2.5 The operator shall install a portable electric fence around the perimeter of camp, including around the kitchen, food preparation area, grey water sump, and waste disposal area.

Petroleum Fuel and Hazardous Substances

- 2.6 The operator shall, with indelible marker or paint, clearly identify the owner, the contents and the date on fuel drums to establish and manage ownership and responsibility.
- 2.7 All fuel cache(s) must be protected with an earthen berm or suitable barrier and flagged to prevent spills resulting from accidental contact with heavy equipment. Flags should be visible above the snow pack.
- 2.8 The location of any spills shall be clearly marked until cleanup has taken place. Location markings shall not be removed until directed in writing by an Inspector.

Drilling

2.9 The operator must ensure that all employees and contractors working at the drill sites are aware of the operating conditions for drilling.

Wildlife

2.10 The operator shall cease work when any caribou are observed on active reclaim blocks until caribou move off on their own accord.

2.11 Project activities located within the caribou rutting Wildlife Key Area shall cease between September 15 and October 15 of each year to avoid rutting caribou. The range shall be identified using the latest data available from the Government of Yukon Department of Environment.

2.12 The operator shall take all necessary precautions to minimize disturbance to caribou specific habitat (lichen) within the project area. Where disturbance is unavoidable, the lichen mat shall be separately stored and replace as soon as exploration activities are complete.

2.13 When working in collared pika habitat (e.g. talus slopes), the operator shall conduct pre-activity pika surveys. Where pika are identified in the work area, the Yukon Conservation Data Centre or regional biologist shall be contacted for advice on appropriate mitigation.

2.14 Except for emergency or safety reasons, helicopter flights shall abide by the guidance found in the "Flying in Caribou Country" document, including but not limited to:

- a) At all times of year, maintain over-flight altitudes at least 300 m (1,000 ft) above ground level (AGL).
- b) During sensitive times of the year, maintain over-flight altitudes at least 600 m (2,000 ft) AGL.
- c) Avoid flying or alter your flight path to avoid areas important to caribou, especially during sensitive times of the year.
- d) Contact the Regional Biologist with Environment Yukon for information about caribou in your operating area.

Flora and Fauna

2.15 Prior to activity taking place above 700 m above sea level (asl), Pre-Activity Surveys for Yukon Podistera, Ogilvie Mountain Spring Beauty, Klaza Draba and Porsild's Smelowskia shall be completed. The operator shall ensure staff are trained in the identification of rare or/and endemic plant species prior to conducting any activities above 700 m. The operator shall contact YG-Department of Environment for advice on conducting Pre-Activity Surveys for rare or/and endemic plant species prior to conducting the surveys. Where Pre-Activity Surveys result in the identification of rare and/or endemic plant species, the

operator shall contact the regional biologist and/or Environment Climate Change Canada for further advice or recommendations before proceeding with exploration or remediation activities in the affected areas.

2.16 The operator shall remove any foreign soil and plant material from equipment prior to moving it into the project area.

Fish and Fish Habitat

2.17 The operator shall use end-of-pipe fish protection screens that have appropriately designed screen areas, materials and shapes as well as an appropriate withdrawal flow rate to avoid the death and entrapment of fish. The operator shall use the Projects Near Water website as a guide and tool for designing end-of-pipe fish protection screens: <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnwppe/codes/screen-ecraneng.html>, and the tool to determine the appropriate withdrawal flow rate for the chosen screen design: <http://fishprotectiontools.ca/basicendofpipe/>.

PART THREE – RECLAMATION AND/OR DECOMMISSIONING

- 3.0 Reclamation and/or decommissioning shall be progressive in nature where possible and will occur prior to the expiry of the exploration program or prior to the expiry of this approval, whichever comes first, according to standards outlined in the operating conditions, unless otherwise specified by the Chief.
- 3.1 Debris, equipment, fuel barrels, scrap metal and other waste at the work site shall be completely disposed of, so as not to attract wildlife, by removal to an authorized disposal site at the cessation of the exploration program or prior to the expiry of the approval, whichever comes first.
- 3.2 Structures must be removed and the site restored at the end of the exploration program or prior to the expiry of this approval, whichever comes first, to a level of utility comparable to its previous level of utility.
- 3.3 If an amendment to this approval or new approval is granted, for the claims within the scope of this approval (Appendix A), all outstanding reclamation continues to be the responsibility of the operator.

PART FOUR – OTHER MATTERS

- 4.0 Security may be required at any time by the Chief. The operator must furnish security within thirty (30) days of receiving the written notice from the Chief of the requirement to post security.
- 4.1 All activities requiring security identified in the pre- and/or post-season report(s) shall be paid on or before April 30 annually.
- 4.2 Notice of Schedule III must be provided to the Yukon Water Board ten (10) days prior to use of water.
- 4.3 Attached (Appendix C) are the commitments that form part of this operating plan.



Claim Status Report

17 January 2023

Claim Name and Nbr.	Grant No.	Expiry Date	Registered Owner	% Owned	NTS #'s	Grouping	Permit	Settlement Land
CAD 1 - 310	YF72001 - YF72310	2024/04/23	Archer Cathro & Associates (1981) Ltd.	100.00	115I04, 115H13	HW07754	Q2022_0108	
CCC 1 - 34	YD55971 - YD56004	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 40	YD56010	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 42	YD56012	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 44	YD56014	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 46	YD56016	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 48	YD56018	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 50 - 80	YD56020 - YD56050	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 97 - 126	YD56067 - YD56096	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 135 - 148	YD56105 - YD56118	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 150	YD56120	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 152	YD56122	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 154	YD56124	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 156	YD56126	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	

Total claims selected : 1060

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- L - Indicates the Quartz Lease.
- F - Indicates Full Quartz fraction (25+ acres)
- P - Indicates Partial Quartz fraction (<25 acres)
- D - Indicates Placer Discovery
- C - Indicates Placer Codiscovery
- B - Indicates Placer Fraction



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CCC 158	YD56128	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 160	YD56130	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 162	YD56132	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 164	YD56134	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 174	YD56144	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 176	YD56146	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 178 - 186	YD56148 - YD56156	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 218 - 224	YD56188 - YD56194	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 260	YD56230	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 262	YD56232	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 343 - 350	YD108793 - YD108800	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 356	YD108806	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 358 - 401	YD108808 - YD108851	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 403 - 508	YD108853 - YD108958	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	

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CCC 525	YD108975	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 527	YD108977	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 529	YD108979	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
CCC 531 - 537	YD108981 - YD108987	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 53	YD34193	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 55 - 60	YD34195 - YD34200	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 69 - 81	YD34209 - YD34221	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 99 - 112	YD34239 - YD34252	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 129 - 142	YD34269 - YD34282	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 155	YD34295	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 157	YD34297	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 159 - 172	YD34299 - YD34312	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 185 - 202	YD34325 - YD34342	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 215 - 232	YD34355 - YD34372	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	

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DDD 277 - 292	YD34417 - YD34432	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 307 - 452	YD34447 - YD34592	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 454	YD34594	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 465 - 470	YD34605 - YD34610	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 471	YD34611	2026/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07754	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 472	YD34612	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 473	YD34613	2026/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07754	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 474	YD34614	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 475	YD34615	2026/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07754	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 476	YD34616	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 477	YD34617	2026/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07754	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 478	YD34618	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 479 - 486	YD34619 - YD34626	2027/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07754	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	

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DDD 503 - 508	YD34643 - YD34648	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 521 - 530	YD108591 - YD108600	2026/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115H13, 115I04	HW07754	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 532	YD108602	2027/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07754	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 557 - 588	YD108627 - YD108658	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 590	YD108660	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 593	YD108663	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 604	YD108674	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 606	YD108676	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 608	YD108678	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 610	YD108680	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 612	YD108682	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 614	YD108684	2025/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07549	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
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DDD 713 - 764	YD122201 - YD122252	2026/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115H13, 115I04	HW07754	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
DDD 765 - 778	YD07283 - YD07296	2027/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115H13	HW07754	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	
SHAMROCK 1 - 12	YC19871 - YC19882	2027/04/15	Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited	100.00	115I04	HW07754	C1Q00471 Q2022_0108	

Criteria(s) used for search:

CLAIM DISTRICT: WHITEHORSE CLAIM STATUS: ACTIVE & PENDING DOCUMENT NUMBER: HW07754
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APPENDIX B

Quartz Mining Land Use Regulation

Schedule 1 **Operating Conditions**

Removal of the Vegetative Mat

1. If the vegetative mat must be removed to carry out exploration activities, it must be removed so as to protect the seed and root stock contained within the mat and be stored separately from other overburden or bedrock removed for use in re-establishing the vegetative mat when the exploration program ceases.

Re-establishment of the Vegetative Mat

2. (1) All vegetated areas disturbed by exploration activities, including fuel and waste storage areas, clearings, corridors, temporary trails, camps and supporting infrastructure, and trenches and drill sites, must be left in a condition conducive to re-vegetation by native plant species or other species adaptable to the local environment to encourage re-vegetation comparable to similar, naturally occurring, environments in the area.

(2) Conditions conducive to re-vegetation include provision of adequate soil layer with moisture retaining ability, no soil contamination by hydrocarbons or other hazardous substances, provision of adequate seed or root stock, and contoured or otherwise stable slopes.

3. If adequate seed or root stock is not naturally available, re-seeding or transplanting of vegetation is required. Only non-invasive species may be used for re-seeding or transplanting. Consult with the Mining Inspector prior to seeding.

Erosion Control and Permafrost

4. All areas disturbed during an exploration program must be re-sloped, contoured or otherwise stabilized to prevent long-term soil erosion, slumping and subsidence.
5. All exploration activities must be carried out to avoid or minimize damage to and loss of permafrost.

Trenching

6. Trenching carried out by hand or using hand-held tools must be methodical. All trenches must be stabilized and marked to minimize risk to the public.
7. Trenches constructed with mechanized equipment must be back filled by first depositing any removed overburden and bedrock and then replacing the vegetative mat that was removed to construct the trench.

Historic Objects and Burial Grounds

8. Exploration activities must not be carried out within 30m of a known archeological site unless the Chief indicates, in writing, that such activities may be carried out.
9. Any sites containing archeological objects, paleontological objects or human remains or burial sites discovered in the course of carrying out an exploration program must be immediately marked and protected from further disturbance and, as soon as practicable, the discovery reported to the Chief. No further activities may be carried out within 30m of the site until the Chief indicates, in writing, that activities may be resumed.

Solid Waste

10. All solid waste, including debris, equipment, barrels, drums, and scrap metal, must be safely stored on the site of the exploration program while the program is carried out and must be disposed of in accordance with the *Solid Waste Regulation* when the program ceases.
11. Camps must be kept clean and tidy.

Petroleum Fuel and Hazardous Substances

12. If petroleum fuel storage capacity exceeds 4000 L, a secondary containment structure must be constructed. The containment structure must be made of a material impervious to petroleum products and:
 - a) if there is a single storage tank, be of sufficient size to accommodate at least 110% of the capacity of the storage tank; or
 - b) if there is more than one storage tank, be of sufficient size to accommodate 110% of the capacity of the largest storage tank or 10% of the total capacity of all the tanks, whichever is larger.
13. All petroleum products, including waste petroleum products, and any other hazardous substances must be stored in a secure fashion no less than 30m from the ordinary high water mark of any water body.
14. All petroleum products, including waste petroleum products, and any other hazardous substance, must be transferred and handled without spillage.
15. All petroleum products and any other hazardous substances must be removed from the site of the exploration program when the program ceases.
16. All waste petroleum products and any other special waste, as defined in the *Special Waste Regulations*, generated in the course of carrying out the exploration program must be disposed of in accordance with the *Special Waste Regulations* when the program ceases.

Spills and Spill Contingency Plans

17. A spill contingency plan for petroleum products and other hazardous waste must be prepared and posted in the camp and at all fuel handling locations used in carrying out the exploration program.
18. All spill clean-up equipment and material must be maintained in a state of readiness sufficient at all times to contain and clean-up any hazardous material spills.
19. If a spill occurs, the spill contingency plan must be immediately implemented and notice given to the 24-hour Yukon Spill Report Line. As soon as practicable, an inspector must be contacted. Whatever remedial action is required to clean-up the spill and reclaim the affected land and water must be taken.

Use of Vehicles

20. Vehicles must be maintained and operated to prevent spills of fuel, lubricants, coolants and oil.

Timber and Brush

21. Cut brush must not be piled so that it blocks movement of wildlife or people.
22. Leaning trees created by cutting of lines, corridors, temporary trails, and clearings must be felled.
23. When it is economically viable to do so, timber suitable for sale must be salvaged and stockpiled.
24. All risk of fire hazard must be avoided.

Drilling

25. All reasonable efforts must be made when drilling to minimize the impact on wildlife and the public.
26. Vegetation other than that within a drill sump, must not be covered with drill cuttings.
27. Core must be stored in a stable fashion.
28. Drill mud must be re-circulated when possible.
29. All drill fluids must be contained in a sump.
30. Drill holes that pose a hazard or that lead to ground water must be plugged to prevent flow of water to the surface.

31. The location of drill holes must be marked on the ground by flagging or other suitable means at the location of the drill hole.
32. Drilling waste, including fluid, cuttings and mud must not be left within 30m of a water body.

Roads, Trails, and Off-road Trail Use

33. All vehicles must be operated to avoid rutting and gouging of roads and trails.
34. Off road and trail routes must be reconnoitered and must be used in a way that minimizes ground disturbance, including damage to permafrost and sensitive wildlife habitat.
35. If rutting, gouging, ponding or permafrost degradation occurs off road or trail, vehicle use must be suspended or relocated to ground that is capable of bearing the weight of the vehicle without causing such damage.
36. Use of skids on permafrost or wet ground is only permitted outside of winter where it is not reasonable to use any other means of transporting equipment.
37. Routes for temporary trails must be reconnoitered and flagged.
38. In addition to any remedial action required in relation to item 2 of this schedule, temporary trails must be blocked to prevent further vehicular access.

Release of Sediment

39. All reasonable care must be taken in carrying out exploration activities near or adjacent to a water body to prevent sediment from entering a water body, unless otherwise permitted by law.

Use of Explosives

40. Explosives must be set off in a manner to minimize impact on wildlife and the public to ensure that forest fires, unplanned landslides, or artificial damming of water bodies does not occur.

Waste Rock

41. Waste rock piles must be located at least 30m from any water body and be physically stable.
42. Waste rock containing sulfides must be returned underground.
43. Access to underground openings must be blocked to prevent access by wildlife and people.

APPENDIX C
Proponent Commitments
Per YESAB Application – 2022-0075

- In terms of fish and fish habitat, the project proposal has minimized potential impacts to fish, fish habitat and water quality through the design of routes to only 2 creek crossings. For both crossings, it is likely that there will be little to no flow and where flow exists, a temporary crossing will be used, in order to mitigate impacts. (YOR 2022-0075-0053)
- Drill return sumps will be dug adjacent to all drill pads. (YOR 2022-0075-0013 p5)
- No vegetation will be removed at water pump sites. Refuelling of water pumps will be done with drip-trays installed. Fords will be limited to necessary trips only, for the purposes of crew change or resupply. (YOR 2022-0075-0013 p5)
- Work activities will be conducted, as much as possible, during the peak Yukon exploration months, which are June, July, August and September. By allowing the snow to melt and freshet to run its course prior to most activity, the likelihood of interference with waterbodies or fish habitat will be low. (YOR 2022-0075-0015 p4)
- Organic matter and vegetative mat may be disturbed during construction of a camp site, drill site or trench. The organic matter will be set aside and later spread across the site when it is decommissioned. Drill locations will be 5 m by 5 m. Unless timber framed drill pads are necessary, only locally derived rock and soil will be used to build drill sites. Any brush that is cut will be scattered atop the drill site or trench to promote revegetation. (YOR 2022-0075-0002 p7).
- Sumps will be dug downhill from the diamond drill pads to collect cuttings. If steep rock slopes are encountered and sumps cannot be dug directly downhill, drill water and cuttings will be directed from the collar into a hose, which will convey them to a nearby area where a sump can be dug. If for some reason this is not possible, berms will be built up to form sumps that will be lined with a layer of organic-rich soil. This soil layer will act as a natural filter to impound the 5 cuttings while allowing water to drain away. Care will be taken to ensure that water does not erode channels. RC or RAB drilling will be done on a 12 hour per day basis during daylight hours. No water or additives are used for this type of drilling so no sump will be dug. (YOR 2022-0075-0002 p8).
- Only biodegradable additives will be used for drilling. (YOR 2022-0075-0002 p8)

Operational Guidelines

Exploration activities

The Yukon Chamber of Mines has developed an informative Best Management Practices document that should be reviewed in the context of project activities. The operator should reference the following document when planning and conducting project activities:

- Yukon Mineral and Coal Exploration Best Management Practices and Regulatory Guide (<https://www.yukonminers.org/index.php/all-docs/guidebooks/3-yukon-mineral-and-coal-exploration-best-management-practices-and-regulatory-guide/file>).

Bears and other wildlife

To increase worker safety, reduce potential conflicts and prevent unnecessary wildlife mortality, the operator should implement pertinent components of:

- Guidelines for Industrial Activity in Bear Country for the Mineral Exploration, Placer Mining and Oil & Gas Industries (<https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-guidelines-industrial-activity-bear-country.pdf>).
- If an electric fence is an appropriate precaution, or a requirement, the operator should reference the following comprehensive and highly informative guide: Reducing Wildlife Conflict with Electric Fencing: A Beginner's Guide (https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-electric-fencing_en.pdf).

Invasive species

To minimize the risk and consequences of spreading invasive plant species the operator should:

- Become familiar with the Yukon invasive species and how to manage them by referring to the Yukon Invasive Species Council document, "Why Should I Care About Invasive Species" (<https://www.yukoninvasives.com/index.php/en/resources/brochures/31-why-should-i-care-about-invasive-species/file>).

Heritage Resources

To better understand how to manage potential impacts to heritage resources, the operator should refer to the following document(s):

- Mineral Exploration Best Management Practices for Heritage Resources (<https://yukon.ca/en/yukon-mineral-exploration-best-management-practices-heritage-resources>).
- Guidelines Respecting Discovery of Human Remains and First Nation Burial Sites in Yukon (<https://yukon.ca/en/guidelines-respecting-discovery-human-remains-and-first-nation-burial-sites-yukon>).

Work in/near water

Project activities have the potential to affect water quantity, quality and/or rate of flow. The operator should provide for the protection of water by applying practices described in:

- Best Management Practices for Works Affecting Water in Yukon (<https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-preferred-practices-works-affecting-yukon-waters.pdf>).

Aircraft use

Project activities are authorized in an area known to be inhabited by sheep and/or caribou. The operator and/or aircraft pilots should plan flight paths and protocols based on the published guideline(s):

- Flying in Sheep Country: How to Minimize Disturbance from Aircraft (<https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-flying-sheep-country.pdf>).
- Flying in Caribou Country: How to Minimize Disturbance from Aircraft (<https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-flying-caribou-country.pdf>).