



Mayo Mining District
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July 07, 2022

P2022_0202
By Email

McQesten River Gold Corp.

Dear Clarke Ashley:

Re: Class 1 Notification P2022_0202 - Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2022_0202 is valid as of July 07, 2022.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (July 07, 2022 - July 06, 2023) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

- The operator shall install and maintain safety fencing around all trenches deeper than two meters and install covers over the openings of all trenches with logs, or similar material capable of preventing people or wildlife from inadvertently falling into the trenches.
- If active bird nests are discovered, project activities shall be postponed in the nesting area until nesting is complete.
- The operator shall cease work when any moose are observed on active claim blocks until moose move off on their own accord.
- The operator should share wildlife observation information with the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Lands and Resources Department (867-996-2265 ext. 141), and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Lands and Resources Department (867-993-7100 ext. 105).

- Upon discovery of a heritage resource the proponent shall notify the Heritage Department of First Nation Na-Cho Nyäk Dun (867-996-2265 ext.116) in addition to the Government of Yukon, Chief of Mining Lands and Heritage Department.
- The operator shall communicate plans and timing of activities to affected First Nations as well as other land and resource users that may be affected by the proposed project as soon as practicable and prior to the commencement of project activities to identify and resolve potential land use conflicts and any potential negative effects on other users.
- The map provided identifies areas with elevated potential for heritage resources. The operator shall avoid ground disturbing activities within these areas unless prior approval has been granted by the Heritage Resources Unit. The operator may contact Holly Smith at the Heritage Resources Unit (867-332-4057 or holly.smith@yukon.ca) for more information on the areas of heritage potential to discuss potential mitigation options prior to conducting any ground disturbing activities.
- The operator shall allow unimpeded access through the project site to First Nation citizens undergoing traditional pursuits.
- Upon discovery of a heritage resource the proponent shall notify the Heritage Department of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation (867.993.7100 ext. 173), in addition to the Government of Yukon, Chief of Mining Lands and Heritage Branch.
- You are reminded that a leave strip is required for all placer streams for the protection of riparian areas, and its dimensions are dependent on the stream's habitat suitability classification as defined in the Fish Habitat Management System for Yukon's Placer Mining. Please see the document attached for more information and appropriate setbacks. You are also reminded of the Schedule 1 Operating Condition that "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." Any deposit of waste (i.e. dirty water) requires the activity to be licensed regardless of the quantity of water being disposed.
- The operator shall not remove any timber from claims for any purpose without an appropriate permit.
- It is a Schedule 1 Operating Condition that, when it is economically viable to do so, timber suitable for sale must be salvaged and stockpiled.
- Drill holes shall be decommissioned and backfilled or plugged to avoid wildlife entrapment.
- The claims included in this notification overlap with trapping concessions #69 and may overlap with other guided recreational tours. You are encouraged to communicate plans and timing of activities to other land and resource users that may be affected by the proposed project (e.g. outfitter, Wilderness Tourism Association of Yukon, etc.) as soon as practicable and prior to the commencement of project activities to identify and resolve potential land use conflicts and any potential negative effects on other users.

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.

To help improve the environmental performance of your program, you are encouraged to refer to the attached operational guidelines. In addition, you are encouraged to contact affected First Nations to further discuss your program.

Class 1 work cannot occur on claims/leases that have lapsed or pending claims/leases until they are granted by a Mining Recorder. Please ensure the claims/leases within your Class 1 Notification are in good standing prior to beginning your work program. Any work occurring on pending or lapsed claims/leases will be in contravention of the *Placer Mining Act* and *Territorial Lands (Yukon) Act* and representation work conducted will not be accepted by the Mining Recorder.

Please note: the notification will expire on July 06, 2023 and all reclamation must be completed at the end of the program or prior to the expiry of this notification, whichever comes first. All proposed activities must abide by Schedule 1 (Operating Conditions) of the *Placer Mining Land Use Regulation*. In the event that claims/leases lapse, a Class 3 or 4 authorization is issued, or that agreements to operate on claims/leases are dissolved, the Class 1 notification becomes null and void for that portion of the program, where there is no right to the minerals.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the district office by phone at 867-996-2256, fax at 867-996-2617, or email at mayo.mining@yukon.ca.

Sincerely,
Bobbie Milnes



Chief of Placer Land Use

cc
Tourism and Culture
First Nation of Na-cho Nyäk Dun
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in