



Dawson Mining District Box 249 (K-DA) Dawson City, YT, Y0B 1G0

January 18, 2023

P2022_0391 By Email

GroundTruth Exploration

Dear Issac Fage:

Re: Class 1 Notification P2022_0391 (ID02031) - Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2022_0391 is valid as of January 18, 2023.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (January 18, 2023 - January 18, 2024) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

- 1. 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 Placer Mining. Please see the document attached for more information and appropriate setbacks.
- 2. The operator shall communicate plans and timing of activities to affected First Nations and other land and resource users 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.
- 3. 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 Michael Grooms at the Heritage Resources Unit (867-334-6619 or michael.grooms@yukon.ca) for more information on the areas of heritage potential to discuss potential mitigation options prior to conducting any ground disturbing activities.

- 4. The notification area is in a fossil bearing drainage. As per the Schedule 1 Operating Conditions, all palaeontological resources uncovered during operations must be reported to the Yukon government.
- 5. The notification area overlaps with a moose late-winter range wildlife key area. Typically, placer exploration activities are carried out outside of winter months, however, activities have been proposed to occur year round. As such, the operator should plan activities to avoid use of the area in late-winter (Jan 1st – April 30th).

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 January 18, 2024 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 867-993-5343, fax at 867-993-6747, or email at dawson.mining@yukon.ca.

Sincerely, Kelly Constable

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Chief of Placer Land Use

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