



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

May 08, 2023

P2023\_0091 By Email

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Dear John Shurko,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2023\_0091 - Hunker Dome Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2023\_0091 is valid as of May 08, 2023.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (May 08, 2023 - March 23, 2024) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

- 1. 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 Government of Yukon and the Yukon First Nation on whose traditional territory the resources are uncovered.
- 2. Any brushing for trails, cutlines or corridors should be done in such a way as to not hinder wildlife movement through the stockpiling of brush material.
- 3. You are reminded that a leave strip is required for all placer streams for the protection of riparian areas. This creek has a [low] habitat suitability classification, as

defined in the Fish Habitat Management System for Yukon's Placer Mining, requiring a [5] meter leave strip. Please see the document attached for more information and appropriate setbacks. You are also reminded of the Schedule 1 Operating Condition #33 that states "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.

- 4. You are reminded of Schedule 1 Operating Condition #17 which states: "A spill contingency plan for petroleum products and other hazardous substances must be prepared and posted in the camp and at all fuel handling locations used in carrying out the operation."
- 5. Earthworks shall be sloped at one end to allow for wildlife escapement and shall be reclaimed as soon as the earthworks is no longer required for mining purposes, or prior to the end of the work program date identified in this Class 1, whichever occurs first.
- 6. Drill holes shall be decommissioned and backfilled or plugged to avoid wildlife entrapment.
- 7. The operator shall backfill each trench/shaft once a geological evaluation of the trench/shaft has been completed or prior to the end of the work program date identified in this Class 1, whichever occurs first.
- 8. The proponent shall communicate plans and timing of activities to the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Lands and Resources Department (867-996-2265).
- 9. If active bird nests are discovered, project activities shall be postponed in the nesting area until nesting is complete. Refer to avoidance measures link: https://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/documents/p80054/121249E.pdf
- 10. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if caribou are observed within 1 km of active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
- 11. 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).
- 12. Upon discovery of a heritage resource the proponent shall notify the Heritage Department of First Nation Na-Cho Nyäk Dun (867-996-2265 ext.133) in addition to the Government of Yukon, Chief of Mining Lands and Heritage Department.
- 13. The claim(s) included in the notification also overlaps with critical habitat for beaver and muskrat To reduce impacts to beaver and muskrat, best management practices are encouraged and all wildlife should be given the right of way.
- 14. The map provided identifies areas with elevated potential for heritage resources. The operator shall not conduct land-altering activities within these areas unless prior approval has been granted by the Heritage Resources Unit. The operator may contact heritage.review@yukon.ca for more information on the areas of heritage potential or to discuss potential mitigation options.

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 May 07, 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

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