



Whitehorse Mining District 102 - 300 Main Street (K-102) Whitehorse, YT, Y1A 2B5

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P2023_0157 By Email

Casino Mining Corporation 301 - 303 Strickland Street Whitehorse, Canada, Y1A2J9 sshaw@westerncopperandgold.com

Dear Shena Shaw,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2023_0157 - Casino Mine Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2023_0157 is valid as of June 26, 2023.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (June 26, 2023 - June 25, 2024) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

- 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 1st).
- 2. Any moose encountered on the claim block shall be given the right-of-way until they move off on their own accord.
- 3. The notification area overlaps with a late winter range wildlife key area for moose identified as WKA ID 4717 (see attached map).

- 4. 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.
- 5. The operator shall install and maintain safety fencing around all trenches/shafts deeper than two meters and install covers over the openings of all trenches/shafts with a material capable of preventing people or wildlife from inadvertently falling into the trenches/shafts.
- 6. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1 km of any observed active raptor nests between May 1st and August 15th.
- 7. The operator shall plan flight routes to avoid flying over any observed active raptor nests, or if it cannot be avoided, fly at a minimum of 600 m above ground level when safe to do so.
- 8. The operator shall not fly unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) within 500 m of a known or observed active raptor nest during the nesting period (May 1 August 15).
- 9. The location of active raptor nests identified by the operator shall be reported to the Regional Biologist (867-993-6461) and the Environment Yukon, Conservation Data Centre (yukoncdc@yukon.ca).
- 10. 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.
- There are documented historical features within the notification area, as identified on the map provided. The operator shall not conduct any land-altering activities within 30 m of the(se) site(s) unless prior approval has been granted by the Manager, Mining Land Use. The operator is encouraged to contact Lee Whalen at the Historic Sites Unit (lee.whalen@yukon.ca) for more information on the historic features.
- 12. There are documented archaeological sites within the notification area, as identified on the map provided. The operator shall not conduct any land-altering activities within 30 m of the(se) site(s) unless prior approval has been granted by the Manager, Mining Land Use. The operator is encouraged to contact heritage.review@yukon.ca for information on the archaeological sites.
- 13. 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 June 25, 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 867-667-3190, fax at 867-667-5150, or email at whitehorse.mining@yukon.ca.

Sincerely, Paul Inglis

Chief of Placer Land Use

cc Environmental Affairs Branch, Environment Tourism and Culture Selkirk First Nation White River First Nation