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P2023_0397 By Email

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Dear Jeffery Ryan,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2023_0397 - ID02100 Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2023_0397 is valid as of November 14, 2023.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (November 14, 2023 - November 14, 2024) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

- 1. For the month of September, flights shall cease to occur between dawn and dusk hours and must be re-routed should caribou or moose be seen within the flight path, when safe to do so.
- 2. 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.

- 3. 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 affected First Nation on whose traditional territory the resources are uncovered.
- 4. The operator shall allow unimpeded access through the project site to First Nation citizens undergoing traditional pursuits. Since claims will be accessed by air, the operator shall review and follow applicable best management practices outlined in the publication "Flying in Caribou Country" (https://yukon.ca/en/flying-cariboucountry) and "Flying in Sheep Country" (https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-flying-sheep-country.pdf).
- 5. 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.
- 6. Any moose encountered on the claim block shall be given the right-of-way until they move off on their own accord. The notification area overlaps with a moose latewinter 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 latewinter (Jan 1st April 30th). The notification area overlaps with trapping concession 64 and may overlap with other users, such as recreational tour guide companies. You are encouraged to communicate plans and timing of activities to other land and resource users that may be affected by the proposed notification activities (e.g. trapper, outfitter, Wilderness Tourism Association of Yukon, etc.). This should be completed as soon as practicable and prior to the commencement of notification activities to identify potential land use conflicts that may negatively effect other land users. The operator shall make best efforts to resolve these issues.
- 7. Please note, 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. Please also note, Schedule 1 Operating Condition "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.
- 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.ceaaacee.gc.ca/050/documents/p80054/121249E.pdf
- 9. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1 km of any observed active raptor nests between May 1st and August 31th.
- 10. Off road use in the summer should be kept to a minimum, as much as possible.
- 11. 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 forced air and fuel fired incineration according to the Air Emissions Regulations.
- 12. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage

- area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
- The operator shall cease activities in caribou fall breeding wildlife key areas, as identified on GeoYukon (WKA 4873) and on the map provided, between September 15th and October 15th.
- 14. 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.
- 15. Since claims will be accessed by air, the operator shall review and follow applicable best management practices outlined in the publication "Flying in Caribou Country" (https://yukon.ca/en/flying-caribou-country).
- 16. As the claims overlap with high-quality winter habitat, efforts should be made to minimize disturbance to lichen habitats and all project activities should occur outside the late winter timing window for caribou (January 1 to April 30).
- 17. While a shaft needs to remain accessible, the operator shall install fencing around the shaft, cover the opening with logs, or use a similar method to discourage ungulate wildlife from entering the shaft.
- 18. 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.
- 19. The operator shall ensure trenches are sloped on at least one end at a grade shallow enough to allow ungulates to exit the trench.
- 20. 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 November 14, 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, Paul Inglis

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