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P2024_0015 By Email

Mark Thomas Box 1233 Dawson City, Canada, Y0B 1G0 tinamark2009@gmail.com

Dear Mark Thomas,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2024_0015 - ID02132 Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2024_0015 is valid as of March 13, 2024.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (March 13, 2024 - March 13, 2025) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

- 1. The Proponent shall avoid exploration and exploration related activities in wetlands, if avoidance is not possible, the Proponent shall minimize disturbance to wetlands.
- 2. All reclamation must be completed prior to the end of the work program date identified in this Class 1 notification, including but not limited to: closure of all test pits, trenches, hand shafts, removal of camps, etc. Reclamation must be completed to the standards listed in the Operating Conditions, Schedule 1 of the Placer Mining Land Use Regulation/Quartz Mining Land Use Regulation. In areas where wetlands have been disturbed, reclamation shall be done in a manner that supports the return

of wetland benefits to those areas.

- 3. 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.
- 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 Government of Yukon and the affected First Nation on whose traditional territory the resources are uncovered.
- 5. 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.
- 6. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1 km of any observed active raptor nests between May 1st and August 31th.
- 7. The operator, and any other associated crew members, shall not engage in hunting or fishing activities within the project area.
- 8. The operator shall allow unimpeded access through the project site to First Nation citizens undergoing traditional pursuits.
- 9. 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).
- 10. Upon discovery of a heritage resource the proponent shall notify the Heritage Department of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation (867-993-7100), in addition to the Government of Yukon, Manager, Mining Lands and Heritage Branch.
- 11. The claim(s) included in the notification overlaps with wildlife key area for lynx. To reduce impacts to lynx, best management practices are encouraged and all wildlife should be given the right of way.
- 12. The operator shall not operate heavy equipment between the hours of seven o'clock at night and seven o'clock in the morning (7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.).
- 13. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if moose are observed within 1 km of active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
- 14. 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 potential land use conflicts and any potential negative effects on other users. The operator shall make best efforts to resolve these issues.
- 15. The operator shall leave a visual no-disturbance buffer, ensuring any exploration work cannot be seen from any public roads.

For greater certainty, the conditions contained in this Notification pertain only to my authorities under the *Placer Mining Act* and do not limit the authorizations, prohibitions, or restrictions in other federal, territorial or municipal laws.

Security may be required at any time by the Manager, Mining Land Use. The operator must furnish security within thirty (30) days of receiving the written notice from the

Manager, Mining Land Use 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 March 13, 2025 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, Tamera Johnson

Manager, Mining Land Use

cc Tourism and Culture Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in