



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

June 08, 2022

Q2022_0177
By Email

Ryan Burke

Dear Ryan Burke:

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2022_0177 - Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2022_0177 is valid as of June 22, 2022.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (June 22, 2022 - October 31, 2022) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

- The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump and incinerator.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 logs, or similar material capable of preventing people or wildlife from inadvertently falling into the trenches/shafts.

- The operator shall cease work when any goats are observed on active claim blocks until the goats move off on their own accord.
- The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1 km of any observed active raptor nests between May 1st and August 15th. 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.
- The operator shall report observed nest sites to Environment Yukon, Conservation Data Centre at yukoncdc@yukon.ca.
- The operator shall cease work when any sheep are observed on active claim blocks until the sheep move off on their own accord.
- The claims included in the notification overlap with wildlife key area for thornhorn sheep winter range (Oct-Apr). While it is not anticipated that activities will overlap temporally, the site is being accessed by helicopter therefore, the operator and/or aircraft pilots should plan flight paths and protocols based on the published guidelines: Flying in Sheep Country: How to Minimize Disturbance from Aircraft (<https://yukon.ca/en/flying-sheep-country>).
- Due to the scope of the project and number of claims, it was not possible to assess it in its entirety. Only the specific camp areas and priority claims that were provided by the applicant were assessed for historic sites, archaeological sites, and heritage potential. The operator is encouraged to contact Holly Smith at the Heritage Resources Unit (867-332-4057 or holly.smith@yukon.ca) if the proponent identifies additional work areas that involve ground disturbing activities, heritage values would need to be assessed. At this time no additional ground disturbing/altering activity should take place within the project claims, until clearance has been given for heritage values (other than general rock and soil sampling).
- 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 Holly Smith at the Heritage Resources Unit (867-332-4057 or holly.smith@yukon.ca) for more information on the areas of heritage potential to discuss potential mitigation options prior to conducting any ground disturbing activities.
- There are documented archaeological sites within the notification area, as identified on the map provided. The operator shall not engage in any ground-disturbing activities within 30 m of the site unless prior approval has been granted by the Chief of (Placer/Mining) Land Use. The operator is encouraged to contact Holly Smith at the Heritage Resources Unit (867-332-4057 or holly.smith@yukon.ca) for information on the archaeological sites to discuss potential mitigation options prior to conducting any ground disturbing activities.
- The operator shall not fly unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) within 500 m of an observed active raptor nest during the nesting period.
- Earthworks shall be sloped at one end to allow for wildlife escapement and shall be reclaimed as soon as they are no longer required for mining purposes.

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 *Quartz 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 21, 2023 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 *Quartz 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,
Bobbie Milnes



Chief of Mining Land Use

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Environmental Affairs Branch, Environment
Tourism and Culture
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