



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

June 29, 2022

Q2022\_0183 By Email

Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited

Dear Heather Burrell:

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2022\_0183 - Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2022\_0183 is valid as of June 29, 2022.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (June 29, 2022 - September 30, 2022) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

- There are documented mineral licks within the notification area. The operator shall contact the Regional Biologist (867-634-2439) for information on the exact location of mineral licks in the vicinity of project claims and along planned flight routes. The operator shall not carry out any ground-disturbing activities within 30 m of these sites.
- Until the operator contacts the Regional Biologist for the location of the mineral lick, the mapped area identified as WKA ID 3299 (see attached map) shall be used as nodisturbance area.
- The operator shall conclude activities in caribou fall breeding wildlife key areas as identified on GeoYukon by September 15th each year.
- The operator shall cease work when any caribou are observed on active claim

blocks until caribou 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 location of active raptor nests identified by the operator shall be reported to Environment Yukon, Conservation Data Centre (867-667-3684 or yukoncdc@gov.yk.ca).
- The operator shall not fly unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) within 500 m of an observed nest during the nesting period.
- No Class 1 activities shall occur within sheep lambing wildlife key area, as identified on the map, between May 1st and June 15th.
- The operator shall cease work when any sheep are observed on active claim blocks until the sheep move off on their own accord.
- 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 Regulations.
- 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.
- An important reminder: Any heritage site or high potential mapping provided to you (from YG staff or consultants) is confidential. They should not be included in any publicly distributed map, not even for permitting. It is intended for your staff and workers/contractors to avoid any sensitive heritage resources and high potential areas while conducting work only.
- The map provided identifies areas with elevated potential for heritage resources. The operator shall avoid ground disturbing activities within this/these area(s) 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 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.
- 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 shall 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).

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 28, 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

cc Environmental Affairs Branch, Environment Tourism and Culture Champagne and Aishihik First Nations