



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

June 22, 2022

Q2022_0196 By Email

Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited

Dear Heather Burrell:

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2022_0196 - Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2022_0196 is valid as of June 22, 2022.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (June 22, 2022 - November 01, 2022) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

- 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(se) site(s) 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.
- As per the Proponent's commitment, to avoid the most sensitive periods of potential calving, post-calving and rutting aggregations of bison, caribou, sheep and other wildlife, all helicopter activity shall occur between July 1 and August 15, except for emergency or safety reasons.

- The Proponent shall suspend activities in sub-alpine and alpine areas from September 15 through October 15.
- Between September 1 and September 15, the Operator shall cease work when any
 moose, caribou, sheep, or bison are observed on active claim blocks until they move
 off on their own accord.
- 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 proponent has already been contacted by Heritage Resources in regard to heritage sites and potential from previous YESAA projects (most recently 2021-0169). A Heritage Resource Overview Assessment (HROA) and Impact Assessments (HRIAs) have been conducted in the past by the proponent and our recommendations remain the same. A alternate camp location was proposed and assessed during the 2016 HRIA (Permit 16-12ASR), and the operator should consult this document to confirm placement before proceeding.

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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