



Mayo Mining District Box 10 (K-MA) Mayo, YT, Y0B 1M0

June 23, 2023

Q2022\_0268 By Email

Victoria Gold (Yukon) Corp.

Dear Katie Chakhova:

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2022\_0268 - Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2022\_0268 is valid as of June 23, 2023.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (August 09, 2022 - August 08, 2023) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

- 1. The proponent shall communicate plans and timing of activities to the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Lands and Resorces Department (867-996-2265 ext. 141).
- 2. Upon discovery of a heritage resource the proponent shall notify the Heritage Department of First Nation Na-Cho Nyäk Dun (867-996-2265 ext.116) in addition to the Government of Yukon, Chief of Mining Lands and Heritage Department.
- 3. The operator should share wildlife observation information with the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Lands and Resources Department (867-996-2265 ext. 141).
- 4. Please note that, due to the size of the notification area, the preliminary heritage desktop review was limited to the proposed work areas. The helicopter clearing locations were not noted in the application; therefore, it was not possible to provide information on heritage values for these areas. If the proponent identifies work that

involves land-altering activities, such as helicopter clearings, outside the assessed areas, the operator shall contact heritage.review@yukon.ca prior to conducting any land-altering activities, as additional heritage review may be required. At this time no additional land-altering activity shall take place outside the assessed claims, until clearance has been given for heritage values (other than general rock/ soil sampling, prospecting, and LiDAR survey).

- 5. 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.
- 6. 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) and "Flying in Sheep Country" (https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-flying-sheep-country.pdf).
- 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
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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 Yukon First Nation on whose traditional territory the resources are uncovered.
- 10. Heritage values were not reviewed based on the proposed scope of activities within the notification area. Other than general rock/soil sampling, prospecting, and airborne survey, no additional land-altering activity shall take place within the project claims, until clearance has been given for heritage values. Should the operator decide to conduct additional work, the operator must apply for an amended work program.

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 August 08, 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 867-996-2256, fax at 867-996-2617, or email at mayo.mining@yukon.ca.

Sincerely, Paul Inglis

Chief of Mining Land Use

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Tourism and Culture First Nation of Na-cho Nyäk Dun