



Mayo Mining District
Box 10 (K-MA)
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March 31, 2023

Q2023_0043
By Email

Epica Gold Inc.

Dear Darwin Green:

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2023_0043 - Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2023_0043 is valid as of June 10, 2023.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (June 10, 2023 - June 09, 2024) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

1. Please note that, due to the size of the notification area, the preliminary heritage desktop review was limited to proposed work areas. If work locations change, the operator shall contact heritage.review@yukon.ca prior to conducting any land-altering activities, as additional heritage review may be required.
2. 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.
3. All flights should follow best practices with respect to wildlife disturbance:
<https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-flying-caribou-country.pdf>

<https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-flying-sheep-country.pdf>

4. Due to potential overlap with Raptor Wildlife Key Areas with flight paths the operator shall contact the regional biologist at 867-996-2162 for further information on the location of the nest(s) and appropriate setback distances and other mitigations.
5. Drill holes shall be decommissioned and backfilled or plugged to avoid wildlife entrapment.
6. The operator shall backfill each trench once a geological evaluation of the trench has been completed or prior to the end of the work program date identified in this Class 1, whichever occurs first.
7. 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.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/documents/p80054/121249E.pdf>
8. You are reminded of the Schedule 1 Operating Condition that "All reasonable care must be taken in carrying out exploration activities near or adjacent to a water body to prevent sediment from entering a water body, unless otherwise permitted by law."
9. You are reminded of Schedule 1 Operating Condition #17 which states: "A spill contingency plan for petroleum products and other hazardous substances must be prepared and posted in the camp and at all fuel handling locations used in carrying out the operation."
10. The operator shall cease work when any moose, caribou, bears or sheep are observed on active claim blocks until the moose, caribou, bears or sheep move off on their own accord.
11. 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).

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 09, 2024 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,
Kelly Constable

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Constable".

Chief of Mining Land Use

cc
Tourism and Culture
First Nation of Na-cho Nyäk Dun
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Ross River Dena Council
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