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Q2023_0062
By Email

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Dear Darwin Green,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2023_0062 - Canol Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2023_0062 is valid as of May 01, 2023.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (May 01, 2023 - April 30, 2024) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

1. 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.
2. Due to the size of the notification area, the preliminary heritage desktop review was limited to the proposed camp location. No specific work areas for other activities were noted in the application. If the proponent identifies work that involves land-altering activities outside the assessed area, a preliminary heritage review will be

required. No land-altering activity shall take place within the unassessed areas, until clearance has been given for heritage values. The proponent shall contact the Heritage Resources Unit (heritage.review@yukon.ca) for information on heritage values.

3. The operator shall suspend activities within the wildlife key area for mountain goats as identified on the attached confidential map, between May 1st and June 15th. The operator shall cease work when any goats are observed on active claim blocks until the goats move off on their own accord.
4. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1 km of any observed active raptor nests between May 1st and August 15th.
5. The operator shall not fly unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) within 500 m of a known or observed active raptor nest during the nesting period.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
9. The operator shall ensure trenches are sloped on at least one end at a grade shallow enough to allow ungulates to exit the trench. While a shaft needs to remain accessible, the operator shall install fencing around the shaft, cover the opening with logs, or use a similar method to discourage ungulate wildlife from entering the shaft. 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.

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 April 30, 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 867-536-7366, fax at 867-536-7842, or email at watson.mining@yukon.ca.

Sincerely,
Kelly Constable

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

Chief of Mining Land Use

cc
Environmental Affairs Branch, Environment
Tourism and Culture
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