



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

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Q2023_0063 By Email

Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited Heather Burrell 41 MacDonald Road Whitehorse, Canada, Y1A 4R1 info@archercathro.com

Dear Heather Burrell,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2023 0063 - Watt Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2023_0063 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. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Earthworks shall be sloped at one end to allow for wildlife escapement and shall be reclaimed as soon as the earthworks is no longer required for mining purposes.
- 5. 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.
- 6. No Class 1 activities shall occur within sheep lambing wildlife key area, WKA ID-462 and 464 (identified on attached map), between May 1 and June 15.
- 7. The operator shall suspend activities if sheep are observed within 1 km of active work areas outside the lambing season.
- 8. Since claims will be accessed by air, the operator shall review and follow applicable best management practices outlined in the publication "Flying in Sheep Country" (https://yukon.ca/en/flying-sheep-country).
- 9. The operator shall contact the Southern Lakes Regional Biologist at 867-667-5767 for further information on the location of the nest and appropriate setback distances. No mining activities shall occur until the Regional Biologist is contacted.
- 10. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1 km of known or observed raptor nests between May 1 and August 15.
- 11. The operator shall not fly unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) within 500 m of a known or observed nest during the nesting period.
- 12. The operator shall report observed nest sites to Environment Yukon, Conservation Data Centre at yukoncdc@yukon.ca.
- 13. Since claims will be accessed by air, the operator shall plan flight routes to avoid flying over known or observed raptor nests during the nesting period. If it cannot be avoided, fly at a minimum of 600 m above ground level.
- 14. The operator shall cease work when any caribou are observed on active claim blocks until caribou move off on their own accord.

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 867-667-3190, fax at 867-667-5150, or email at whitehorse.mining@yukon.ca.

Sincerely, Kelly Constable

Chief of Mining Land Use

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