



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

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By Email

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Dear Graeme Hopkins,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2023\_0109 - Tad-Toro Big Creek Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2023\_0109 is valid as of June 01, 2023.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (June 01, 2023 - May 31, 2024) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

- 1. The operator shall cease activities in caribou fall breeding wildlife key areas, as identified on GeoYukon, between September 15th and October 15th.
- 2. The operator shall cease activities in caribou fall breeding wildlife key areas, as identified on GeoYukon, between September 15th and October 15th.
- 3. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if caribou are observed within 1 km of active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
- 4. 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).
- 5. There is a known mineral lick(s) in the vicinity of the project area. The operator shall contact the Mayo Regional Biologist (867-996-2162) for information on the exact location of mineral lick(s) in the vicinity of the project area. If a mineral lick is identified within the project area, the operator shall maintain a 1km no-disturbance buffer around the location of the mineral lick unless specified in writing from the Chief, Placer Land Use. Until the operator contacts the Regional Biologist for the location of the mineral lick, the mapped area as identified on the attached map shall be used as nodisturbance area.
- 6. The location of active raptor nests identified by the operator shall be reported to the Regional Biologist (867-996-2162) and the Environment Yukon, Conservation Data Centre (yukoncdc@yukon.ca).
- 7. 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.
- 8. The operator shall not fly unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) within 500 m of a known or observed active raptor nest during the nesting period (May 1 August 15).
- 9. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1 km of any observed active raptor nests between May 1st and August 15th.
- 10. The operator shall contact the Mayo Regional Biologist at 867-996-2162 for further information on the location of the nest and appropriate setback distances. No mining activities shall occur until the Regional Biologist is contacted. The operator should contact YG Environment (env-ea@yukon.ca) to obtain a map containing known raptor nest sites.
- 11. No Class 1 activities shall occur within sheep lambing wildlife key area, as identified on the map, between May 1st and June 15th.
- 12. The claims included in the notification overlap with wildlife key area for thinhorn sheep winter range (Oct-Apr). While it is not anticipated that activities will overlap temporally, the site is being accessed by helicopter therefore, the operator and/or aircraft pilots should plan flight paths and protocols based on the published guideline(s): Flying in Sheep Country: How to Minimize Disturbance from Aircraft (https://yukon.ca/en/flying-sheep-country).
- 13. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if sheep are observed within 1 km of active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
- 14. The notification area overlaps with a moose late-winter range wildlife key area. Activities have been proposed to occur year round. As such, the operator should plan activities to avoid use of the area in late-winter (Jan 1st April 30th). Any moose the operator encounters on the claim block shall be given the right-of-way until they move off on their own accord.
- 15. The operator shall ensure trenches are sloped on at least one end at a grade shallow enough to allow ungulates to exit the trench. 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.
- 16. There are documented archaeological sites within the notification area, as identified on the map provided. The operator shall not conduct any land-altering activities within 30 m of the(se) site(s) unless prior approval has been granted by the Chief of

- Mining Land Use. The operator is encouraged to contact heritage.review@yukon.ca for information on the archaeological sites.
- 17. There are documented historical features within the notification area, as identified on the map provided. The operator shall not conduct any land-altering activities, in undisturbed areas, within 30 m of the(se) site(s) unless prior approval has been granted by the Chief of Mining Land Use. The operator is encouraged to contact Lee Whalen at the Historic Sites Unit (lee.whalen@yukon.ca) for more information on the historic features.
- 18. No specific work areas were noted in the application; therefore, it was not possible to provide information on heritage values. If the proponent identifies work that involves land-altering activities (such as trenching, trail building, drilling), a preliminary heritage review will be required. No land-altering activity shall take place within the project claims, until clearance has been given for heritage values (other than general rock and soil sampling). The proponent shall contact the Heritage Resources Unit (heritage.review@yukon.ca) for information on heritage values.

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 May 31, 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.

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## Chief of Mining Land Use

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