



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

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Q2023_0111 By Email

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Dear Heather Burrell,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2023_0111 - Keg Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2023_0111 is valid as of May 10, 2023.

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

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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). The operator shall contact the Liard Regional Biologist (867-536-3213) to be made aware of important caribou habitat located outside of wildlife key areas, when planning flight paths to the project area.
- 3. The operator shall plan to avoid carrying out project activities during post-calving (June 1 to July 15) and rutting (September 15 to October 15) periods.

- 4. There is a known mineral lick(s) in the vicinity of the project area. The operator shall contact the Liard Regional Biologist (867-536-3213) 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 100m 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 exact mineral lick location(s) WKAs (ID 3244 and 3241), as identified on Geo Yukon, shall be used as a nodisturbance buffer (5 km). The operator shall maintain a 1 km no-disturbance buffer on all other known (but unmapped) mineral licks for all project activities, year-round.
- 5. No Class 1 activities shall occur at the Keg 3 project site between August 1 and June 30 (i.e., activities at the Keg 3 site shall be limited to July)
- 6. 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.
- 7. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
- 8. 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 1st).
- 9. Any moose the operator encounters on the claim block shall be given the right-ofway until they move off on their own accord.
- 10. 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.
- 11. 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.
- 12. The operator shall contact the Liard Regional Biologist (867-536-3213) to be made aware of important sheep habitat located outside of wildlife key areas, when planning flight paths to the project area. 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)

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

Sincerely, Paul Inglis

Chief of Mining Land Use

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