



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

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Q2023\_0112 By Email

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Dear Jodie Gibson,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2023\_0112 - Wels Project Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2023\_0112 is valid as of June 24, 2023.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (June 24, 2023 - June 23, 2024) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

- 1. The location of active raptor nests identified by the operator shall be reported to the Regional Biologist (867-634-2439) and the Environment Yukon, Conservation Data Centre (yukoncdc@yukon.ca).
- 2. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1 km of any observed active raptor nests between May 1st and August 15th.
- 3. The operator shall contact the Kluane Regional Biologist at 867- 634-2439 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.

- 4. The notification area overlaps with a raptor nesting wildlife key area and mapped nest sites. The operator shall contact the regional biologist at 867-634-2439 for further information on the location of the nest(s) and appropriate setback distances.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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).
- 7. 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.
- 8. The notification area is in a fossil-bearing drainage. As per the Schedule 1 Operating Conditions, all palaeontological resources uncovered during operations must be reported to the Government of Yukon and the Yukon First Nation on whose traditional territory the resources are uncovered.
- 9. 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.
- 10. Drill holes shall be decommissioned and backfilled or plugged to avoid wildlife entrapment.

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 23, 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

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Chief of Mining Land Use

cc Environmental Affairs Branch, Environment Tourism and Culture Kluane First Nation White River First Nation