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Q2023_0173 By Email

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Dear Mike Burke,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2023_0173 - Clear Creek Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2023_0173 is valid as of July 09, 2023.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (July 09, 2023 - July 08, 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. 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.
- 3. 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.

- 4. You are reminded of the Schedule 1 Operating Condition #39 that states "All reasonable care must be taken in carrying out exploration activities near or adjacent to a water body to prevent sediment from entering a water body, unless otherwise permitted by law."
- 5. Off road use in the summer should be kept to a minimum, as much as possible.
- 6. The operator should share wildlife observation information with the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Lands and Resources Department (867-996-2265 ext. 141).
- 7. 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.
- 8. The operator shall install and maintain safety fencing around all trenches/shafts deeper than two meters and install covers over the openings of all trenches/shafts with a material capable of preventing people or wildlife from inadvertently falling into the trenches/shafts.
- 9. The operator shall cease activities in caribou fall breeding wildlife key areas, as identified on the "Overlap with Caribou Wildlife Key Areas" map provided, between September 15th and October 15th.

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 July 08, 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 867-993-5343, fax at 867-993-6747, or email at dawson.mining@yukon.ca.

Sincerely, Paul Inglis

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