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Q2023\_0266  
By Email

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Dear Jim Boyce,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2023\_0266 - Leotta Gold Project Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2023\_0266 is valid as of August 15, 2023.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (August 15, 2023 - August 14, 2024) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

1. 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.
2. 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](mailto:heritage.review@yukon.ca) for more information on the areas of heritage

- potential or to discuss potential mitigation options.
3. 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](mailto:heritage.review@yukon.ca) prior to conducting any land-altering activities, as additional heritage review may be required.
  4. You are reminded of Schedule 1 Operating Condition #17 which states: "A spill contingency plan for petroleum products and other hazardous substances must be prepared and posted in the camp and at all fuel handling locations used in carrying out the operation."
  5. 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, or prior to the end of the work program date identified in this Class 1, whichever occurs first.
  6. If active bird nests are discovered, project activities shall be postponed in the nesting area until nesting is complete. Refer to avoidance measures link: <https://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/documents/p80054/121249E.pdf>
  7. 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).
  8. Upon discovery of a heritage resource the proponent shall notify the Heritage Department of First Nation Na-Cho Nyäk Dun (867-996-2265 ext.116) in addition to the Government of Yukon, Manager, Mining Lands and Heritage Department.
  9. 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.
  10. The operator shall be familiar with the identification of Leathery Grapefern (*Sceptridium multifidum*) and if it is encountered it shall be avoided and its location recorded; information shall be shared with Yukon Conservation Data Center at [yukoncdc@yukon.ca](mailto:yukoncdc@yukon.ca).
  11. There is a known mineral lick(s) in the vicinity of the project area. The operator shall contact the Dawson Regional Biologist (867-332-8462) 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 Manager, Mining Land Use.
  12. 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).
  13. Any moose encountered on the claim block shall be given the right-of-way until they move off on their own accord.
  14. 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).
  15. The location of active raptor nests identified by the operator shall be reported to the Regional Biologist (867-332-8462) and the Environment Yukon, Conservation Data Centre ([yukoncdc@yukon.ca](mailto:yukoncdc@yukon.ca)).
  16. The notification area overlaps with a raptor nesting wildlife key area and mapped nest sites. The operator shall contact the regional biologist at 867-332-8462 for further information on the location of the nest(s) and appropriate setback distances.
  17. 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.

18. The operator shall notify the Dawson Regional Biologist (867-332-8462) of any newly identified Sharp-tailed Grouse lek locations
19. Where possible, land clearing and stripping of the surface layer should take place outside of the Sharp-tailed Grouse nesting season, May 1 to August 31.

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 August 14, 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](mailto:dawson.mining@yukon.ca).

Sincerely,  
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A/Chief of Mining Land Use

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