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Q2024_0025 By Email

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Dear Heather Burrell,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2024_0025 - Batt Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2024_0025 is valid as of April 25, 2024.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (April 25, 2024 - April 24, 2025) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

- 1. The Proponent shall avoid exploration and exploration related activities in wetlands, if avoidance is not possible, the Proponent shall minimize disturbance to wetlands.
- 2. All reclamation must be completed prior to the end of the work program date identified in this Class 1 notification, including but not limited to: closure of all test pits, trenches, hand shafts, removal of camps, etc. Reclamation must be completed to the standards listed in the Operating Conditions, Schedule 1 of the Placer Mining Land Use Regulation/Quartz Mining Land Use Regulation. In areas where wetlands have been disturbed, reclamation shall be done in a manner that supports the return of wetland benefits to those areas.

- 3. 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 affected First Nation on whose traditional territory the resources are uncovered.
- 4. Upon discovery of a heritage resource the proponent shall notify the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Heritage Manager Roberta Nakoochee (867-634-5292 or rnakoochee@cafn.ca), in addition to the Government of Yukon, Chief of Mining Lands and Heritage Branch.
- 5. The proponent shall communicate plans and timing of activities, including helicopter flight paths, to the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations department of Heritage, Lands and Resources (867-634-4200 or landsresources@cafn.ca).
- 6. The proponent shall maintain a log for wildlife sightings within the project area. The log should include details related to the nature of the interaction and what steps, if any, were taken to mitigate any adverse affects on the wildlife. This log shall be shared with the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations department of Heritage, Lands and Resources (867-634-4200 or landsresources@cafn.ca) upon completion of the exploration program.
- 7. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
- 8. 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.
- 9. The operator shall suspend activities if goats are observed within 1 km of active work areas.
- 10. No activities shall occur within mountain goat kidding habitat, identified as WKA-ID 3703 (see attached map), between May 1st and June 15th.
- 11. The operator shall record and report any mountain goat sightings to the Kluane Regional Biologist at 867-634-2439.
- 12. 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). Note, specific guidelines for goats have not been developed; as goats will react similarly to sheep to disturbance from flights, the sheep guideline should be used as an equivalent resource.

For greater certainty, the conditions contained in this Notification pertain only to my authorities under the *Quartz Mining Act* and do not limit the authorizations, prohibitions, or restrictions in other federal, territorial or municipal laws.

Security may be required at any time by the Manager, Mining Land Use. The operator must furnish security within thirty (30) days of receiving the written notice from the Manager, Mining Land Use 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 April 24, 2025 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, Tamera Johnson

Manager, Mining Land Use

cc Environmental Affairs Branch, Environment Tourism and Culture Champagne and Aishihik First Nations