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Q2024_0032 By Email

Roger Hulstein 106 Wilson Drive Whitehorse, Canada, Y1A 0C9 rogerhulstein@gmail.com

Dear Roger Hulstein,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2024_0032 - (previously Q2023_0137) Rivier Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2024_0032 is valid as of February 22, 2024.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (June 16, 2024 - September 15, 2024) 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. 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 maintain over-flight altitudes at least 300m (1,000 ft.) above ground level.
- 4. The operator shall avoid caribou-specific habitat (lichen) within the project area.
- 5. The operator shall cease work when any caribou are observed on active claim blocks until caribou move off on their own accord.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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 (other than general rock/soil sampling, prospecting, and airborne survey), as additional heritage review may be required.
- 8. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
- 9. 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.
- 10. The operator shall commence activities after June 15th to minimize disturbance to any animals calving in the area.
- 11. The operator shall conclude activities by September 15th to avoid disturbing caribou breeding activities and impacting fall migration to winter habitat.
- 12. The operator shall not restrict access to or use of the Project area for traditional pursuits, including hunting, trapping, fishing, harvesting/gathering plants.
- 13. The operator shall not alter, disturb or destroy any existing roads or trails.
- 14. The operator shall communicate plans and timing of activities to affected First Nations as well as other land and resource users (trappers, outfitters) that may be affected by the Project as soon as practicable and prior to the commencement of Project activities to identify, resolve potential land use conflicts and any potential negative effects on other users.
- 15. The operator shall not carry out any Project activities within 50 meters of any existing cabins.

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 February 21, 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 867-536-7366, fax at 867-536-7842, or email at watson.mining@yukon.ca.

Sincerely, Paul Inglis

Manager, Mining Land Use

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