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Q2024_0043
By Email

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Dear Heather Burrell,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2024_0043 - Tut Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2024_0043 is valid as of June 10, 2024.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (June 10, 2024 - June 09, 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. Please note, Schedule 1 Operating Condition #39 "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.
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. 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>) and "Flying in Sheep Country" (<https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-flying-sheep-country.pdf>).
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. Drill holes shall be decommissioned and backfilled or plugged to avoid wildlife entrapment.
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 exploration activities if caribou, moose, sheep, or bears are observed within active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
10. The operator shall maintain flight paths as laid out in the maps provided, when safe to do so. Helicopter flights shall avoid the Nidderly Lake area.
11. Upon discovery of a heritage resource the proponent shall notify the Heritage Department of the First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun (867-996-2265 ext.133) in addition to the Government of Yukon, Manager, Mining Lands and Heritage Department.
12. The operator shall share wildlife observation information (wildlife log) with the First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun's Land and Resources Department (867)996-2265, prior to the expiry of this Notification.
13. The proponent shall communicate plans and timing of activities to the First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun Lands and Resources Department (867-996-2265).
14. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
15. The operator shall report any incidents involving nuisance bears or wildlife exhibiting food condition or habituation to the area's District Conservation Officer at 867-996-2202.
16. There is a known mineral lick(s) in the vicinity of the project area. The operator shall contact the Northern Tutchone Regional Biologist (867-996-2162) 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.
17. The operator shall contact the Northern Tutchone Regional Biologist at (867) 996-2162 or(Joel.Potie@yukon.ca) for information on identifying mineral licks. 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. The operator shall report all mineral licks to the Wildlife Key Area program (wka@yukon.ca).
18. 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).
 19. 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.
 20. The operator shall report observed nest sites to Environment Yukon, Wildlife Key Area program (wka@yukon.ca).
 21. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1 km of known or observed raptor nests between May 1 and August 15.
 22. The notification area overlaps with a raptor nesting wildlife key area and mapped nest sites. The operator shall contact the regional biologist at Northern Tutchone Regional Biologist at (867) 996-2162 or (Joel.Potie@yukon.ca) for further information on the location of the nest(s) and appropriate setback distances.
 23. 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).
 24. The proponent shall plan to avoid carrying out project activities during the winter rutting and late-winter period (November 1 – April 30).
 25. The operator shall avoid carrying out project activities during the post-lambing period (May 1 – June 15).
 26. Where possible, the operator shall plan to avoid carrying out project activities during the post-calving period (June 1 to July 15) and during the rutting period (September 15-October 15).
 27. When clearing vegetation, the operator shall avoid disturbing lichen wherever possible.
 28. The operator shall submit a summary of project activities to Yukon Environment (Joel.Potie@yukon.ca, Northern Tutchone Biologist) at the end of the season. The summary shall include (1) maps and/or shape files of Class 1 land disturbance activities and (2) wildlife log detailing caribou and moose interactions and mitigations to minimize interaction with caribou.
 29. The operator should minimize flights over Wildlife Key Areas for Golden Eagle when possible. If Golden Eagle nesting sites are discovered within the project area, the operator shall contact the Regional Biologist for appropriate setback distances.
 30. 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.
 31. 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.

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 June 09, 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 867-996-2256, fax at 867-996-2617, or email at mayo.mining@yukon.ca.

Sincerely,
Paul Inglis

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Inglis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" and last name "Inglis" clearly legible.

A/Manager, Mining Land Use

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