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Q2024_0068
By Email

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Dear Ron Berdahl,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2024_0068 - Expo Project Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2024_0068 is valid as of May 15, 2024.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (May 15, 2024 - May 14, 2025) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

1. The operator 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 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. Please note that, due to the size of the notification area, the preliminary heritage desktop review was limited to proposed camp area. If the proponent identifies work that involves land-altering activities outside the assessed areas the operator shall contact heritage.review@yukon.ca prior to conducting any land-altering activities, as additional heritage review may be required. At this time no additional land-altering activity shall take place outside the assessed claims, until clearance has been given for heritage values (other than general rock/ soil sampling, proposed brushing associated with cut lines, prospecting, and LiDAR survey).
5. The operator shall not carry out project activities during the rutting period (September 15-October 15) within WKA ID 3889 as shown on attached map or on GeoYukon.
6. 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.
7. 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>).
8. The operator shall take all necessary precautions to minimize disturbance to caribou specific habitat (lichen) within the project area. Where disturbance is unavoidable, the lichen mat shall be separately stored and replaced as soon as exploration activities are complete.
9. The operator shall submit a summary of project activities to Yukon Environment (Traci.Morgan@yukon.ca, Liard Biologist) at the end of the season. The summary shall include (1) shape files of Class 1 land disturbance activities and (2) wildlife log detailing caribou and moose interactions and mitigations to minimize interaction with caribou.
10. 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.
11. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
12. 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- 536-3210.
13. 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>
14. The location of active raptor nests identified by the operator shall be reported to the Wildlife Key Area program (wka@yukon.ca).
15. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1 km of any observed active raptor

- nests between May 1st and August 31th.
16. 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>)
 17. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if sheep are observed within 1 km of active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
 18. No Class 1 activities shall occur within sheep lambing wildlife key area, identified as WKA ID 1743 (available on GeoYukon or see attached map), as identified on the map, between May 1st and June 15th.

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.

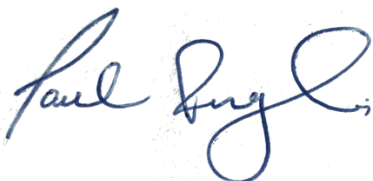
To help improve the environmental performance of your program, you are encouraged to refer to the attached operational guidelines. In addition, you are encouraged to contact affected First Nations to further discuss your program.

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 May 14, 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Inglis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "P".

Manager, Mining Land Use

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Environmental Affairs Branch, Environment
Tourism and Culture

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