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Q2024\_0075 By Email

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Dear Andrew Turner,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2024\_0075 - Cliff Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2024\_0075 is valid as of June 19, 2024.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (June 19, 2024 - October 31, 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. 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.
- 4. Champagne and Aishihik First Nation Heritage Route #4 is mapped as traversing a portion of the project area. The operator is encouraged to contact the affected First Nations Heritage Department for more information on the Heritage Route prior to conducting any potentially land-altering activities in the vicinity.
- No Class 1 activities shall occur within 1 km of sheep lambing wildlife key areas including WKA ID 5248, 5479 and 5478 (see attached sheep WKA map), between May 1 and June 15.
- 6. The operator shall suspend activities if sheep are observed within 1 km of active work areas outside the lambing season.
- 7. 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).
- 8. Aerial geo-physical surveys shall be conducted by unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) where possible. The operator shall avoid conducting aerial geo-physical surveys when sheep are present in the survey area.
- 9. The operator shall submit a summary of project activities to Yukon Environment (Shawn.Taylor@yukon.ca, Kluane Regional Biologist) at the end of the season. The summary shall include (1) shape files of Class 1 land disturbance and reclamation activities and (2) wildlife log detailing sheep and caribou interactions and mitigations to minimize interactions.
- 10. The operator shall contact the Wildlife Key Area program (wka@yukon.ca) for information and coordinates on the known location of mineral licks and maintain a 100m no-disturbance buffer around the location of the lick.
- 11. Until the operator contacts the Wildlife Key Area program (wka@yukon.ca) for the location of the mineral lick, the mapped area as identified on the attached map (or WKA ID 3299) shall be used as a no-disturbance area.
- 12. The operator shall contact the Wildlife Key Area program (wka@yukon.ca) for information on the known location of raptor nests and maintain a 1 km no disturbance buffer around the location of the nest.
- 13. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1 km of known or observed raptor nests between May 1 and August 15.
- 14. The operator shall not fly unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) within 500 m of a known or observed nest during the nesting period.
- 15. The operator shall report observed nest sites to Environment Yukon, Wildlife Key Area program (wka@yukon.ca).
- 16. Since claims will be accessed by air, the operator shall plan flight routes to avoid flying over known or observed raptor nests during the nesting period. If it cannot be avoided, fly at a minimum of 600 m above ground level.
- 17. The operator shall ensure trenches are sloped on at least one end at a grade shallow enough to allow ungulates to exit the trench.
- 18. While a shaft needs to remain accessible, the operator shall install fencing around the shaft, cover the opening with logs, or use a similar method to discourage ungulate wildlife from entering the shaft.

- 19. 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.
- 20. The operator shall cease work when bison are observed on active claim blocks until the animals move off on their own accord.
- 21. Where possible, land clearing and stripping of the surface layer should take place outside of the nesting season, May 1 to August 31.
- 22. If active bird nests are discovered, project activities shall be postponed in active nesting area until nesting is completed.
- 23. 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.
- 24. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
- 25. The operator shall report any incidents involving nuisance bears or wildlife exhibiting food condition or habituation to the area's District Conservation Officer at 867-634-2247.
- 26. The Proponent 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.
- 27. 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.
- 28. 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).

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 18, 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, Paul Inglis

A/Manager, Mining Land Use

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