

September 1, 2020

Mr. Todd Powell
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Yukon Government – Department of Energy, Mines & Resources
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Dear Mr. Powell,

RE: Quartz Mining License QML-0011 Quarterly Wildlife Report

The Quartz Mining License QML-0011 issued to Victoria Gold (Yukon) Corp. (VGC) requires the Licensee to provide quarterly monitoring reports of wildlife observations and incidents to the Director and the Inspector on the first working day in March, June, September and December of each year (Clause 13.8). The information contained herein with respect to wildlife reporting represents the quarterly monitoring report and includes all observations collected in June, July, and August of 2020 from the Eagle Gold Mine site (Table 1).

Site activities were ongoing through the reporting period with regular wildlife observations. During the period of the report, there were two wildlife mortalities documented on site, and three bear encounters. The mortalities included one bird death on the Heap Leach Facility on July 14, and one bird death near the powerline adjacent to the main control pond on July 15. The three bear encounters were documented within the timeframe of a week, throughout August 24-28. All incidents were recorded and reported to the local Conservation Officer.

The bear encounters were associated with the waste management facility and wildlife attractants. The incinerator was going through a maintenance shutdown and thus domestic waste was temporarily stored outdoors, in a steel container within the electric fence. The black bear passed through the fence and accessed the steel bin, before being hazed with bear bangers and rubber slugs. All domestic waste was moved off site within 24 hours and the electric fence reinstalled and tested. However, the bear returned on two separate days following. In collaboration with the Dawson regional area Conservation Officers a bear trap was brought on site and baited on August 28 and remained on site until August 30. No bears were trapped and no follow up incidents occurred on site. Bear safety and waste sorting education is ongoing at morning department toolbox meetings throughout site.

During this reporting period, site-related traffic frequency on the Haggart Creek Road continues to be minimal due to the VGC COVID-19 pandemic travel restrictions and the resultant reduction in visitors, contractors and non-essential site staff to the mine. Local traffic along the access road generally increases during the summer season due to local placer miners accessing claims or the public accessing recreational activities along the South McQuesten access road.

Wildlife mitigation measures were implemented through mandatory Project site orientation, traffic control policies, nesting songbird surveys prior to vegetation disturbance, staff toolbox meetings and implementation of the Project's management plans including the wildlife observation reporting program. Ongoing education is provided to site workers during toolbox meetings and through informational bulletins related to observing and documenting wildlife, and managing site waste according to permits and best practices.



Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns related to this report.

Sincerely,

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Date	Time	Weather	Temp (°C)	Species	Number of Animals	Sex	Age Class	Type of Sign or Visual	Location	Behaviour	Additional Comments
JUNE											
1-Jun-20	8:00	Raining	12	Ptarmigan	2	Unknown	Adult	Visual	Potato Hill	Flying	Walked by and both flew away
2-Jun-20	15:00	Overcast	5	Collared Pika	1	Unknown	Unknown	Visual	Rocky Bench	Walking	Walking towards viewer.
3-Jun-20	16:00	Overcast	15	Snowshoe Hare	2	Unknown	Adult	Visual	Eagle Pup Rd.	Sitting	Ran away when vehicle approached.
4-Jun-20	19:45	Cloudy	12	Porcupine	1	Unknown	Adult	Visual	Km 37.5, Access Road	Walking	-
6-Jun-20	18:00	Overcast	12	Moose	1	Female	Adult	Visual	Woods by stacker laydown	Walking	Was standing on road heading towards stacker, light hazing to get it to go back into woods.
6-Jun-20	18:00	Overcast	13	Black Bear	3	Unknown	Adult and Young	Visual	ADR runway	Walking	2 cubs with sow.
11-Jun-20	16:00	Sunny	17	Black Bear	1	Unknown	Unknown	Visual	HLF Phase 1B	Walking	Observed close to treeline
14-Jun-20	1:00	Overcast	8	Grizzly Bear	3	Female	Adult and Young	Visual	Kal Tire	Walking	No signs of aggression, seemed to be concerned about getting young away from people
12-Jun-20	16:00	Sunny	25	Black Bear	1	Unknown	Adult	Visual	CV 23 on Pad	Watching	Bear approached workers staring at them showing interest in workers.
13-Jun-20	2:00	Clear	10	Grizzly Bear	3	Female	Adult and Young	Visual	90 Day	Walking	Walking toward camp, not aggressive.
13-Jun-20	1:00	Clear	10	Grizzly Bear	3	Female	Adult and Young	Visual	Kal Tire Laydown	Walking	Walking away from truck calmly.
11-Jun-20	10:30	Sunny	12	Canadian Geese	10	Male and Female	Adult	Visual	Lower Road	Calm	-
18-Jun-20	5:30	Raining	10	Porcupine	1	Unknown	Adult	Visual	Not Recorded	Running	Got spooked and ran over road berm
25-Jun-20	4:00	Clear	6	Porcupine	1	Unknown	Unknown	Visual	Secondary Switchback	Walking	Crossing road slowly
25-Jun-20	13:30	Raining	15	Moose	2	Female	Adult and Young	Visual	90 Day stacking area	Walking	Walking through 90 Day area
JULY											
5-Jul-20	12:30	Cloudy	12	Snowshoe Hare	1	Unknown	Adult	Visual	Camp	Running	Running down bank behind bioreactor shed.
6-Jul-20	11:30	Overcast	13	Porcupine	1	Unknown	Adult	Visual	Access Road	Walking	-

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6-Jul-20	10:50	Overcast	13	Moose	2	Female	Adult	Visual	Km 13, Access Road	Walking	Cow and calf walking off of road.
3-Jul-20	17:00	Cloudy	20	Olive Sided Fly Catcher	1	Unknown	Unknown	Visual	W5 Sample Site	Flying	Flying around eating flies.
2-Jul-20	12:00	Sunny	20	Moose	2	Female	Adult and Young	Visual	Swamp on lower road	Feeding	Cow and calf eating weeds in the swamp.
10-Jul-20	10:00	Overcast	15	Snowshoe Hare	1	Unknown	Adult	Visual	bioreactor shack	feeding	Hopped by observer.
10-Jul-20	13:40	Raining	15	moose	1	Female	adult	Visual	Lower Camp Access Road	feeding	Feeding on vegetation. Did not seem to mind us.
16-Jul-20	15:50	Sunny	19	Moose	2	Female	Adult and Young	Visual	Across from Control Pond	Walking	Walking up slope.
16-Jul-20	13:30	Sunny	20	Moose	1	Male	Adult	Visual	Km 22, McQuesten Bridge	Feeding	Unbothered by our presence.
17-Jul-20	8:30	Overcast	13	Moose	1	Female	Adolescent	Visual	CV-22	Walking	Walking down to Eagle Pup rd.
18-Jul-20	14:00	Overcast	14	Moose	1	Male	Adult	Visual	KM 14	Running	NR
20-Jul-20	9:30	Overcast	13	Snowshoe Hare	1	Unknown	Adult	Visual	Lower Road	Feeding	Ran away when we pulled up.
23-Jul-20	10:41	Overcast	6	Eagle	1	Unknown	Adolescent	Visual	Pit, 1195 bench	Flying	Circling the pit area. Unsure if it was an Eagle.
29-Jul-20	19:50			Beavers	2	Male and Female	Adult and Young	Visual	Marsh by lower road	Eating willow + swimming	Likely 2 adults and 3 young. Animals were calm.
AUGUST											
1-Aug-20	11:15	Sunny	26	Black Bear	1	Unknown	Unknown	Visual	Walking Trail	Walking	NR
2-Aug-20	8:30	Sunny	21	Lynx	1	Unknown	Unknown	Visual	Mechanic Shop	-	NR
7-Aug-20	8:00	Clear, Sunny	18	Lynx	1	Unknown	Unknown	Visual	Road	Walking	Calm, not afraid of human.
7-Aug-20	14:00	Cloudy	18	Lynx	1	Unknown	Unknown	Visual	Km 24, Access Road	Walking	NR
10-Aug-20	17:00	Cloudy	16	Moose	1	Male	Young	Visual	Access Road	Grazing	Moved along when vehicle approached.

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14-Aug-20	12:15	Cloudy	17	Black Bear	1	Unknown	Unknown	Visual	Km 30, Access Road	Walking on Road	NR
15-Aug-20	9:15	Overcast	8	Black Bear	1	Unknown	Adult	Visual	Dublin/Event Pond Road	Walking	First observed at the control pond, walked through Dublin creek North towards the event pond.
17-Aug-20	9:00	Overcast	7	Cougar	1	Unknown	Adult	Visual	Phase 1B Road	Walking	Observed walking on the Phase 1B road.
17-Aug-20	18:00	Overcast	17	Porcupine	1	Male	Adult	Visual	Km 35, Access Road	Walking	NR
18-Aug-20	14:00	Overcast	17	Black Bear	1	Unknown	Unknown	Visual	Km 25, Access Road	Watching	Stood on side of road watching for 30s.
18-Aug-20	15:00	Sunny	17	Moose	1	Male	Adult	Visual	Potato Hills	Walking	NR
24-Aug-20	10:30	Overcast	16	Black Bear	1	Unknown	Adult	Visual	Incinerator	Brave	Trying to get into food waste at the hazardous waste/incinerator area.
25-Aug-20	15:35	Overcast	16	Swans	1	Unknown	Adult	Visual	McQuesten Bridge	Sitting	Sitting on grass in marsh on the east side of the McQuesten Bridge.
25-Aug-20	15:35	Overcast	16	Moose	1	Male	Adult	Visual	McQuesten Bridge	Calm	Standing in marsh on the east side of the McQuesten Bridge.
26-Aug-20	9:50	Raining	18	Canadian Geese	5	Male and Female	Adult	Visual	Platinum Junction Rd	Sitting	Sitting on grassy slope - flew away when truck approached.
27-Aug-20	6:00		17	Black Bear	1	Unknown	Adult	Visual	Hazardous waste	Bold	Trying to get into food waste in the hazardous waste area.
27-Aug-20	8:30	Cloudy	17	Black Bear	1	Unknown	Adult	Visual	Hazardous waste	Bold	Trying to get into food in the hazardous waste area.
28-Aug-20	11:00	Cloudy	8	Moose	2	Female	Adult and Young	Visual	Conveyor	Walking	Walking into the bush from conveyor.
30-Aug-20	8:00	cloudy	10	Moose	2	Female & Calf	Adult	Visual	Pit	Walking	Cow and Calf were observed in the treeline close to switchback 6 in the pit. Both seemed calm.
30-Aug-20	-	Rain	10	Moose	2	Female	adult	Visual	CV23 (HLF conveyor)	Walking	Cow and calf were observed walking down conveyor access road. They did not seem to be stressed and stayed in the area for a while.

*NR – Not recorded.

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