



Whitehorse Mining District
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Q2024_0082
By Email

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Dear Chris Arsenault,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2024_0082 - Big Ray Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2024_0082 is valid as of June 26, 2024.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (June 26, 2024 - June 25, 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. 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.
 4. 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.
 5. The notification area is in a fossil-bearing drainage. As per the Schedule 1 Operating Conditions, all palaeontological resources uncovered during operations must be reported to the Government of Yukon and the affected First Nation on whose traditional territory the resources are uncovered.
 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. 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 contact the Wildlife Key Area Program (wka@yukon.ca) for further information on the location of raptor's nests prior to accessing the site by air.
 9. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1 km of observed raptor nests between May 1 and August 15.
 10. The operator shall report observed raptor nest sites to Environment Yukon, Wildlife Key Area program (wka@yukon.ca).
 11. 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.
 12. 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.
 13. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
 14. Management of attractants and use of deterrents are effective ways to reduce conflict with bears. Contact the Mayo Conservation Officer (867-996-2202) in the event of ongoing bear presence/habituation at the camp.
 15. 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) map of Class 1 land disturbance activities and (2) wildlife log detailing caribou and moose interactions and mitigations to minimize interaction with caribou.

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 25, 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 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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Environmental Affairs Branch, Environment
Tourism and Culture
Selkirk First Nation
White River First Nation