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Q2025_0081
By Email

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Dear Heather Burrell,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2025_0081 - Sayyea Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2025_0081 is valid as of May 14, 2025.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (May 14, 2025 - May 13, 2026) 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 operator 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, removal of vehicles and equipment, etc. Reclamation must be completed to the standards listed in the Operating Conditions, Schedule 1 of the 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 the "Proposed area of drilling". If work locations change, the operator shall contact heritage.review@yukon.ca prior to conducting any land-altering activities (other than general rock/soil sampling, prospecting, and airborne survey), as additional heritage review may be required.
4. 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.
5. The operator shall conduct pre-activity surveys for Collared Pika and Collard Pika habitat (eg. talus slopes) prior to ground disturbing activities, within the work site area, in accordance with YG's Protocol for detecting Collard Pika, <https://yukon.ca/sites/default/files/env/env-protocol-detecting-collared-pika.pdf>. If Collard Pika are identified during the survey the Proponent shall maintain a 30m buffer around the area. The Proponent should report sightings of Collard Pika to the Yukon Conservation Data Centre (yukoncdc@yukon.ca).
6. Little Brown Myotis (bat) are an Endangered species and are expected to be present in the project area, especially in forests near ponds and in dead trees, rock crevices, or any tree with cavities or loose bark. The operator shall take care to prevent harming Little Brown Myotis and shall undertake non-intrusive surveys for Little Brown Myotis prior to clearing activities occurring. Any trees where signs of bats are present shall not be disturbed. If the operator observes confirmed or suspected Little Brown Myotis, these sightings should be reported to the Environment Yukon, Conservation Data Centre (yukoncdc@yukon.ca).
7. Rusty Blackbird are a species of Special Concern and are expected to be present in the project area, especially in forest areas near wetlands and water. The operator shall take care to prevent harming Rusty Blackbird and shall undertake non-intrusive surveys for Rusty Blackbird prior to clearing activities occurring. If the operator observes confirmed or suspected Rusty Blackbird, these sightings should be reported to the Environment Yukon, Conservation Data Centre (yukoncdc@yukon.ca).
8. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
9. The operator shall cease activities in caribou fall breeding wildlife key areas, as identified on GeoYukon, between September 15th and October 15th.
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 backfill each trench once a geological evaluation of the trench has been completed or prior to the end of the work program date identified in this Class 1, whichever occurs first.
12. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if caribou are observed within active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.

13. 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.
14. The operator shall communicate plans and timing of activities to Liard First Nation Lands and Resources Department (867-536-5200), and Ross River Dena Council Lands and Resources Department (867-969-2277 ex.204). and other land and resource users (i.e. outfitters and trappers) as soon as practicable and prior to the commencement of project activities to identify potential land use conflicts and any other potential negative effects on other users. The operator shall make best efforts to resolve these issues.
15. The operator shall not restrict access, availability, or use of the area for traditional harvest or ceremonial purposes.
16. The operator shall not conduct trenching, drilling and exploration activities within 50 m of a campsite or cabin.
17. The operator shall not alter, disturb, or destroy any existing roads or trails.
18. 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>).
19. The operator shall ensure trenches are sloped on at least one end at a grade shallow enough to allow ungulates to exit the trench.
20. While a shaft needs to remain accessible during this Notification, 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.

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 13, 2026 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,
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A/Manager, Mining Land Use

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