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Q2025_0242
By Email

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Dear Jim Boyce,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2025_0242 - Dominion Project Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2025_0242 is valid as of September 25, 2025.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (September 25, 2025 - September 24, 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 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 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.
4. Management of attractants and use of deterrents are effective ways to reduce conflict with bears. The Dawson Conservation Office (867 993-8492) should be contacted in the event of ongoing bear presence/habituation in the project area.
5. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if moose are observed from active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
6. The notification area overlaps with a moose late-winter range wildlife key area s (WKA IDs 4410, 5092 and 5103 on GeoYukon). As such, the operator should plan activities to avoid use of the area in late-winter (January 1st – April 30th).
7. The location of active raptor nests identified by the operator shall be reported to Environment Yukon, Wildlife Key Area program (wka@yukon.ca).
8. The operator shall not fly unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) within 500 m of a known or observed active raptor nest during the nesting period (May 1 - August 31).
9. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1km of any observed active raptor nests between May 1st and August 31st.
10. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if caribou are observed within active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
11. The operator should become familiar with the identification of the Williams' Catchfly (*Silene williamsii*). If Williams' Catchfly is observed during project activities, further work should be planned to avoid individual plants where possible and its location recorded; information should be shared with Yukon Conservation Data Center at yukoncdc@yukon.ca. An information sheet on Williams' Catchfly is attached and available at <https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-williams-catchfly.pdf>.
12. The operator should become familiar with the identification of the Dawson Wallflower (*Erysimum angustatum*). If Dawson Wallflower is observed during project activities, further work should be planned to avoid individual plants where possible and its location recorded; information should be shared with Yukon Conservation Data Center at yukoncdc@yukon.ca. An information sheet on Dawson Wallflower is attached and available on the Yukon government website at: <https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-dawson-wallflower.pdf>.
13. 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. If the operator observes confirmed or suspected Rusty Blackbird, these sightings should be reported to the Environment Yukon, Conservation Data Centre (yukoncdc@yukon.ca).
14. 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. 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).

15. 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.
16. 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.
17. There are documented archaeological sites within the notification area, as identified on the map provided. The operator shall not conduct any land-altering activities within 30 m of the(se) site(s) unless prior approval has been granted by the Manager, Mining Land Use. The operator is encouraged to contact heritage.review@yukon.ca for information on the archaeological sites.
18. There are documented historical features within the notification area, as identified on the map provided. The operator shall not conduct any land-altering activities within 30 m of the(se) site(s) unless prior approval has been granted by the Chief of Mining Land Use. The operator is encouraged to contact Lee Whalen at the Historic Sites Unit (historic.sites@yukon.ca) for more information on the historic features.
19. 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.
20. The notification area overlaps with a raptor nesting wildlife key area and mapped nest sites. The operator shall contact the Wildlife Key Area program (wka@yukon.ca) for further information on the location of the nest(s) and appropriate setback distances.
21. The operator shall contact the Wildlife Key Area Program (wka@yukon.ca) for information on identifying mineral licks. If a mineral lick is identified within the project area, the operator shall maintain a 100m no-disturbance buffer around the location of the mineral lick.
22. Please note, Schedule 1 Operating Condition #39 "All reasonable care must be taken in carrying out exploration activities near or adjacent to a water body to prevent sediment from entering a water body, unless otherwise permitted by law.
23. 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://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/documents/p80054/121249E.pdf>.
24. Earthworks shall be sloped at one end to allow for wildlife escapement and shall be reclaimed as soon as the earthworks is no longer required for mining purposes, or prior to the end of the work program date identified in this Class 1, whichever occurs first.
25. 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.
26. The notification area overlaps with trapping concessions 26, 27, 28, 54, 406 and may overlap with other users, such as recreational tour guide companies. You are

encouraged to communicate plans and timing of activities to other land and resource users that may be affected by the proposed notification activities (e.g. trapper, outfitter, Wilderness Tourism Association of Yukon, etc.). This should be completed as soon as practicable and prior to the commencement of notification activities to identify potential land use conflicts that may negatively affect other land users. The operator shall make best efforts to resolve these issues.

27. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if sheep are observed from active work areas until they move off on their own accord.
28. The operator shall allow unimpeded access through the project site to First Nation citizens undergoing traditional pursuits.
29. Prior to the start of activities, the operator shall communicate plans and timing of activities to of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation Lands and Resources Department (867 993-7100). The operator shall make best efforts to resolve any potential concerns identified.
30. Upon discovery of a heritage resource, the proponent shall notify the Heritage Department of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation (867 993-7100), in addition to the Government of Yukon, Manager, Mining Land Use and Heritage Branch.

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.

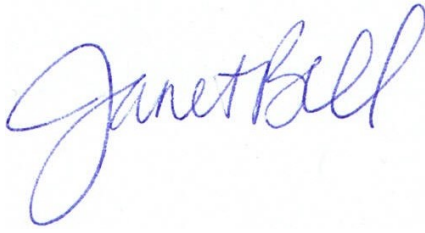
Class 1 work cannot occur on claims/leases that have lapsed or pending claims/leases until they are granted by a Mining Recorder. Please ensure the claims/leases within your Class 1 Notification are in good standing prior to beginning your work program. Any work occurring on pending or lapsed claims/leases 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 September 24, 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

867-993-5343, fax at 867-993-6747, or email at dawson.mining@yukon.ca.

Sincerely,
Janet Bell-MacDonald

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janet Bell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Manager, Mining Land Use

cc
Environmental Affairs Branch, Environment
Tourism and Culture
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in