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Q2025\_0438  
By Email

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Dear Kell Nielsen,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2025\_0438 - Whitehorse Copper Project Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2025\_0438 is valid as of February 24, 2026.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (February 24, 2026 - February 23, 2027) 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. A heritage resources overview assessment shall be completed in advance of land altering activities. Areas with elevated potential for the presence of archaeological or historic sites shall be avoided until such time as a heritage resources impact assessment can be completed.
4. A heritage resources impact assessment shall be completed in advance of land altering activities in areas with elevated potential for the presence of archaeological or historic sites.
5. 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](mailto:heritage.review@yukon.ca) for information on the archaeological sites.
6. 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 Manager, Mining Land Use. The operator is encouraged to contact the Historic Sites Unit ([historic.sites@yukon.ca](mailto:historic.sites@yukon.ca)) for more information on the historic features.
7. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if ungulates are observed within active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
8. 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.
9. If air access or drones are used, 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>).
10. The operator shall submit a summary of project activities to Yukon Environment ([fish.wildlife@yukon.ca](mailto:fish.wildlife@yukon.ca), 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 wildlife interactions and mitigations to minimize interaction with wildlife.
11. The operator shall maintain a 50m no disturbance buffer around known and observed raptor nests from April 1 - September 30. If two or more nests are within 100m of each other they shall be considered as one nest site and a 50m buffer applied around the whole area. The operator shall make best efforts to not island raptor nests, allowing for connectivity to the forest from nest sites. The operator shall contact the Wildlife Key Area (WKA) program ([wka@yukon.ca](mailto:wka@yukon.ca)), for information on known raptor nests within the project area. The operator shall report any observed nests to the WKA program.
12. 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 15).
13. If active bird nests are discovered, project activities shall be postponed in active nesting area until nesting is completed.
14. Any brushing for trails, cutlines or corridors should be done in such a way as to not hinder wildlife movement through the stockpiling of brush material.

15. The operator shall backfill each drill hole once a geological evaluation has been completed or prior to the end of the work program date identified in this Class 1, whichever occurs first.
16. While a drill hole needs to remain accessible during this Notification, the operator shall cover the opening with logs, or use a similar method to discourage ungulate wildlife from entering the drill hole.
17. Management of attractants and use of deterrents are effective ways to reduce conflict with bears. The operator shall report to the TIPP line (1-800-661-0525) any wildlife incident, mortality and/or ongoing bear presence/habituation.
18. The operator should become familiar with the identification of Leafy Thistle (*Cirsium foliosum*). If Leafy Thistle 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](mailto:yukoncdc@yukon.ca). An information sheet on Leafy Thistle is attached and available at <https://yukon.ca/sites/default/files/env/env-leafy-thistle.pdf>.
19. 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](mailto:yukoncdc@yukon.ca)).
20. 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](mailto:yukoncdc@yukon.ca)).
21. Gypsy Cuckoo Bumblebee are an Endangered species and are expected to be present in the project area, especially in ground nests in abandoned rodent burrows or in mulch or other decomposing vegetation such as rotting or fallen dead wood. If the operator encounters suspected or confirmed nesting areas for Gypsy Cuckoo Bumblebee, clearing activities shall be avoided in the area. If the operator observes confirmed or suspected Gypsy Cuckoo Bumblebee, these sightings should be reported to the Environment Yukon, Conservation Data Centre ([yukoncdc@yukon.ca](mailto:yukoncdc@yukon.ca)).
22. The operator shall conduct pre-activity surveys for Collared Pika and Collared Pika habitat (eg. talus slopes) prior to ground disturbing activities, within the work site area, in accordance with YG's Protocol for detecting Collared Pika, <https://yukon.ca/sites/default/files/env/env-protocol-detecting-collared-pika.pdf>. If Collared Pika are identified during the survey the operator shall maintain a 30m buffer around the area. The operator should report sightings of Collared Pika to the Yukon Conservation Data Centre ([yukoncdc@yukon.ca](mailto:yukoncdc@yukon.ca)).
23. Linear disturbance shall be kept to a minimum whenever possible. The operator shall reclaim all corridors/lines, by blocking access to corridors/lines, replacing cut

brush on top, and considering line-of-site barriers at intervals, as soon as they are no longer required for mining purposes, or by the expiry of this Notification whichever occurs first.

24. Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections must conduct an Aerial Transect Survey with a drone and map all existing disturbances prior to any work being conducted.
25. Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections' Natural Resources Officers must be provided at least 5 days notice prior to the construction of any temporary trail, this includes the movement of any tracked equipment that occurs off of an existing "ROAD".
26. All work that is completed during snow free conditions must be reclaimed and signed off as completed by Natural Resources Officers, Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections, prior to October 15, 2026.
27. Natural Resource Officers must be notified prior to constructing any new clearings to avoid confusion as to where work is being completed.
28. All project activities shall occur outside of the late winter timing window (February 01 – April 15) in areas that overlap with core late-winter range (i.e. Cub/Cowley target area). Project activities that occur October 21 – January 31 in the Cub/Cowley target area shall do so when the ground is frozen and 10cm of snowpack can be maintained at all times during the transport phase.
29. Where possible, land clearing and stripping of the surface layer should take place outside of the nesting season, May 1 to August 31.
30. 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.
31. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.

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 February 23, 2027 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](mailto:whitehorse.mining@yukon.ca).

Sincerely,  
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A/Manager, Mining Land Use

cc  
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