



Whitehorse Mining District 102 - 300 Main Street (K-102) Whitehorse, YT, Y1A 2B5

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P2024\_0189 By Email

MICHAEL PRICE 1 BAILEY PLACE WHITEHORSE, Canada, Y1A 0K8 MP470579@GMAIL.COM

Dear MICHAEL PRICE,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2024\_0189 - 2024 MINING PLAN Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2024\_0189 is valid as of October 10, 2024.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (October 10, 2024 - October 09, 2025) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

 You are reminded that a leave strip is required for all placer streams for the protection of riparian areas. This creek has a low habitat suitability classification, as defined in the Fish Habitat Management System for Yukon's Placer Mining, requiring a [5] meter leave strip. Please see the document attached for more information and appropriate setbacks. You are also reminded of the Schedule 1 Operating Condition #33 that states "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." Any deposit of waste (i.e. dirty water) requires the activity to be licensed regardless of the quantity of water being disposed.

- 2. The operator shall avoid exploration and exploration related activities in wetlands, if avoidance is not possible, the operator shall minimize disturbance to wetlands.
- 3. 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.
- 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 suspend exploration activities if caribou or moose are observed within 1 km of active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
- 6. The operator shall backfill each trench/shaft once a geological evaluation of the trench/shaft has been completed or prior to the end of the work program date identified in this Class 1, whichever occurs first.
- 7. 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.
- 8. The operator is reminded of Section 7(1)(a) of the Placer Mining Land Use Regulation that requires Class 1 activities to cease within the 12 month duration of a Class 1. This requirement also includes associated and required reclamation. As there are existing trenches, including in the form of settling ponds, on this site that are non-compliant with this requirement, the operator may not exceed a total trenching volume on site of 1200 m3 at any time. Should the operator reclaim all existing trenches including settling ponds prior to any new trenches, the operator may undertake the full proposed 1200 m3 of new trenching. However, all disturbance and activities, including settling ponds, must be reclaimed prior to the expiry of this Notification.
- 9. 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.
- 10. You are reminded of the Schedule 1 of the Placer Mining Land Use Regulation Condition #13 that states "All petroleum products, including waste petroleum products, and any other hazardous substances must be stored in a secure fashion no less than 30m from the ordinary high water mark of any water body."
- 11. You are reminded of the Schedule 1 of the Placer Mining Land Use Regulation Condition #1 that states "If the vegetative mat must be removed to carry out an operation, it must be removed so as to protect the seed and root stock contained within the mat and be stored separately from any overburden or bedrock removed for use in re-establishing the vegetative mat when the operation ceases."

12. You are reminded of the Schedule 1 of the Placer Mining Land Use Regulation Condition #2(1) that states "All vegetated areas disturbed by operation activities, including fuel and waste storage areas, clearings, corridors, camps and supporting infrastructure, and trenches and drill sites, must be left in a condition conducive to revegetation by native plant species or other species adaptable to the local environment to encourage re-vegetation comparable to similar, naturally occurring, environments in the area."

For greater certainty, the conditions contained in this Notification pertain only to my authorities under the *Placer 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 *Placer 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 October 09, 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 *Placer 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

Manager, Mining Land Use

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