



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

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P2024_0196 By Email

Thomas McCaw P.O. Box 21107 Whitehorse, Canada, Y1A 6P8 cptn.tom@hotmail.com

Dear Thomas McCaw,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2024_0196 - Dollis assessment work Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2024_0196 is valid as of August 16, 2024.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (August 16, 2024 - August 15, 2025) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

- 1. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
- 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.
- 3. Management of attractants and use of deterrents are effective ways to reduce

conflict with bears. The Haines Junction Conservation Officer (867-634-2247) should be contacted in the event of ongoing bear presence/habituation at the camp.

- 4. If active bird nests are discovered, project activities shall be postponed in active nesting area until nesting is completed.
- 5. It is recommended that the operator familiarize themselves with the invasive vegetation species known in Yukon and methods to reduce the risk of introduction, as well as management methods for established populations of invasive species. The two links below contain some useful resources around recognition, mitigation, and possible management of invasive vegetation in Yukon. https://www.yukoninvasives.com/invasive-species/plants/ https://www.yukoninvasives.com/resources/brochures/
- If the operators believes that new invasive species may have been introduced at the site or are spreading, they are encouraged to report these sightings to the Yukon Invasive Species Council (YISC) and/or the Yukon Conservation Data Centre (YCDC).
- 7. The operator shall cease work when wildlife such as moose, caribou, sheep, goats or bears are observed on active claim blocks until the animals move off on their own accord.
- 8. The operator shall avoid exploration and exploration related activities in wetlands, if avoidance is not possible, the operator shall minimize disturbance to wetlands.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.
- 11. The operator shall ensure that equipment is washed before it is moved to site to prevent the introduction of exotic and invasive species.

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 August 15, 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

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