



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

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P2024_0308 By Email

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Dear Aimin Liao,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2024_0308 - HUAQIN Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2024_0308 is valid as of October 28, 2024.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (April 01, 2025 - September 30, 2025) 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, 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 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.
- 4. Any moose encountered on the claim block shall be given the right-of-way until they move off on their own accord.
- 5. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1 km of any observed active raptor nests between May 1st and August 31th.
- 6. The location of active raptor nests identified by the operator shall be reported to Environment Yukon Conservation Data Centre at yukoncdc@yukon.ca, Northern Tutchone Regional Biologist at joel.potie@yukon.ca or 867-996-2016, and Wildlife Key Area program (wka@yukon.ca).
- 7. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if ungulates are observed within 1 km of active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
- 8. The operator shall cease activities in caribou fall breeding wildlife key areas, as identified on GeoYukon, between September 15th and October 15th.
- 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. The operator shall ensure trenches are sloped on at least one end at a grade shallow enough to allow ungulates to exit the trench.
- 11. 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.
- 12. The notification area overlaps with a late winter range wildlife key area for moose. The operator should plan activities to avoid use of the wildlife key area in late winter (January 1 to April 1), as much as possible. While the operator's proposed project dates do not begin until April 1, the operator should be mindful that in the event of a late Spring, moose may still be 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 27, 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

A/Manager, Mining Land Use

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