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P2024_0330 By Email

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Dear Christian Philipsen,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2024_0330 - ID02083 Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2024_0330 is valid as of October 29, 2024.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (October 29, 2024 - September 18, 2025) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 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. Tr'ondek Hwech'in First Nation Heritage Route #3 is mapped as traversing a portion of the project area. The operator is encouraged to contact the affected First Nations Heritage Department for more information on the Heritage Route prior to conducting any potentially land-altering activities in the vicinity.
- 5. The claim(s) included in the notification overlaps with wildlife key area for moose. To reduce impacts to moose, best management practices are encouraged and all wildlife should be given the right of way.
- 6. You are reminded that a leave strip is required for all placer streams for the protection of riparian areas, and its dimensions are dependent on the stream's habitat suitability classification as defined in the Fish Habitat Management System for Yukon Placer Mining. Please see the document attached for more information and appropriate setbacks.
- 7. The operator shall avoid exploration and exploration related activities in wetlands, if avoidance is not possible, the operator shall minimize disturbance to wetlands.
- 8. 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.
- 9. The notification area overlaps with a moose late-winter range wildlife key area. Typically, placer exploration activities are carried out outside of winter months, however, activities have been proposed to occur year round. As such, the operator should plan activities to avoid use of the area in late-winter (Jan 1st April 1st).
- 10. Any moose encountered on the claim block shall be given the right-of-way until they move off on their own accord.
- 11. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1 km of any observed active raptor nests between May 1st and August 31th.
- 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. The location of active raptor nests identified by the operator shall be reported to Environment Yukon, Conservation Data Centre at yukoncdc@yukon.ca.
- 14. The operator should plan flight routes to avoid flying over any observed active raptor nests during the nesting season (May 1 to August 15), or if it cannot be avoided, fly at a minimum of 600 m above ground level when safe to do so.
- 15. Management of attractants and use of deterrents are effective ways to reduce conflict with bears. The Conservation Office (867-993-5492) should be contacted in the event of ongoing bear presence/habituation at the camp.
- 16. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.

- 17. 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.
- 18. The operator shall ensure trenches are sloped on at least one end at a grade shallow enough to allow ungulates to exit the trench.
- 19. 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.
- 20. 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.
- 21. The operator should become familiar with the identification of the Spiked Saxifrage. If Spiked Saxifrage is observed during project activities, further work should be planned to avoid or minimize disturbance to 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 Spiked Saxifrage is attached and available on the Yukon government website at yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-spiked-saxifrage.pdf.

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 September 18, 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 867-993-5343, fax at 867-993-6747, or email at dawson.mining@yukon.ca.

Sincerely, Paul Inglis

A/Manager, Mining Land Use

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