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Q2024\_0064  
By Email

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Dear Ron Berdahl,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2024\_0064 - River and Star Project Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2024\_0064 is valid as of May 21, 2024.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (May 21, 2024 - May 20, 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. If active bird nests are discovered, project activities shall be postponed in the nesting area until nesting is complete.
4. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if sheep are observed within active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
5. There are documented mineral lick(s) within the notification area, the operator shall contact the Wildlife Key Area program ([wka@yukon.ca](mailto:wka@yukon.ca)) for information on the exact location of mineral licks within the polygons, as identified on the map provided. The operator shall not carry out any ground-disturbing activities within 100 m of the(se) site(s).
6. 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](mailto:heritage.review@yukon.ca) for more information on the areas of heritage potential or to discuss potential mitigation options.
7. Please note that, due to the size of the notification area, the preliminary heritage desktop review was limited to proposed work areas. If work locations change, the operator shall contact [heritage.review@yukon.ca](mailto:heritage.review@yukon.ca) prior to conducting any land-altering activities, as additional heritage review may be required.
8. 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.
9. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
10. Management of attractants and use of deterrents are effective ways to reduce conflict with bears. The Watson Lake Conservation Office (867-536-3210) should be contacted in the event of ongoing bear presence/habituation at the camp.
11. The notification area overlaps with a raptor nesting wildlife key area and mapped nest sites. The operator shall contact the Wildlife Key Area program ([wka@yukon.ca](mailto:wka@yukon.ca)) for further information on the location of the nest(s) and appropriate setback distances.
12. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1 km of any observed active raptor nests between May 1st and August 31st.
13. The location of active raptor nests identified by the operator shall be reported to Environment Yukon, Wildlife Key Area program ([wka@yukon.ca](mailto:wka@yukon.ca)).
14. No Class 1 activities shall occur within sheep lambing wildlife key area, as identified as WKA ID 4451 (see attached map), as identified on GeoYukon, between May 1st and June 15th.
15. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if caribou are observed within 1km of active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
16. 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).
17. Line cutting shall be reduced where possible. When avoidance is not possible, the operator shall leave vegetation breaks to allow for wildlife movement.
18. The operator shall submit a summary of project activities to Yukon Environment

(Traci.Morgan@yukon.ca, Liard Biologist) at the end of the season. The summary shall include (1) map of Class 1 land disturbance and reclamation activities and (2) wildlife log detailing sheep interactions and mitigations to minimize interaction with sheep.

19. If sheep are observed within the survey area, the operator shall suspend the use of drones in active survey areas until they move off on their own accord.
20. Until the operator contacts the Wildlife Key Area program (wka@yukon.ca) for the location of the mineral licks, the mapped area as identified on the attached map (or as WKA ID 3255 on GeoYukon) shall be used as no-disturbance area. Note: this WKA overlays the entire notification area.
21. The operator shall not carry out project activities during the caribou rutting period (September 15 - October 15).
22. 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.

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 May 20, 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 *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 867-536-7366, fax at 867-536-7842, or email at watson.mining@yukon.ca.

Sincerely,  
Paul Inglis

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Inglis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" and last name "Inglis" clearly legible.

Manager, Mining Land Use

cc  
Environmental Affairs Branch, Environment  
Tourism and Culture  
Teslin Tlingit Council  
BC Kaska  
Ross River Dena Council  
Liard First Nation