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Q2024_0097 By Email

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Dear Heather Burrell,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2024_0097 - Mich Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2024_0097 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:

- 1. The Proponent shall avoid exploration and exploration related activities in wetlands, if avoidance is not possible, the Proponent 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. Please note that, due to the size of the notification area, the preliminary heritage desktop review was limited to proposed camp areas. If the proponent identifies work that involves land-altering activities outside the assessed areas the operator shall contact heritage.review@yukon.ca prior to conducting any land-altering activities, as additional heritage review may be required. At this time no additional land-altering activity shall take place outside the assessed claims, until clearance has been given for heritage values (other than general rock/ soil sampling, prospecting, and LiDAR survey).
- 4. CTFN First Nation Heritage Route #12 is mapped as traversing a portion of the project area. The operator shall not conduct any land altering activities within 30m of the heritage route unless prior approval has been granted by the Manager, Mining Land Use. The operator is encouraged to contact Lee Whalen at the Historic Sites Unit (lee.whalen@yukon.ca) for more information on this historic feature.
- 5. 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.
- 6. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if caribou are observed within 1 km of active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
- 7. Any moose encountered on the claim block shall be given the right-of-way until they move off on their own accord.
- 8. The operator shall not impede any First Nation citizens undergoing traditional pursuits.
- 9. The operator shall communicate plans and timing of activities to the Kwanlin Dun First Nation Development Assessment Specialist, John Pattimore, at john.pattimore@kdfn.ca or 867-633-7800 (ext.117), as well as the Carcross/Tagish First Nation Lands Manager, Frank James, at frank.james@ctfn.ca or 867-821-4251 ext. 8217.
- 10. Upon discovery of a heritage resource the proponent shall notify Kwanlin Dun First Nation and Carcross/Tagish First Nation, in addition to the Government of Yukon, Manager, Mining Lands and the Heritage Branch.
- 11. 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.
- 12. Since claims will be accessed by air, the operator shall review and follow applicable best management practices outlined in the publication "Flying in Caribou Country" (https://yukon.ca/en/flying-caribou-country).
- 13. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
- 14. 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.
- 15. Management of attractants and use of deterrents are effective ways to reduce

- conflict with bears. The Whitehorse Conservation Officer (867-667-8005) should be contacted in the event of ongoing bear presence/habituation at the camp.
- 16. The operator shall submit a summary of project activities to Yukon Environment (Shannon.Stotyn@yukon.ca, Regional Biologist) at the end of the season. The summary shall include (1) maps or shape files of Class 1 land disturbance and reclamation activities and (2) wildlife log detailing wildlife interactions and mitigations to minimize wildlife interaction.
- 17. If active bird nests are discovered, project activities shall be postponed in active nesting area until nesting is completed.
- 18. The operator shall plan flight routes to avoid flying over any observed active raptor nests, or if it cannot be avoided, fly at a minimum of 600 m above ground level when safe to do so.
- 19. The location of active raptor nests identified by the operator shall be reported to Environment Yukon, Wildlife Key Area program (wka@yukon.ca).
- 20. Please note, Schedule 1 Operating Condition #39 "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.
- 21. The operator shall contact Environment Yukon, Wildlife Key Area program (wka@yukon.ca) for information on how to identify mineral licks. If a mineral lick is identified within the project area, the Operator shall report the location of observed mineral licks to Environment Yukon, Wildlife Key Area program and maintain a 100m no-disturbance buffer around the location of the lick.
- 22. The notification area overlaps with a moose late-winter range wildlife key area. 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).
- 23. The operator shall cease activities between September 15th and October 15th, to avoid interfering with the caribou rut.

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 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 *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 867-667-3190, fax at 867-667-5150, or email at whitehorse.mining@yukon.ca.

Sincerely, Paul Inglis

A/Manager, Mining Land Use

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