



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

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Q2024_0227 By Email

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Dear Callum Ryan,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2024_0227 - SAPH Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2024_0227 is valid as of August 16, 2024.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (August 16, 2024 - October 31, 2024) 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. No Class 1 activities shall occur within 1 km of sheep lambing wildlife key areas including WKA IDs 727, 5455, 5482 and 5483, 4614 and 4615 (see attached map with WKA and sheep survey data), between May 1 and June 15.
- Outside of lambing season (May 1 to June 15), the operator shall suspend activities if sheep are observed within active work areas until sheep move away of their own accord.
- Since claims will be accessed by air, the operator shall review and follow applicable best management practices outlined in the publication "Flying in Sheep Country" (https://yukon.ca/en/flying-sheep-country)
- 6. The operator shall submit a summary of project activities to Yukon Environment (Shawn.Taylor@yukon.ca, Kluane 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 sheep interactions and mitigations to minimize interactions
- 7. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1 km of known or observed raptor nests between May 1 and August 31.
- 8. The operator shall not fly unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) within 500 m of a known or observed raptor nest during the nesting period (May 1 August 31).
- 9. The operator shall report observed raptor nest sites to Environment Yukon, Wildlife Key Area program (wka@yukon.ca).
- 10. Since claims will be accessed by air, the operator shall plan flight routes to avoid flying over known or observed raptor nests during the nesting period. If it cannot be avoided, fly at a minimum of 600 m above ground level.
- 11. There is a known mineral lick(s) in the vicinity of the project area. The operator shall contact the Wildlife Key Area program for information on the exact location of mineral lick(s) in the vicinity of the project area. If a mineral lick is identified within the project area, the operator shall maintain a 100m no-disturbance buffer around the location of the mineral lick unless specified in writing from the Manager, Mining Land Use.
- 12. Until the operator contacts the Wildlife Key Area program (wka@yukon.ca) for the location of the mineral lick, the mapped area identified as WKA ID 3298 on the attached map shall be used as no-disturbance area.
- 13. The operator shall suspend all activities if sheep are observed within the mineral lick wildlife key area until they move away voluntarily.
- 14. The operator shall suspend all activities when bison are observed within active work areas until they move away voluntarily.
- 15. Heritage values were not reviewed based on the proposed scope of activities within the notification area. Only previously documented heritage values are provided in the attached map. Other than general rock/soil sampling, prospecting, and airborne survey, no additional land-altering activity shall take place within the project claims, until clearance has been given for heritage values. Should the operator decide to conduct additional work, the operator must apply for an amended work program.
- 16. 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.
- 17. 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.

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 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 *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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