

NOTICE

Designation of Areas for Notification prior to Class 1 mineral exploration programs

The following areas will be designated as areas where notification is required for Class 1 exploration programs, pursuant to the *Quartz Mining Act* and the *Placer Mining Act*.

- the area identified as the South-Western Yukon;
- the area identified as the Watson Lake area;
- the area identified as the Southern Yukon;
- the areas comprised by all Existing Mineral Rights within Category A Settlement Land and all Category B Settlement Land identified in or pursuant to the Yukon First Nation Final Agreements.

The order comes into effect on July 1, 2014. It is important to note the following in respect to application of the order for this season (2014).

For programs that are underway prior to July 1, 2014: Clause 3(2) of **OIC 2014-121** provides that the notification requirement will not apply to Class 1 exploration programs or Class 1 placer land use operation that started field operations before July 1, 2014. These programs can continue without the notification requirement for length of the program, which may not be longer than twelve months in duration. New programs will be subject to the new regime as set out in the following paragraphs.

For programs starting after July 1, 2014: Any Class 1 exploration program or Class 1 placer land use operation initiated on or after July 1, 2014, may only be undertaken if a Class 1 Notification has been filed with the Chief of Mining Land Use and the legislated review process completed such that the program is authorized to proceed.

Should a delay in processing Class 1 Notification affect assessment reporting: Yukon recognizes that introduction of the new Class 1 Notification regime may, in

some instances, present a challenge to mineral claim holders who need to complete work on their claims in the 2014 summer season for assessment purposes.

The Mining Recorder may, pursuant to Sections 42(3) of the *Placer Mining Act* and Section 57(2) of the *Quartz Mining Act*, provide relief in respect of the annual representation of work¹ owing to a restriction or requirement imposed by Part 2 of the relevant statute. For the period of July 1, 2014, until October 1, 2014, if the owner of a mineral claim submits a written application to the relevant Mining Recorder seeking relief due to delays in processing a Class 1 Notification, Mining Recorders will consider the effect the introduction of the new Class 1 Notification regime has had and may provide relief. A Class 1 Notification related to the proposed Class 1 activity must have been submitted for review to the Chief of Mining Lands for relief to be considered.

This above determination will apply to all work occurring in the Ross River and Peel Notification areas for consistency of application. **This will also only apply during 2014.**

Notification will be required for all programs in the designated areas for the 2015 season.

Notification forms are available online at www.emr.gov.yk.ca/mining/mining_land_use.html or from any of the four district

Mining Recorders offices.

For more information, please contact:

Mayo Mining Recorders Office: 867-996-2256

Dawson Mining Recorders Office: 867-993-5343

Watson Lake Mining Recorders Office: 867-536-7366

Whitehorse Mining Recorders Office: 867-667-



¹ Or payment in lieu in the case the *Quartz Mining Act*.