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## ICE COPPER-GOLD PROJECT SECURES KEY YUKON RECOMMENDATION

### Highlights

- The Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (**YESAB**) has delivered a positive recommendation for Vita Resources to advance its exploration application process.
- The recommendation provides for a five-year period of exploration activities at the ICE Project between May 1 and September 30 each year.
- The recommendation includes allowances for:
  - up to 150 diamond drill holes or 15,000m of drilling;
  - up to 1,000m<sup>3</sup> of bulk sampling;
  - camp establishment; and
  - core strategy facility establishment.
- With this recommendation, Vita will commence development of a new five-year Multi-Use Land Access (**MULA**) application aligned with the YESAB decision.

Vita Resources NL (**'Vita Resources'** or the **'Company'**) is pleased to advise that the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (**YESAB**) has conditionally recommended a further five years of exploration activities be granted at the ICE Copper-Gold Project (**ICE Project**) in Canada, subject to the final approval by the Yukon Government's Department of Energy, Mines and Resources (**EMR**) through its standard Minerals Management Branch process.

With the YESAB recommendation, the ICE Project can now move onto the next phase of permitting ahead of Vita's planned exploration activities.

#### **Non-Executive Chairman Gavin Rutherford commented:**

*"The YESAB recommendation represents an important milestone in advancing the next-stage exploration approval for the ICE Project. It provides critical guidance for the Yukon Government in progressing towards a final decision. While the process has been extensive, it was also well balanced in its content with a clear commitment to providing for best-practice environmental and social stewardship. I encourage stakeholders to review the recommendation, which has been included with this announcement."*

### Yukon Recommendation and Permitting Process

YESAB has provided conditional approval for a further five-year exploration programme, enabling on-site activities between May 1 and September 30 each year. The recommendation supports a comprehensive scope of work, including up to 150 diamond holes or up to 15,000m of drilling, bulk sampling up to 1,000m<sup>3</sup> and the establishment of camp and core storage facilities.

Following the YESAB recommendation, the ICE Project will now continue to advance through the standard Yukon permitting process, comprising:

1. ICE Project proposal submitted to YESAB (completed);
2. YESAB assessment (Designated Office or Executive Committee) (completed);
3. Recommendation issued (completed via approval);
4. Decision Body, usually Yukon Government EMR, to issue a Decision Document (under review); and
5. Regulator issues permits (e.g., Land Use Authorisation, Class 3/4 exploration permit, water licence if needed) (post review and assuming approval).

YESAB's recommendation also represents an important step in the Company's ongoing engagement with the Ross River Dena Council (RRDC) in Yukon, including participation in the Tū Łídl'íni Assessment Process (TAP).

The Company's next step will be to develop a new five-year Multi-Use Land Access (MULA) application that aligns with the YESAB recommendation.

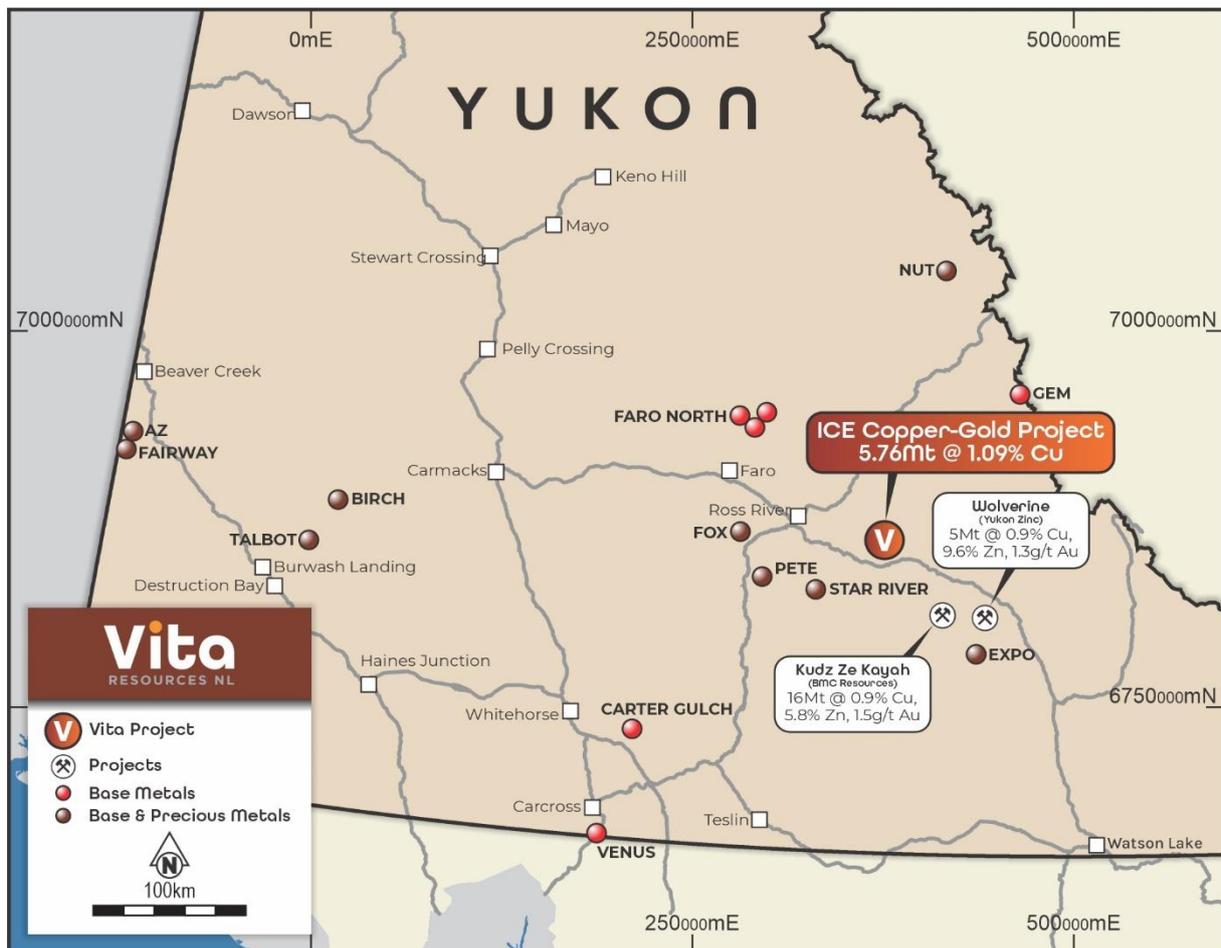


Figure 1: Location map of the ICE Copper-Gold Project in Yukon, Canada

## ICE Project

The ICE Copper-Gold Project contains a JORC Code Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) of 6.43Mt @ 1.07% Cu.

The new JORC Code (2012) re-estimation, announced in June 2025, confirmed the original foreign historical resource tonnage and grade for the ICE Copper-Gold Project. Vita reported indicated resources of 5.76Mt @ 1.09% Cu and inferred resources of 0.67Mt @ 0.83% Cu at a 0.3% cutoff.

The resource covers 115 drill holes, almost entirely <200m deep, with 92% of the resources classified as

indicated. To date, less than 1% of the Project area has been tested, with multiple geochemical and geophysical targets providing potential for discovery of additional mineralisation zones.

Eleven priority targets have been identified, with potential for future discovery of additional zones of VHMS mineralisation near the resource and through the properties.

### **Chile Update**

Additionally, the Company advises it has not renewed leases, with all leases now lapsed, for its Chilean assets which include the Cometa Copper Project, thereby enabling increased focus and evaluation of core projects in Western Australia, Canada and Sweden.

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of the Company.

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## Competent Person Statement

The information in this report that relates to exploration results is based on information compiled by Mr Ray Muskett who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (**AusIMM**). Mr Muskett is a Director of the Company and holds shares in the Company. Mr Muskett has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity currently being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Muskett consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in the announcement that relates to Mineral Resources for ICE is extracted from the ASX Announcement 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025 "6.43 Mt @ 1.07% Cu JORC MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE FOR ICE COPPER-GOLD PROJECT" and is available to view on the Company's website.

The information in this report that references previously reported exploration results is extracted from the Company's ASX market announcements released on the date noted in the body of the text where that reference appears. The previous market announcements are available to view on the Company's website ([www.vitaresources.au](http://www.vitaresources.au)) or on the ASX website ([www.asx.com.au](http://www.asx.com.au)). The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements.

## Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this Announcement, including information as to the future financial or operating performance of Vita and its projects may also include statements which are 'forward-looking statements' that may include, amongst other things, statements regarding targets, estimates and assumptions in respect of mineral reserves and mineral resources and anticipated grades and recovery rates, production and prices, recovery costs and results, capital expenditures and are or may be based on assumptions and estimates related to future technical, economic, market, political, social and other conditions. These 'forward-looking statements' are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by Vita, are inherently subject to significant technical, business, economic, competitive, political and social uncertainties and contingencies and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from estimated or anticipated events or results reflected in such forward-looking statements.

Vita disclaims any intent or obligation to update publicly or release any revisions to any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, circumstances or results or otherwise after the date of this Announcement or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, other than required by the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and the Listing Rules of the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX). The words 'believe', 'expect', 'anticipate', 'indicate', 'contemplate', 'target', 'plan', 'intends', 'continue', 'budget', 'estimate', 'may', 'will', 'schedule' and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements.

All 'forward-looking statements' made in this Announcement are qualified by the foregoing cautionary statements. Investors are cautioned that 'forward-looking statements' are not guarantee of future performance and accordingly investors are cautioned not to put undue reliance on 'forward-looking statements' due to the inherent uncertainty therein.



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### Decision Document

This document meets the decision bodies' requirements as set out in the *Yukon Environmental & Socio-economic Assessment Act*.

#### Decision Bodies for this Project

Yukon government

### Project

**Project Name** Quartz Exploration - Ice Project **YESAB File** 2024-0207

**Proponent Name** Bastion Minerals Ltd.

#### Project Description

##### Project Summary

The Proponent is proposing a heli-supported quartz mineral exploration program on 54 claims on the Ice Project, located north of the Robert Campbell Highway, approximately 60 km east of Ross River. The Ice Project, located in southeastern Yukon, will be accessed via helicopter from a staging location along the Robert Campbell Highway. The Project is within the Territories of the Ross River Dena Council and the Liard First Nation. Activities including drilling, core storage, down-hole geophysical surveying, sampling, access construction and use, clearing, helicopter use, establishment of a camp, water use, fuel storage, waste management, and reclamation will occur seasonally from May 1 through September 30, annually for five years.

##### Project Activities

###### Access

- Helicopter Access
  - o Access flights
    - Between the staging area and claims
    - Up to 20 flights/day during mobilization and demobilization
  - o Flights for exploration activities (within the claims)
  - Daily transport of crews to worksites, drill moves, move equipment, fuel and supplies
  - Up to 14 flights/day
  - o A maximum of 8 flight hours per day
  - o Use of only one helicopter at any given time
  - o Maintain 300 m altitude whenever weather conditions permit
  - o Helicopters will avoid any visible wildlife
- Ground Access
  - o If viable, use of existing on-claim roads (3 200 m)
  - Brushing/clearing of roads required prior to use
  - For use by ATVs and a side-by-side
  - o No new trails, temporary trails or roads constructed
  - o No off-claim road or trail use

###### Clearing (19 831 m<sup>2</sup>)

- Drill sites (6 699 m<sup>2</sup>)
  - o Total of 22 drill pad clearings, up to 300 m<sup>2</sup> each (6 600 m<sup>2</sup>)
  - Up to 300 m<sup>2</sup> trees and brush removed (6 600 m<sup>2</sup>)
  - Up to 200 m<sup>2</sup> vegetative mat removed (4 400 m<sup>2</sup>)
  - o Up to 99 m<sup>2</sup> for all sumps

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- o Up to 8 new clearings/claim

Areas with greater slope will require pad building for stability removing the vegetative mat

Drill sites on slopes utilizing timber platforms up to 4.9 x 6.1 m (16' x 20')

- Helicopter pads (11 132 m<sup>2</sup>)
  - o Clearing of 23 helicopter pads, up to 484 m<sup>2</sup> each (23 x 22 m)
- One in camp and 22 at drill sites
- Camp (1 000 m<sup>2</sup>)
  - o 150 m<sup>2</sup> vegetative mat removal
- Core storage area (1 000 m<sup>2</sup>)
- Timber cut and spread over access routes
- No clearing within 30 m of a waterbody

### Drilling

- Diamond drilling: up to 150 holes; total length 15 000 m
  - o Drill equipment transported by helicopter
  - o Use of up to two drills
  - o Drill products used: rod grease, linseed soap, bentonite
- All drill holes will be plugged in bedrock and cemented above the plug
- Double sump system (total 90 m<sup>3</sup> per drill site)
  - o Each sump of the double sump system will be 1.5 x 1.5 x 2 m deep
  - o Fenced off to prevent wildlife entrapment
  - o Sumps dug using a mini excavator
- No drilling within 30 m of a waterbody
- No drilling during spring freshet
- Water bars, berms, logs and spill socks used to direct water to sumps
- If caribou observed, work stops until the animal has left on its own accord

### Bulk Sampling (core storage/sampling)

- Up to 1 000 m<sup>3</sup> total
- Core stored in core racks with tin roofs
- Core stored > 30 m from a waterbody

### Drone Use

- Up to 8 days including mobilization and demobilization
- LiDAR surface mapping target area

### Water Use

- Up to 130.8 m<sup>3</sup>/day for drilling (2 drills at up to 65.4 m<sup>3</sup>/day each; camp up to 3 m<sup>3</sup>/day)
- Sourced from unnamed creek ~1 km away, or unnamed lake ~2.8 km away
- Water intakes will be screened
  - Fuel barrel and water pump placed in a bermed area above high-water level; pump sites inspected regularly

### Camp (up to 26 people)

- Consists of wall tents and log frame structures
- Generator for electricity
- Entire camp surrounded by solar powered electric fence
- Camp >30 m from the nearest waterbody
- Seasonal shut-down

### Waste Management

- Pit privies (2); Dug using a mini excavator
- All camp and kitchen waste will be flown out on a regular basis
- All garbage will be stored in an animal proof enclosure until it can be removed from the site
- All garbage, waste, appliances, scrap steel, plastic, wire, rubber hoses, empty barrels and other non-burnables will be flown out of site

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- Greywater sump (fenced and covered)
- Wood structures may be burned when forest fire hazard is low
- No burning of waste

### Heavy Equipment Use

### Fuel Storage and Use

- Up to 3 895 L of fuels stored within project area at any given time
  - o Up to 19 x 205 L drums
- Up to 20 050 L of fuel used per year
  - o Up to 8 200 L of Jet-A, 8 200 L of diesel, 2 050 L gasoline, 1 600 L propane
- All fuel stored in 205 L drums except propane, stored in 100 lb cylinders
- Jerry cans, transported in Rubbermaid totes, used to transport fuel to drill sites approx. 200 m from camp, and not within 300 m of any waterbody
- Up to 25 round-trip flights required to transport fuel to site by helicopter capable of moving up to 4 drums/trip
- All full 205 L fuel drums and jerry cans used on the project will be stored in secondary containment berms
  - Empty drums placed on a plastic liner
  - Fuel stored > 800 m from nearest waterbody/course
  - Spill response plan in place and spill kits readily available
  - All fuel removed at end of each season, including any empty drums and cylinders

### Progressive and Final Reclamation

- Drill sites, roads and other disturbances will be progressively reclaimed during each field season
  - o Roads decommissioned and refurbished with natural vegetation when no longer needed
  - o Drill and timber pad removed from drill sites, sites inspected and organic matter spread
- At end of program, all artificial materials removed and organic debris distributed over exposed soil and eroded areas to promote natural revegetation
- Final removal and decommissioning of camp structures when exploration is complete

### Other

- Bear deterrents will be available and used
- No project activities within 30 m of a waterbody or high water mark except water withdrawal

## Decision Bodies for this Project

**Consolidated Decision**

Not Applicable

## First Nations Consultation

Liard First Nation

Ross River Dena Council

### A. Consultation under YESAA section 74

Yes

Liard First Nation (LFN): Mineral Resources Branch (MRB) initiated consultation by emailing a consultation letter to LFN on July 25, 2025. MRB did not receive a response; however, LFN submitted comments to the YESAB online registry (YOR) August 22, 2025. On November 10, 2025, the Evaluation Report (ER) was posted to the YOR. MRB reviewed the ER and provided LFN with a draft Decision Document (DD) on November 19, 2025, with a comment deadline of December 3, 2025. An extension was granted by MRB to December 17, 2025. LFN provided comments on December 17, 2025. MRB reviewed the comments and provided a response concluding consultation.

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Kwadacha Nation (KN): Mineral Resources Branch (MRB) initiated consultation by emailing a consultation letter to KN on July 25, 2025. MRB did not receive a response. KN did not post comments to the YESAB Online Registry (YOR). On November 10, 2025, the Evaluation Report (ER) was posted to the YOR. MRB reviewed the ER and provided a draft Decision Document (DD) to KN on November 19, 2025, with a comment deadline of December 3, 2025. No comments were received and consultation was concluded.

Dease River First Nation (DRFN): Mineral Resources Branch (MRB) initiated consultation by emailing a consultation letter to DRFN on July 25, 2025. MRB did not receive a response. DRFN did not post comments to the YESAB Online Registry (YOR). On November 10, 2025, the Evaluation Report (ER) was posted to the YOR. MRB reviewed the ER and provided a draft Decision Document (DD) to DRFN on November 19, 2025, with a comment deadline of December 3, 2025. No comments were received and consultation was concluded.

### B. First Nations Consultation - General

#### YESAB Recommendation

Under s. 56(1)(b) of the *Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act*, the Watson Lake Designated Office Designated Office recommends to the Decision Bodies that the Project be allowed to proceed, subject to specified terms and conditions. The Designated Office determined that the Project will have significant adverse environmental and socio-economic effects in or outside Yukon that can be mitigated by those terms and conditions.

#### Decision

Pursuant to section 75 and 80, the Yukon government has considered the assessment of this project and:

- Accepts the recommendation and the terms and conditions as follows:
- Rejects the recommendation and the terms and conditions as follows for the reason(s) specified:
- Varies the recommendation and the terms and conditions as follows for the reason(s) specified:

#### Rationale for Decision

After giving full and fair consideration to the Evaluation Report and supporting information, including the scientific information, traditional knowledge and other information provided with the recommendation contained in the Evaluation Report, the Decision Body varies the recommendation and the terms and conditions of the Watson Lake Designated Office.

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1	<p>YESAB: The Proponent shall take all reasonable 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 the exploration activities are complete. The Proponent shall provide the location and photos of the reclaimed area as well as conduct annual monitoring for the effectiveness of the lichen mat replacement and re-establishment. Monitoring efforts shall determine if lichen is dying off or if re-establishment and growth is occurring. All of this information, including any alternative measures applied to ensure re-establishment success of lichen, shall be included annually to the Manager of Mining Lands in the post-season report.</p>	Agree	--
2	<p>YESAB: Drill holes shall be plugged to prevent seepage and wildlife entrapment as soon as no longer required and sumps shall be decommissioned or on or before September 30 of each operating year.</p>	Agree	--
3	<p>YESAB: Except for emergency or safety reasons, flights shall abide by the guidance found in the Flying in Caribou Country document, including but not limited to: a. At all times of year, maintain over-flight altitudes at least 300 m (1 000 ft) above ground level (AGL); b. During sensitive times of the year, maintain over-flight altitudes at least 600 m (2 000 ft) AGL. This window will be extended as necessary based on seasonal caribou presence; c. Avoid flying over areas where you have seen caribou in the past; and d. Avoid flying or alter your flight path to avoid areas important to caribou, especially during sensitive times of the year.</p> <p>NEW Term: Except for emergency or safety reasons, helicopter flights shall follow the guidance outlined in Flying in Caribou Country (<a href="https://yukon.ca/sites/default/files/env/env-flying-caribou-country.pdf">https://yukon.ca/sites/default/files/env/env-flying-caribou-country.pdf</a>).</p>	Change	Term varied to provide clarity, guidance to be followed is provided in detail within the guidance document.
4	<p>YESAB: Prior to commencing any active planned work the Proponent shall contact the Regional Biologist to obtain updated information on caribou locations, if available. If caribou are present within 1 km of the active work area during these times, helicopter supported exploration activities shall cease until the caribou have left the area.</p> <p>NEW Term: Activities shall cease if ungulates are observed from the active work areas until the animals have moved away on their own accord.</p>	Change	Term varied so that mining activities are required to cease when ungulates are observable from active work areas. Helicopter activity in caribou habitat is addressed in term 3. These terms work together to reduce disturbances to caribou from human presence.
5	<p>YESAB: The Proponent shall cease work when moose are observed on active claim blocks until the moose move off on their own accord.</p>	Remove	Term removed as term 4 speaks to the requirement to cease work when ungulates are observable.

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6	<p>YESAB: The Proponent shall avoid vegetation clearing, brushing and habitat alteration or disturbance between May 1 and August 31. If these activities are to occur during the general nesting period, the Proponent shall have an experienced observer conduct pre-disturbance nesting surveys following the guidance in Environment and Climate Change Canada's Guidelines to Avoid Harm to Migratory Birds.</p> <p>NEW Term: The Proponent shall avoid conducting land-clearing activities during the typical bird-nesting period for Yukon (May 1 to August 31). If avoidance is not possible, the Proponent shall conduct a non-intrusive search for bird nests prior to clearing activities taking place. If active bird nests are discovered, project activities shall be postponed in the nesting area until nesting is completed.</p>	Change	Term varied to allow the Proponent to determine who conducts the nest survey. Migratory birds are protected under the Migratory Birds Convention Act.
7	<p>YESAB: The Proponent shall contact the Liard Regional Biologist for information on locations of raptor nests within the project site and flight paths, as well as appropriate setback distances from raptor nests, prior to conducting any project activities.</p> <p>NEW Term: The Proponent shall maintain a 50 m no-disturbance buffer around known and observed raptor nests from April 1 to September 30. If two or more nests are within 100 m of each other, they shall be considered as one nest site and a 50 m buffer applied around the whole area. The Proponent shall make best efforts to avoid islanding raptor nests, maintaining connectivity to the forest from nest sites. The Proponent shall contact the Wildlife Key Area (WKA) program (<a href="mailto:wka@yukon.ca">wka@yukon.ca</a>) for information on known raptor nests within the project area, and shall report any observed nests to the WKA program.</p>	Change	Term varied to align with raptor nesting period (April 1–September 30), contact direction (WKA program) and removed "flight paths" as flying over raptor nests are addressed in Term 8.
8	<p>YESAB: The Proponent shall, when safe to do so, avoid flying over raptor nesting sites and avoid approaching cliff nests from behind.</p>	Agree	--

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9	<p>YESAB: Prior to conducting activities in collared pika habitat (e.g. talus slopes), the Proponent shall conduct pre-activity pika surveys. If collared pika are observed or their habitat identified, a 100 m no-disturbance buffer shall be established around the location. If work is required within the 100 m no-disturbance buffer, the Proponent shall contact the Regional Biologist or the Yukon Conservation Data Centre for advice on appropriate mitigation including appropriate set back distances.</p> <p>NEW Term: The Proponent shall conduct pre-activity surveys for Collared Pika and Collared Pika habitat (e.g. talus slopes) prior to ground disturbing activities, within the work site area, in accordance with YG's Protocol for detecting Collared Pika, <a href="https://yukon.ca/sites/default/files/env/env-protocol-detecting-collared-pika.pdf">https://yukon.ca/sites/default/files/env/env-protocol-detecting-collared-pika.pdf</a>. If Collared Pika are identified during the survey the Proponent shall maintain a 30m buffer around the area. The Proponent should report sightings of Collared Pika to the Yukon Conservation Data Centre (<a href="mailto:yukoncdc@yukon.ca">yukoncdc@yukon.ca</a>).</p>	Change	Term varied to provide guidance for the Proponent to conduct surveys for Collared Pika before conducting ground disturbing activities in identified habitat areas and to improve enforceability by implementing a consistent buffer for areas of identified Pika.
10	<p>YESAB: Each year prior to the commencement of exploration activities, the Proponent shall communicate plans and timing of activities to the Ross River Dena Council and the Liard First Nation at least 30 days prior to each field season and shall work with First Nations to identify potential land use conflicts. The Proponent shall make efforts to resolve potential land use conflicts and provide a report to the Manager of Mining Lands on efforts to resolve potential land use conflicts annually.</p> <p>NEW Term: At least thirty (30) days prior to each field season, the Proponent shall communicate plans and timing of activities, including details of progressive reclamation planned for each season, to the Ross River Dena Council and the Liard First Nation and other land users (e.g. outfitters, trappers, tour guides etc.). The Proponent shall work with these First Nation governments to identify potential land use conflicts arising from these activities. The Proponent shall make best efforts to resolve identified conflicts. In addition, the Proponent shall invite affected First Nations to participate in site visits. The Proponent shall provide all records of communications (e.g. emails, letters, meetings, discussions) on plans and timing of activities to the Manager, Mining Land use upon request.</p>	Change	Term varied for clarity purposes, emphasizing conflicts arising from project activities, invitations for site visits, and types of records to keep and share with Mining Lands.

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11	<p>YESAB: The Proponent shall offer and make every effort to meet with the Ross River Dena Council and the Liard First Nation and representatives to provide an update of the program activities prior to the start and end of each exploration season.</p> <p>NEW Term: The Proponent should offer and make reasonable effort to meet with the Ross River Dena Council and the Liard First Nation and representatives to provide an update of the program activities prior to the start and end of each exploration season.</p>	Change	Term varied as term 10 requires contact prior to each field season to identify and resolve conflicts. Offering to meet outside of this requirement is a best practice but not required as a mitigation.
12	YESAB: The Proponent shall make arrangements and provide opportunities for site visits by the Ross River Dena Council and Liard First Nation prior to the start of each field season.	Agree	--
13	YESAB: The Proponent shall provide community open houses for First Nations' citizens to be informed about the Project.	Remove	Term removed as contact between the company and affected First Nations is addressed in term 10. It is anticipated that community meetings can be discussed and arranged at this time.
14	YESAB: The Proponent shall document and provide a report to the Manager of Mining Lands on the company's efforts to engage and meet with the First Nations by December 30 of each year.	Remove	Term remove and combined with Term 10
15	YESAB: The Proponent shall provide pre- and post-season reports of its annual exploration activities to the Ross River Dena Council and the Liard First Nation.	Agree	--
16	<p>YESAB: A heritage resources overview assessment shall be completed in advance of land altering activities. Areas with elevated potential for the presence of archaeological or historic sites shall be avoided until such time as a heritage resources impact assessment can be completed.</p> <p>NEW Term: A heritage resources overview assessment (HROA) shall be completed in advance of land altering activities. Ross River Dena Council and Liard First Nation shall be invited to participate in the HROA. Areas with elevated potential for the presence of archaeological or historic sites shall be avoided until such time as heritage resources impact assessment can be completed.</p>	Change	Term varied to include affected First Nation when conducting HROA.
17	YESAB: A heritage resources impact assessment shall be completed in advance of land altering activities in areas with elevated potential for the presence of archaeological or historic sites.	Agree	--

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18	<p>YESAB: Upon discovery of a heritage resource, including those as defined by YESAA, the Proponent shall notify the Ross River Dena Council and Liard First Nation in addition to the Government of Yukon. Notification shall occur prior to collecting or moving the resource.</p> <p>NEW Term: Upon discovery of a heritage resource, the Proponent shall notify the Heritage Department of Ross River Dena Council and Liard River First Nation in addition to the Government of Yukon, Manager, Mining Land Use and Yukon Heritage Resources Unit. A no-disturbance buffer of 30m shall be established around known and discovered heritage resources (i.e. historic/archaeological or human remains), unless otherwise directed in writing from the Manager, Mining Land Use.</p>	Change	Term varied to provide clarity on who to contact if a heritage resource is discovered, as well as how to treat discovered and known heritage sites within the project area.
19	<p>YESAB: When withdrawing water from the creek, water withdrawal shall not exceed 10% of the creek flow at the time of withdrawal.</p>	Agree	--
20	<p>YESAB: Prior to withdrawing water from the lake, the Proponent shall consult with the Liard Regional Biologist for direction regarding environmentally sustainable practices when withdrawing water from this source. The Proponent shall implement these practices when withdrawing water from the lake.</p> <p>NEW Term: The Proponent shall follow any additional measures for water withdrawal from lakes as included in a Mining Land Use Approval by the Chief of Mining Land Use.</p>	Change	Term varied to allow the Chief of Mining Land Use to determine and include specific measures addressing water withdrawal from lakes directly into the approval to ensure enforceability.
21	<p>YESAB: The Proponent shall remove any foreign material, including soils and vegetation, from equipment prior to moving it into the project area.</p>	Remove	Term removed as equipment cleaning is addressed in term 22.

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22	<p>YESAB: The Proponent shall conduct routine plant surveys (on-claim) to confirm whether invasive species listed on Yukon Invasive Species Council website are present at the project location. If invasive plants are observed during plant surveys, the Proponent shall implement management options to remove and address the spread of invasive species within the project location. The Yukon Invasive Species Council should be contacted for guidance on the removal and disposal of invasive species. Cleaning of equipment and tools shall be carried out when moving from areas where invasive plants have been recorded to other areas. Information on invasive species and how to identify them can be found here:  <a href="https://www.yukoninvasives.com/index.php/en/invasive-species/plants">https://www.yukoninvasives.com/index.php/en/invasive-species/plants</a>.</p> <p>NEW Term: The Proponent shall familiarize themselves with the types and management of invasive species in Yukon. Refer to the Yukon Invasive Species Council (YISC) document "Why Should I Care About Invasive Species?" for guidance, found at the following link:  <a href="http://www.yukoninvasives.com/pdf_docs/WhyshouldIcare2011_sm.pdf">http://www.yukoninvasives.com/pdf_docs/WhyshouldIcare2011_sm.pdf</a>                      f. All equipment, including heavy machinery and hand-tools, shall be cleaned of foreign soil and plant material prior to moving it onto the project property or to a new site within the property. Cleaning shall pay attention to high seed and soil catchment areas such as tracks and wheel wells.</p>	Change	Term varied as there is no legislative requirement to conduct invasive species surveys. However, YG is supportive of these efforts. The Proponent shall be familiar with invasive species in their project area. Tools and equipment shall be cleaned before being brought to site or being moved from site to site, regardless of invasive species being discovered.
23	<p>NEW Term: The Proponent must ensure all water intake pumps are fitted with fish screens in accordance with DFO's interim code of practice for end-of-pipe fish protection screens for small water intakes in freshwater <a href="https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/codes/screenecran-eng.html">https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/codes/screenecran-eng.html</a>.</p>	Add	Term added to reduce effects to fish from water withdrawal.

### Date

**Project Recommendation**

2025-11-10

### Recommendation Received From

Designated Office - Watson Lake Designated Office

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### Authority

By signing below, the Yukon government has exercised its authority as per YESAA section 75 to issue a decision document on this project.

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### Distribution

<b>Project Proponent</b>	Yes
<b>Other Decision Bodies</b>	No
<b>Major Projects Yukon, Executive</b>	Yes
<b>YESAB Designated Office</b>	Yes
<b>YESAB Executive Committee</b>	No
<b>Yukon Surface Rights Board</b>	No
<b>Yukon Water Board</b>	No
<b>Land Use Planning Commission</b>	
<b>Independent Regulatory Agency</b>	
<b>Other Body/Person as Required</b>	