



Yukon Environmental & Socio-economic Assessment Act Decision Document

This document meets the Yukon government's requirements as a Decision Body as set out in the Yukon Environmental & Socio-economic Assessment Act.

Decision Document Issued By:

YG Decision Body:	EMR Mineral Resources
Federal Decision Body(ies):	[where applicable]
First Nation Decision Body(ies):	[where applicable]

Project:

Project Name:	Ross Mining Placer Land Use	YESAA File Number: 2010-0004
Proponent Name:	Ross Mining Ltd. /Price Waterhouse Coopers LLC	

Project Scope

The principal activity is a Class 4 placer mining program along Dominion Creek, a tributary to the Indian River. The proposed project is on 415 claims and located approximately 70km south of Dawson City, within the Klondike Goldfields. Activities are proposed to occur between March and November annually for the next 3 years.

Principal Activities

- The use of heavy machinery
- Trenching
- Drilling
- Mechanical stripping (up to 1,200,000m³/year)
- Establishment of corridors
- Stockpiling overburden
- Reclamation & decommissioning activities

Accessory Activities

- Upgrading and use of existing roads and trails
- Constructing new roads and trails within claim block
- Storage and handling of fuel Diesel - 330,750L, Gasoline - 800L, Propane - 1000lbs
- Wastes to be disposed of at Dawson Landfill
- Use of existing camp facility (30 man camp)

Other Decision Bodies:

Other Decision Body Consultation:	▪ [list decision bodies consulted where applicable]
Consolidated Decision Document:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes ▪ [list decision bodies consolidated with where applicable]



Non-Self Governing First Nations:

Non-Self Governing First Nation Consultation:	▪ [list First Nation consulted where applicable]
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Decision

Pursuant to ss.75, 76 and 80, the Yukon government has considered the YESAA Assessment and:

<input type="checkbox"/>	a) Accepts the following recommendation(s):
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<input type="checkbox"/>	b) Rejects the following recommendation(s) as follows for the reason(s) specified:
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	c) Varies the following recommendation(s) as follows for the reason(s) specified:
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YG varies the following:

1. Any heritage resources located by the applicant while working within Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in traditional territory shall be reported to the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Heritage Department at 993-7100. Similarly, heritage resources located within Nacho Nyak Dun traditional territory shall be reported to the Nacho Nyak Dun Heritage Department at 996-2265. Information regarding the location of these resources should include, for example, GPS coordinates and descriptive location, photographs, etc.

Justification:

The project takes place on Commissioner's land and falls within the mandate of Government of Yukon for heritage resources. The First Nations Heritage Departments are the lead department for heritage issues on Category A or Category B settlement lands.

Replaced with:

Any heritage resources located by the proponent should be reported to the Chief of Mining Land Use.

YG varies the following:

2. If new clearing is proposed during the breeding period (May 1-July31), pre-clearing surveys should be conducted for nesting birds.

3. If any SARA or COSEWIC listed species are found to be present; evidenced by active nests (incl. tree cavities a 10-metre vegetation buffer zone should be maintained around nests.

Justification:

The proponent by law is required to follow the Species at Risk Act and the Migratory Bird Regulations. No analysis has been provided showing that a 10m buffer zone will mitigate any significant and adverse effects on active nests.

Replaced with:

The proponent and planners shall exhibit due diligence with regard to their responsibility under the Species at Risk Act, specifically Sections 33, 36 and 73, and the Migratory Bird Regulations, specifically section 6, which contain general prohibitions against the disturbance and destruction of habitat and residences of birds and other wildlife.



Dates

Project Recommendation Issued: March 01, 2010	Decision Document Issued: March 12, 2010
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Recommendation Received From:

		Location:
Designated Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dawson City
Executive Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Panel	<input type="checkbox"/>	a) Panel of the YESAB
	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) CEEA Panel
	<input type="checkbox"/>	c) Joint Panel (YESAB and other assessment body)

Authorization

By signing below, the Yukon government has exercised its authority as per YESAA s. 75 or s. 76 to issue a decision document on this project.

Name: Kellie Emon Position: A/Director, Mineral Resources
 Signature: *Kellie Emon* Date: March 12, 2010

Copies Forwarded to (as required by YESAA):

- Other Decision Bodies [list] _____
- Project Proponent [name] Ross Mining Ltd./ Price Waterhouse Coopers LLC
- DAP Branch, Executive Council Office _____
- YESAB Designated Office [location] Dawson City
- YESAB Executive Committee [when applicable] _____
- Minister Environment (Canada) [when applicable] _____
- Yukon Surface Rights Board [when applicable] _____
- Yukon Water Board [when applicable] _____
- Land Use Planning Commission: [when applicable] _____
- Independent Regulatory Agency [when applicable] _____
- Other Body/Person as Required [List] _____