



YUKON WATER BOARD

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**Yukon Environmental & Socio-economic Assessment Act** *Am09-652*  
**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:**

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

**Project:**

<b>Project Name:</b>	Placer Mine at Chief Gulch	<b>YESA File Number: 2009-0185</b>
<b>Proponent Name:</b>	Erich Rauguth	

**Project Scope**

The principal activity is a placer mining operation on Chief Gulch, a tributary to Eldorado Creek, within the Klondike River Watershed. The proposed project encompasses 114 claims; 7 to be mined in the immediate future and the remaining 107 for exploration purposes. These claims are located 26 km south of Dawson City. Activities are proposed to occur between March and November over the next 10 years.

**Principal Activities**

- Use of heavy machinery for obtaining water, stripping and stockpiling
- Permanent diversion of creek (1250 m)
- Processing of up to 6,000 m<sup>3</sup>/year of material
- Mechanical stripping of up to 1,338 m<sup>3</sup>/year
- Water use of approximately 3,200m<sup>3</sup>/year
- Reclamation of mined area during and upon project completion

**Accessory Activities**

- Use of existing roads and trails
- Use of existing ford
- Out of stream reservoirs and settling ponds
- Storage of approximately 2,900 litres of diesel fuel
- Wastes to be disposed of/recycled in Dawson City landfill
- Rock pit for grey water drainage
- Camp for up to 4 persons

**Other Decision Bodies:**

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



**Non-Self Governing First Nations:**

<b>Non-Self Governing First Nation Consultation:</b>	▪ [list decision bodies 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:

**YG accepts the following:**

2. The proponent shall attempt to avoid impacting historic era mining artefacts and equipment that are known to be located on Claim 37619. If impacts cannot be avoided, the proponent is advised to contact Heritage Resources Unit, Government of Yukon at 867-667-8258 or 867-456-6102.

***Note:** Schedule 1 of the Placer Mining Land Use Regulation (Placer Operating Conditions) requires that "Operations must not be carried out within 30m of a known archaeological or palaeontological site unless the Chief indicates, in writing that such activities may be carried out". This is a regulatory requirement.*

**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.

**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.



**Dates**

<b>Project Recommendation Issued:</b> December 17, 2009	<b>Decision Document Issued:</b> January 12, 2010
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**Recommendation Received From:**

Designated Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Location: Dawson City
Executive Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Panel	<input type="checkbox"/>	a) Panel of the YESAB
	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) CEAA 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: <b>Robert Holmes</b>	Position: <b>Director, Mineral Resources</b>
Signature:	Date: <b>January 12, 2010</b>

**Copies Forwarded to (as required by YESAA):**

- Other Decision Bodies [list] \_\_\_\_\_
- Project Proponent [name] Erich Rauguth
- 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] \_\_\_\_\_