



**Yukon Environmental & Socio-economic Assessment Act  
Decision Document**

This document meets the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and 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>	Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in

**Project:**

<b>Project Name:</b>	Mining on American Hill Gulch	<b>YESA File Number:</b> 2009-0197
<b>Proponent Name:</b>	Doug Jackson	

**Project Scope**

The principal activity is a placer mining program along American Hill Gulch, a bench above Bonanza Creek, within the Klondike River watershed. The proposed project is on 5 (five) claims and located 18 km south of Dawson City. Activities are proposed to occur between March and November over the next 10 years.

**Principal Activities Include:**

- Use of heavy machinery for obtaining water, hydraulic and mechanical stripping, material processing and reclamation activities.
- Hydraulic stripping of up to 10,000 m<sup>3</sup>/year
- Mechanical stripping of up to 50,000 m<sup>3</sup> /year
- Processing of up to 38,300 m<sup>3</sup>/year of material
- Water use of approximately 4940 m<sup>3</sup>/day from Bonanza Creek (recycled when possible)
- Out of stream reservoirs, settling ponds and weir
- Reclamation of mined area during and upon project completion

**Accessory Activities Include:**

- Use of existing roads and trails
- Use of Fuel (no storage)
- Wastes to be disposed of/recycled in a landfill
- Use of existing cabin for camp for up to 2 persons
- Kitchen waste burned



**Other Decision Bodies:**

<b>Other Decision Body Consultation:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in</li> </ul>
<b>Consolidated Decision Document:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in</li> </ul>

**Non-Self Governing First Nations:**

<b>Non-Self Governing First Nation Consultation:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ [list First Nation consulted where applicable]</li> </ul>
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**Decision**

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

- a) Accepts the following recommendation(s):
1. Wherever possible, the proponent shall restrict the use of heavy equipment to active mining areas and to designated access routes.
  2. The proponent shall make best efforts to avoid the disruption of areas in a state of reclamation from previous mining operations.

**Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Note:**

The proponent has committed to a variety of mitigations for this project. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and other regulatory authorities will need to incorporate these terms and conditions into the Mining Land Use Approval, Water Licence and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Land Use Permit.

- b) Rejects the following recommendation(s) as follows for the reason(s) specified:
- c) Varies the following recommendation(s) as follows for the reason(s) specified:

**Dates**

<b>Project Recommendation Issued:</b>	<b>Decision Document Issued:</b>
December 31, 2009	January 29, 2010

**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) CEAA Panel
	<input type="checkbox"/>	c) Joint Panel (YESAB and other assessment body)



**Authorization**

By signing below, the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and Yukon governments have exercised their 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: <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Date: <b>January 29, 2010</b>

Name: <b>Darren Taylor</b>	Position: <b>Director, Natural Resources</b>
Signature: <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Date: <b>January 29, 2010</b>

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

- Other Decision Bodies [list] \_\_\_\_\_
- Project Proponent [name] Doug Jackson
- 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] \_\_\_\_\_