

**Yukon Environmental & Socioeconomic Assessment Act  
Decision Document**

This document meets the Yukon government's requirements as a Decision Body as set out in the *Yukon Environmental & Socioeconomic Assessment Act*

**Decision Document Issued By**

<b>YG Decision Body:</b>	Territorial Minister, as authorized under section 7, to Land Use Manager, Energy Mines and Resources, Land Management Branch
<b>Federal Decision Body(ies):</b>	
<b>First Nation Decision Body(ies):</b>	

**Project**

<b>Project Name :</b> Henderson Creek Road Upgrade	<b>YESAA File Number</b> 2009-0218
<b>Proponent Name:</b>	H.C. Mining Ltd.
<b>Project Description:</b> The principal purpose of the proposed project is to construct approximately 3 km of road near Emaline Creek (Land Use Permit and Mining Land Use Permit). Switchback sections in the Henderson Dome area are projected to be rerouted and a burned section of road on Henderson Ridge is to be cleaned up and restored. Project activities are proposed to commence in March of 2010 and be completed by October 2010. Principal Activities include use of heavy equipment for the purposes of clearing, grading roads, ditching, road work, and hauling gravel and materials. Further, trees will be burned, buried, or limbed/bucked and dispersed. Accessory Activities include the storage of 77,280 liters of diesel and 800 liters of gasoline, and the set up of new camp at junction of Emaline and North Henderson Creeks.	

**Other Decision Bodies**

<b>Other Decision Body Consultation:</b>	
<b>Consolidated Decision Document:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <i>[list the decision bodies whose decision documents were consolidated, where applicable]</i>

**Non-Self Governing First Nations**

<b>Non-self governing First Nation Consultation:</b>	<i>[list First Nation consulted, where applicable]</i>
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## Decision

Pursuant to YESAA s. 75, 76 and 80, the Yukon government has considered the assessment of this project and:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	a) Yukon government accepts the following recommendation (inserted below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	b) Yukon government rejects the following recommendation for the following reason(s):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>c) Yukon government varies the recommendation (inserted below) by changing the following term(s) and condition(s) for the reason(s) specified:</p> <p><b>Varied Sections:</b></p> <p>2. The proponent shall reclaim and decommission sections of existing road proposed for realignment.</p> <p>Rational: The proponent cannot be held responsible for reclaiming public roads.</p> <p>Replaced by:</p> <p>The Proponent shall decommission sections of existing road proposed for alignment.</p> <p><b>Unchanged Sections:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wherever possible, the proponent shall restrict the use of heavy equipment to areas of road development and road re-routing as proposed in this project.</li> <li>3. The proponent shall ground truth all work sites with the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources – Client Services and Inspection.</li> <li>4. The proponent shall safely store all scrap metals on the operation site while the operation is being carried out in accordance with the Solid Waste Regulation</li> <li>5. The proponent shall perform a daily routine check of all equipment to inspect for leaks or spills in order to avoid contamination of the surrounding environment</li> </ol> <p><b>Added Sections:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. The Proponent shall report any incidences involving wildlife to the District Conservation Officer in Dawson (993-5492).</li> <li>7. The proponent shall ensure effective temporary and permanent erosion and sediment control measures are implemented on disturbed areas before, during and after road construction and road maintenance activities to prevent erosion and sedimentation.</li> <li>8. Upon completion of the works, re-contour and stabilize disturbed work site areas to prevent erosion and surface runoff from carrying sediment into watercourses.</li> <li>9. Sufficient spill clean-up equipment and material should be on site in readiness to</li> </ol>

	<p>immediately clean-up all petroleum which may be spilled. Any vehicle transporting fuel to site should also carry a spill kit. In the case of a spill, the Yukon Spill Report Center should be contacted at (867) 667-7244.</p> <p>10. Avoid activities within 1 km of a known raptor nest where possible.</p> <p>Rationale: These standard mitigation measures were submitted as part of our assessment comments to the Dawson YESAB DO. They have been added to ensure possible socio-economic and environmental effects can be mitigated effectively.</p>

**Dates**

<b>Project Recommendation Issued:</b> January 29, 2010	<b>Decision Document Issued:</b> February 9, 2010
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**Recommendation Received From**

Designated Office	<input type="checkbox"/>	Location: Dawson
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)

**Authority**

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: Marg White

Position: Land Use Manager

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original signed by [Delegated YG Decision Body]

**Copies Forwarded to (as required by YESAA s. 81)):**

- Other Decision Bodies [list] \_\_\_\_\_
- Project Proponent Yukon Electrical Company
- DAP Branch, Executive Council Office
- YESAB Designated Office Dawson
- 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] \_\_\_\_\_