

YUKON WATER BOARD REASONS FOR DECISION

Water Use Application PM10-024 to amend Water Licence PM04-0403, Favron Enterprises Ltd.

The Yukon Water Board ("the Board") has made licensing decisions with respect to application PM10-024 for amendment #1 to type B licence PM04-0403. The licence is for a placer mining undertaking on Hunker Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River.

Notice of the application was provided in accordance with the requirements of the *Waters Act*. In response, the Board received interventions from the following parties:

- Government of Yukon ("GY"), Energy, Mines and Resources, Mineral Resources – Client Services and Inspections.
- Government of Yukon ("GY"), Energy, Mines and Resources, Mineral Resources – Mining Lands Office.

No party requested a public hearing. The Applicant did not respond to the interventions.

In making licensing decisions pertaining to this application, the Board also took into account the *Waters Act*, *Waters Regulation*, the application, the *Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act* ("YESAA") Decision Document for the licence, the Yukon Placer Mining Fish Habitat Suitability Map, Mining Map 116B/3, Chapter 14 of the Umbrella Final Agreement ("UFA") and Board policies.

Environmental Assessment

This application to amend a water licence did not require an environmental assessment under the YESAA.

Prior to making licensing decisions, the Board reviewed the YESAA Decision Document ("Decision Document") that is included in the water use register for licence PM04-0403. As per section 86 of YESAA, the Board is satisfied that the issuance of this amendment PM10-024 to licence PM04-0403 is not contrary to the terms and conditions included in the Decision Document.

GY Client Services and Inspections

GY confirmed for the Board that the project is located within the Klondike River Watershed and confirmed the applicable compliance standard under Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada Klondike River Watershed Authorization which is 2.5ml/L.

GY, Mining Lands Office.


The GY Mining Lands Office expressed no concerns with the amendment application.

Chapter 14 of the UFA

The Board examined the amendment and concluded that removal of one claim from the licence does not affect the Board's original conclusions related to the use of water, and the quantity, quality, or rate of flow of water flowing on, through or adjacent to Settlement Land, including seasonal rate of flow.

Conclusion

The Board has relied on the representations, warranties and undertakings provided by the Licensee in the material filed in the application. The Board has approved the issuance Amendment M10-024 to Water Use Licence PM04-403.



Chairperson
Yukon Water Board

June 18, 2010

Date