

YUKON WATER BOARD
REASONS FOR DECISION
Water Use Application PM05-483, S. Kohlendorfer
and Mining Land Use Approval AP05483

The Yukon Water Board (“the board”) has made licensing decisions with respect to water use application PM05-483 for a type B licence for a placer mining undertaking and mining land use approval AP05483.

The purpose of the application is to obtain a water use licence to obtain and store water, deposit a waste and to obtain an approved placer mining land use operating plan.

Notice of the application was provided in accordance with the requirements of the *Waters Act* and the *Placer Mining Land Use Regulation*. In response, the board did not receive any interventions.

This application was a transitional project which required an environmental assessment, under the *Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act* (“YESAA”) and the Yukon’s *Environmental Assessment Act* (“EAA”).

Prior to making licensing decisions, the board undertook an environmental screening of the project pursuant to EAA and reviewed the Decision Document that is included in the water use register. In regard to the EAA screening, the board is satisfied that any known adverse effects that may be caused by the project are insignificant or can be mitigated with known technology or reasonable work practices. The board is satisfied that the issuance of the licence and approval is not contrary to the terms and conditions included in the Decision Document, as per section 86 of YESAA.

Neither the applicant or the Decision Document proposed any alternative approaches to the operating conditions in the *Placer Mining Land Use Regulation*. These operating conditions have been incorporated into the Placer Land Use Approval For a Class 4 Operating Plan.

In making licensing decisions pertaining to this application, the board took into account the *Waters Act*, *Waters Regulation*, the application, the EAA screening report, the Decision Document, the board’s standard licence requirements, Territorial Resources Base Map 105M/14, Chapter 14 of the Umbrella Final Agreement (“UFA”) and board policies.

Expiry Date:

The applicant submitted the application to the Water Board on September 29, 2005, with a proposed expiry date of November 1, 2015. Additional information was required and the applicant responded to the request for additional information on June 13, 2008. Due to the delay from the applicant to supply the additional information requested for this undertaking, the board determined that the expiry date should be August 1, 2018, which would provide a 10 year term as proposed by the applicant.

Conclusion:

The board has approved the issuance of Water Use Licence PM05-483 and the Placer Mining Land Use Approval AP05483.



Chairperson
Yukon Water Board

August 26, 2008
Date