



Province of British Columbia

Water Sustainability Act

CONDITIONAL WATER LICENCE

The holder(s) of Placer Lease 1037053 to which this licence is appurtenant is/are hereby authorized to divert and use water as follows:

- a) The stream on which the rights are granted is Otter Creek.
- b) The point of diversion is located as shown on the attached plan.
- c) The date from which this licence shall have precedence is December 7, 2012.
- d) The purposes for which this licence is issued are placer mining and miscellaneous industrial (dewatering).
- e) The maximum quantity of water which may be diverted for placer mining purposes is 0.057 cubic metres per second (2.0 c.f.s.). The quantity of water which may be diverted for dewatering purposes is the stream's full flow.
- f) The period of the year during which the water may be used for placer mining is May 1 to November 30. The period of the year during which water may be used for dewatering purposes is the whole year.
- g) The land upon which the water is to be used and to which this licence is appurtenant is the mining project of the licensee located within Placer Lease 1037053 Atlin Mining Division.
- h) The authorized works are diversion channels, diversion structure, screened intake, pump, pipe and washplant which shall be located approximately as shown on the attached plan.
- i) The construction of the said works has been completed and the water is being used. The licensee shall continue to make regular beneficial use of the water in a manner authorized herein.
- j) The works authorized under clause (h) hereof shall be constructed and used in accordance with the approved Notice of Work. Accordingly, the authorized works are temporary and are in place to facilitate authorized mining activities. The final design and location of Otter Creek's channel will be according to the agreed-upon conditions of a comprehensive mine reclamation plan which will be developed in co-operation with the Ministry of Energy and Mines and the Taku River Tlingit First Nation.

- k) All water management practices employed on the mine site (erosion and sediment control within mined areas, construction and operation of settling ponds, stream crossing structures, riparian setback requirements, diversion channel construction, etc.) shall be in accordance with the Best Management Practices outlined within Chapters 5 and 7 of the Atlin Placer Mining Best Management Practices Guidebook (2014).
- l) This licence authorizes the dewatering of an additional 750 metre long section of Otter Creek for the purpose of placer mining as indicated on the attached plan. Construction and commissioning of said diversion channel must be completed according to the design and specifications provided in the document titled “An Application for Approval of an Approximate 750 Meter Stream Diversion Upper Otter Creek, Atlin M.D. Pro North Placer Leases” (Wallis 2016). Subsequent diversions must be approved through the amendment of this licence prior to the commencement of construction activities. The Approval of subsequent diversions will be subject to compliance with the *Water Sustainability Act* and the terms and conditions of this licence.
- m) The diversion of water authorized under this licence may be restricted or prohibited at any time by an order in writing of a Water Manager under the *Water Sustainability Act* in order to maintain a minimum flow in the stream or to ensure compliance with the conditions of this licence.
- n) Water may only be used for placer mining and dewatering purposes so long as mines Permit No. P-1-716 is in good standing. Prior to the termination date of said permit, you may apply to the Comptroller of Water Rights or a Water Manager in accordance with the provisions of the *Water Sustainability Act* to amend this licence to incorporate the terms and conditions of subsequent mines permits.
- o) This Licence is issued in substitution of Conditional Licence 132676.



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