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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Intent – Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

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Deadline for Comment: 01/06/2012

Mineral Ridge Mine Permit #0103

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for major modification to a Reclamation Permit for a mining operation for the Mineral Ridge Mine project has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Permit #0103 is:

**Mineral Ridge Gold, LLS
1515 7th Street
Elko, NV 89801**

This project is located within Esmeralda County, and is in portion(s) of Section 31, Township 1 South, Range 39 East, Section 36, Township 1 South, Range 38 East, Sections 1, 2 and 12, Township 2 South, Range 38 East, and Section 6, Township 2 South, Range 39 East, Mount Diablo Basin and Meridian, approximately thirty (30) miles southwest of Tonopah, Nevada. The Mineral Ridge Mine project was reactivated in 2011, and includes open pit and underground mining operations, heap leach processing and some exploration activities. This proposed major modification includes expanded footprint disturbances for pits and waste rock storage areas. This modification also includes additional exploration surface disturbance on private land that has previously been permitted under a separate reclamation permit. This modification includes lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as well as private lands, and will not change the previously permitted project boundary.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the reclamation permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the reclamation permit.

Persons wishing to submit written comments or information on the draft of the permit must do so in writing no later than by 5 PM on January 6, 2012. Any person who is directly affected by the application for a permit may request, in writing, a public hearing on the application for a permit. The request must state the reason for the request and the issues to be raised at the hearing. This request must be submitted, in writing, no later than by 5 PM on January 6, 2012.

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All comments, objections or requests received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this Reclamation Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests are reasonable and indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 519A.200. The Division will accept written comments in the form of facsimile, e-mail, or by mail. The comments may also be hand delivered.

The draft Reclamation Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS Chapter 239.010. For more information contact Richard Gantt at (775) 687-9410, or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>