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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

Web posting 07/08/2011

Deadline for comment 08/20/2011

Permit #NEV2010110

Gold Hill Project

Round Mountain Gold Corporation
PO Box 480
Round Mountain, NV 89045

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Gold Hill Project** has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2010110** (Permit) is:

Round Mountain Gold Corporation
Gold Hill Project
P.O. Box 480
Round Mountain, Nevada 89045-0480

The facility is located on public and private land in northwest Nye County, within portions of Sections 19, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 of Township 11 North, Range 44 East; Sections 4, 5, 6, 8, and 17 of T10N, R44E; and Sections 24, 25, and 36 of T11N, R43E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 45 miles (by air) northeast of Tonopah, Nevada.

The project consists of an open pit mine and chemical beneficiation facility, designed to extract gold, with a maximum permitted process rate of 6,000,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of mine, crusher, heap leach pad, waste rock dumps, ponds, a gold recovery facility and wells. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the Permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the Permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests by hand delivery or US Postal Service, or by facsimile or e-mail transmittal (with the original to be received within five (5) days of transmittal date), no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal end date August 20, 2011) to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

All comments, objections, or requests received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding the Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The draft Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Rob Kuczynski, P.E. at (775) 687-9441 or visit the Bureau of Mining website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>