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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION AND PUBLIC HEARING Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 09/28/2012

Deadline for Comments: 10/30/2012

In accordance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), the Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City hereby issues the following Notice of Proposed Action and Public Hearing. An application for new Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2008106** (the Permit) has been properly filed with the Administrator for the **Mount Hope Project**, a mining and beneficiation facility. The applicant is:

**Eureka Moly, LLC
2215 North 5th Street
Elko, Nevada 89801-2458**

The facility is located on public and private land in Eureka County, within Sections 1 and 12, Township (T) 21 North (N), Range (R) 51 East (E); Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, T21N, R52E; Sections 4, 5, and 6, T21½N, R52E; Section 1, T21½N, R51½E; Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 36, T22N, R51E; Sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, and 36, T22N, R51½E; Sections 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32, T22N, R52E; Sections 25, 35, and 36, T23N, R51E; and Section 31, T23N, R52E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 24 miles northwest of the town of Eureka, Nevada.

The project consists of an open pit mining and flotation mill beneficiation facility, designed to extract molybdenum and associated metals, with a maximum permitted production rate of 29 million tons of ore per year. The estimated lifetime for the facility is 44 years. The facility is comprised of the mine, mill, ore stockpiles, waste rock storage facilities, tailings impoundment, solution and stormwater ponds, water quality monitoring wells, dewatering and make-up water wells, and maintenance and administrative support facilities. 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 new Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the Permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed Permit, or recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the Permit, may submit their written

comments, objections, or recommendations 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 October 30, 2012, to:

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

Due to a significant degree of interest in the proposed facility, the Administrator has scheduled a public hearing in accordance with NAC 445A.404 to gather additional public input on water pollution control issues related to the proposed Permit. The public hearing is scheduled for October 30, 2012 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Grand Hall of the Opera House, 31 S. Main Street, Eureka, Nevada. The Division may set a five-minute limit for oral statements based upon the number of people in attendance who would like to comment. Hand-delivered written comments will also be accepted at the hearing as they relate to water pollution control issues.

All comments, objections, or recommendations received during the public notice period and at the public hearing will be considered in the final determination regarding the permit.

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 Thomas Gray at (775) 687-9403 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm> .