



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 01/03/2014

Deadline for Comment: 02/06/2014

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a major modification of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Twin Creeks North**, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for modification of Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV0086018** (Permit) is:

**Newmont Mining Corporation
P.O. Box 69
Golconda, NV 89414**

The facility is located on public and private land in Humboldt County, within Sections 4-9 and 16-18, Township 39 N, Range 43 E, and Sections 31 and 32, Township 40 N, Range 43 E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 35 miles northeast of Golconda.

The project consists of open pit and underground mining with heap leach and mill beneficiation, designed to extract gold, with a maximum permitted production rate of 21 million tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of mine, mill, heap leach pads, tailings impoundment, process ponds, production and monitoring wells, and ancillary structures. 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 modified Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the modified Permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Permit modification, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the Permit related to the proposed modification, or who request a public hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests by hand delivery or US Postal Service, or by facsimile or e-mail transmittal, no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal end date 6 February 2014) to:

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

All comments, objections, or requests related to the proposed modification 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 Nevada Revised Statute 445A.665. For more information, contact Paul Eckert at (775) 687-9401 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.