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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 01/17/2014

Deadline for Comment: 02/23/2014

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Big Canyon Project**, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for the new Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2008104** is:

**TNT Ventures LLC
415 Parr Circle
Reno, NV 89512**

The facility is located on public land in Lyon County, within Sections 23, 24, and 26, Township 14 North, Range 24 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 8 miles northwest of the town of Yerington.

The project consists of a surface mine (placer mine) and a beneficiation (gravity separation) facility, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.414, designed to physically extract gold from alluvial material, at a maximum permitted production rate of 300,000 tons of ore per year. No chemicals are permitted for use in the process. The facility is comprised of placer mine, wash plant, ponds and staging area. 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 renewal Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewal permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Water Pollution Control Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to NAC 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (publication date 24 January 2014; end of comment period 23 February 2014) to:

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

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this Water Pollution Control 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 Water Pollution Control Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.665. For more information, contact Rob Kuczynski, P.E. at (775) 687-9441 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>