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Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## Notice of Proposed Action

April 6, 2007

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for the renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the Bovie Lew Project, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0096101 is:

Precious Metals Recovery Systems LLC  
1495 Ridgeview Avenue, Suite 220  
Reno, Nevada 89509

The Bovie Lew Project is located at the northern end of Smith Valley within the Buckskin Mining District and Singatse Mountain Ranges in Douglas and Lyon Counties, Nevada. The project will be within Sections 8, 17, and 20, Township 13 North, Range 24 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian.

The project consists of a mining and physical separation beneficiation facility, designed to extract gold, with a maximum permitted production rate of 130,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of an open pit mine, a hopper feeder, a grizzly, a scrubbing barrel, a double deck screen, belts, slurry and diaphragm pumps, concentrating bowl and tables, a sluice, an auger feeder, ponds, transfer pipes, and ditches. 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 renewed Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewed 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 Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests no later than 5:00 PM on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice to:

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

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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 NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Bob Carlson at (775) 687-9401 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>

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