



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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July 3, 2008

Notice of Intent

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that a major modification application for a revised Reclamation Permit for a gold mining Operation named the Relief Canyon Project has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Permit # 00264 is:

First Gold Corporation
3108 Gabbert Drive, Suite 210
Cameron Park, California 95682

This project, will be located within Pershing County, and is in portion(s) of Sections 16, 17, 18, 20 and 21 of Township 27 North, Range 34 East, and portion of Section 13 of Township 27 North, Range 33 East, M.D.B. & M., Pershing County, Nevada, approximately 16 miles East from the community of Lovelock, Nevada. The Relief Canyon Mine has been a previously permitted as a precious metals recovery operation, designed to extract primarily gold from ore on existing heap leach pads. The existing ore heap leach pads are to be re-leached using both a new heap leach pad and an updated existing leach pad.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the reclamation permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the reclamation permit.

Persons wishing to submit written comments or information on the tentative decision must do so in writing no later than by 5 PM on August 2nd, 2008. Any person who is directly affected by the application for a permit may request, in writing, a public hearing on the application for a permit. The request must state the reason for the request and the issues to be raised at the hearing. This request must be submitted, in writing, no later than by 5 PM on August 2nd, 2008.

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
901 S. Stewart St. Ste 4001
Carson City, NV 89701

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this application. If the Division determines written comments or requests are reasonable and indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 519A.200. The Division will accept written comments in the form of facsimile, e-mail, or by mail. The comments may also be hand delivered.

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The permit application and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS Chapter 239.010. For more information contact Todd Process at (775) 687-9408, or toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, select option 2 for State Operator, then ask for 687-9408 or visit the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>

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