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Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the North Area Leach 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 NEV0087065 is:

Newmont Mining Corporation
P.O. Box 669
Carlin, Nevada 89822-0669

The facility is located on public and private land in Eureka County, within Section 3, Township 35 North, Range 50 East and Sections 28, 29, 32, and 33, Township 36 North, Range 50 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 20 miles northwest of the town of Carlin, Nevada.

The project consists of an open pit mining and heap leach beneficiation facility, designed to extract gold and associated minerals, with a maximum permitted production rate of 17,000,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of mine pits, heap leach pads, synthetic-lined and leak detected process and stormwater ponds, leak detected solution collection and conveyance ditches, a carbon adsorption recovery plant, waste rock disposal facilities, water quality monitoring wells, and associated pipelines, pumps, sumps, and engineered containment as required for conveyance and control of process materials and solutions within the Facility. 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 Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests by hand delivery, United States Postal Service, facsimile, or e-mail no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal deadline 5:00 PM, 05 August 2009) 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, objections, or requests 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 Miles Shaw on (775) 687-9409 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>

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