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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 a new Water Pollution Control Permit for the Carico Lake Turquoise Mine, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2009101 is:

Carico Lake Mining Company
P.O. Box 25227
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125

The facility is located on public land in Lander County, within portions of Sections 26, 35, and 36, Township 26 North, Range 44 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 31 miles southwest of Crescent Valley, Nevada.

The project consists of a small open pit mine and physical separation beneficiation facility (Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.414), designed to extract turquoise, with a maximum permitted production rate of 10,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of the mine, a portable trommel, a conveyor, two (2) process ponds, a water supply and storage truck, a waste rock dump, and associated pumps and pipelines for conveyance and recirculation of process water. 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. It is estimated the facility will disturb approximately 19 acres of public land.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the 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 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 (17 July 2009) 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

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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 our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>

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