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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

Permit #NEV0088011

Newmont USA Limited dba Newmont Mining Corporation

South Area Leach Project

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the South Area Leach Project, a beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0088011 is:

Newmont USA Limited dba Newmont Mining Corporation
1655 Mountain City Highway
Elko, Nevada 89801-2800

The facility is located on public and private land in Eureka County, within Sections 1, 12, and 13, Township 33 North, Range 51 East, and Sections 6, 7, and 18, Township 33 North, Range 52 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 6 miles northwest of the town of Carlin, Nevada.

The project consists of a large-scale (Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.394) cyanide heap leach facility designed to process gold ore, with a maximum permitted processing rate of 24,000,000 tons of ore per year. The Facility is comprised of two (2) separate heap leach pads and associated recovery plants, process solution ponds, emergency stormwater ponds, associated solution tanks, sumps, pumps, pipelines, and water quality monitoring wells. 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 28 July 2010) to:

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

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>