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NOTICE OF DECISION – Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

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Deadline for Appeal: 12/19/2011

**Esmeralda Project
Permit #NEV0087082**

Antler Peak Gold Inc./Great Basin Gold Ltd.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (Division) has decided to issue the Major Modification of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0087072 to Antler Peak Gold Inc./Great Basin Gold Ltd. (Permittee). This permit authorizes the construction, operation, and closure of a second tailings storage facility (TSF-2) in addition to previously approved mining facilities in Mineral County. The Division has been provided with sufficient information, in accordance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447, to assure the Division that the groundwater quality will not be degraded by this operation, and that public safety and health will be protected.

The permit will become effective December 24, 2011. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.605 and NAC 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5:00 PM, December 19, 2011, on Form 3, with the State Environmental Commission, 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249. For more information, contact Rob Kuczynski, P.E. at (775) 687-9441 or visit the Division's Bureau of Mining Regulation website at www.ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm.

No comments were received during the public comment period.