NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION – Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

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Deadline for Comment: 08/20/2012

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Georgia Tailings Project**, a mining facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2012104** (Permit) is:

Solauro LLC
9190 Double Diamond Pkwy, Suite 128
Reno, Nevada 89521

The facility is located on public land in Nye County, within Sections 23, 24, 25, and 26, Township 8 South, Range 48 East, MDB&M, approximately 34 miles south of the town of Goldfield.

The project consists of a small-scale mining facility pursuant to NAC 445A.410, designed to extract gold and silver, with a maximum permitted removal rate of 30,000 tons of ore per year, and a maximum of 120,000 tons over the life of the project, for chemical processing off-site. The facility is comprised of mine, stormwater diversion ditches and settling basin, and ancillary facilities. 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 Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the Permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed 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 or US Postal Service, or by facsimile or e-mail transmittal (with the original to be received within five (5) days of transmittal date), no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal end date August 20, 2012) 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 the 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 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 Paul Eckert on (775) 687-9401 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm .