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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 7/25/2013

Deadline for Comment: 8/24/2013

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (Division) gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit (Permit) for the **Smoky Valley Common Operation—Valley Rapid Infiltration Basin Complex (VRC)**, has been properly filed with the Division in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Permit **NEV0091030** is:

**Round Mountain Gold Corporation
Smoky Valley Common Operation
P.O. Box 480
Round Mountain, Nevada 89045-0480**

The VRC and Conveyance Channel are located on public and private land in northwest Nye County, within Sections 14, 15, 22, 23, and 24, Township 10 North, Range 43 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (MDB&M), approximately 50 miles north (by air) of the town of Tonopah and 60 miles south (by air) of the town of Austin.

The purpose of the Smoky Valley Common Operation VRC is to manage and reintroduce dewatering water from the Smoky Valley Common Operation open pit mine into the local groundwater basin. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in the Permit or in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the Renewal 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 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 (publication day 25 July 2013, comment closing date 24 August 2013):

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
901 South Stewart Street, Room 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 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 Nevada Revised Statute 445A.665. For more information, contact Rob Kuczynski, P.E. at (775) 687-9441 or visit the Bureau of Mining's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>