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PUBLIC NOTICE

RECEIPT OF RCRA PERMIT APPLICATION

Pursuant to Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 124, Section 124.32 (40CFR 124.32), the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), Bureau of Waste Management (BWM) is hereby providing public notice that a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit Application has been received for a proposed hazardous waste management facility as detailed below:

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| Applicant Name: | Precious Metals Recovery, LLC |
| Site Name: | Dry Hills Facility |
| Date Application Received: | March 7, 2013 |
| Applicant Contact Person: | Mr. Joe Girauda, (801) 990-3747 |

Proposed Facility Location:

The proposed treatment and storage facility (TSF) will be located on private land comprising part of an area known as the Dean Ranch, approximately 40 miles southwest of Elko, Nevada, 17 miles southeast of the town of Beowawe, and 12 miles east of the community of Crescent Valley. The proposed TSF will be located in the northwest corner of Section 5, Township 29 North, Range 50 East, MDBM, in an unincorporated area of Eureka County, Nevada.

Facility Description & Proposed Operation:

Precious Metals Recovery LLC (PMR) is a subsidiary of Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc. (BGMI). PMR is a new company that will own and operate the proposed newly designed facility for the expressed purpose to manage mercury and mercury-bearing materials generated primarily by BGMI near Carlin, Nevada. As designed, the proposed treatment and storage facility is intended solely for the use of Barrick Gold North America (Barrick).

Background:

Congress passed the Mercury Export Ban Act of 2008 (Export Ban) which generally bans the export of elemental mercury as of January 1, 2013 and mandates a National Mercury Repository (National Repository) where elemental mercury may be stored. The proposed PMR Dry Hills Facility will receive elemental mercury, and activated carbon and calomel which will be processed at the TSF to produce elemental mercury. The elemental mercury received and produced at the proposed TSF will be periodically tested for purity and stored in an elemental mercury storage room. Although storage capacity will be designed into the proposed TSF building, the proposed Dry Hills Facility is not intended for the long-term storage of elemental mercury. Ultimately, the elemental mercury will be transferred to the National Repository for long-term storage. Transfer of elemental mercury will occur at regularly scheduled intervals after the National Repository is operational.

Permitting Process:

PMR held an initial public meeting at the Crescent Valley Community Center on December 11, 2012 and the RCRA Permit Application was submitted on March 7, 2013. The NDEP will review the permit application for conformance to hazardous waste management requirements for RCRA facilities. Any deficiencies discovered during the review process will be conveyed to the applicant for potential modification of the proposed facility and operating plans. At the conclusion of the application review process, the NDEP will again provide public notice for solicitation of public comment for the draft permit. Any comments provided in the public comment period will be considered prior to NDEP making a final permit determination. The application review process, with subsequent public comment period may take up to, or more than, one year to complete for a new RCRA facility. As such, a permit decision for the proposed Dry Hills Facility is not anticipated until 2014.

Additional Information:

Information, comments, and inquiries may be directed throughout the permit application review process to the following state agency address:

Attn: Mike Leigh, Supervisor, RCRA Facilities Branch
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Waste Management
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701
(775) 687-9465; e-mail: mleigh@ndep.nv.gov

Anyone wishing to receive future notices regarding the proposed facility can request to be placed on the facility mailing list by contacting the above address.

A copy of the permit application and any supporting documents can be viewed at the NDEP offices in Carson City at the address above, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM by appointment by contacting Sree Kailash at (775) 687-9471; e-mail skailash@ndep.nv.gov.

A copy of the permit application is also available for public review at the Crescent Valley Public Library.