NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION – Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

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Deadline for Comment: 02/15/2014

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Standard Mine Project**, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2003103** (Permit) is:

Standard Gold Mining, Inc.
P.O. Box 330
Imlay, Nevada 89418

The facility is located on public and private land in Pershing County, within Sections 34, 35, and 36 of Township 31 N, Range 33 E, and Sections 1, 2, and 6 of Township 30 N, Range 33 E, MDB&M, approximately 42 miles southwest of the town of Winnemucca.

The project consists of open pit mining and heap leach processing at a permitted rate of up to 7,500,000 tons of ore per year, along with associated waste rock dumps. All new waste material produced will be used as backfill in either the Cordex Pit, Intermediate Pit, North Pit, or the South Pit. Ore is processed by conventional cyanide heap leaching technology with precious metal (mainly gold) recovery via carbon adsorption. The loaded carbon is transported by truck to the carbon strip plant at the Florida Canyon Mine for processing and carbon regeneration. The facility is required to be 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 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 NAC 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests by hand delivery or US Postal Service, or by facsimile or e-mail transmittal, no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal end date 15 February 2014) to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 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 Nevada Revised Statute 445A.665. For more information, contact Paul Eckert at (775) 687-9401 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm .