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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 01/26/2023

Deadline for Comments: 02/25/2023

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a major modification of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Mooney Basin Mine Project**, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for modification of Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV0098100** (Permit) is:

KG Mining (Bald Mountain) Inc. 435 Jiggs Highway, Unit 16 Spring Creek, Nevada 89815

The facility is located on public land administered by the BLM in White Pine County in Sections 5-7, T23N, R58E; Sections 1, 11-14, 24-26, 35, and 36, T24N, R57E; Sections 4-9, 16-21, 29, and 32, T24N, R58E; Sections 1, 2, and 12, T23N, R57E; Sections 25 and 36, T25N, R57E; and Sections 29-33, T25N, R58E, MDB&M, approximately 80 miles northwest of Ely, Nevada.

The Project consists of an open pit mining and chemical processing facility pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.394. The major modification includes the addition of the Far North Area Facility Pad 8 including a new 7.6 million square foot heap leach pad, process and stormwater ponds and stormwater control facilities.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the renewed Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewed 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.403, 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 25 February 2023) 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.

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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 Shawn Gooch at (775) 687-9557 or visit the Division public notice website at http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm#mining.