NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

by the State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Air Pollution Control

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 445B, the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445B, and the Clean Air Act, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is issuing the following Notice of Proposed Action.

The Director received an application for a revision of Mercury Operating Permit to Construct, AP1041-2219 (FIN A0002) from the following applicant:

Nevada Gold Mines, LLC – Gold Quarry Operations 1655 Mountain City Highway Elko, NV 89801

Nevada Gold Mines, LLC – Gold Quarry Operations is located approximately 6 miles northwest of Carlin, Nevada: take exit 280 off of Interstate 80 and travel approximately 6 miles on State Route 766. The project is located in all or portions of Sections 34, 35, and 36, Township 34N, Range 51E, M.D.B.&M; Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, Township 33N, Range 51E, M.D.B.&M; Sections 29, 31, and 32, Township 34N, Range 52E, M.D.B.&M, and Sections 6, 7, and 18, Township 33N, Range 52E, M.D.B.&M.

Nevada Gold Mines, LLC has submitted an application to revise their Mercury Operating Permit to Construct (MOPTC) Permit No. 1041-2219 for the Gold Quarry Operations. The application includes proposed adjustments to increase the hourly throughput limit for the roaster processing circuit. The annual throughput limits are not revised and remain the same as previously permitted. The proposed revisions are the following:

Increase the hourly throughput limit for System 01 through System 03 to 615.0 tons of ore and carbon fines per any one-hour period and increase the hourly throughput for System 04 and System 05 to 615.0 tons of calcine per any one-hour period. The annual throughput limit remains 4,095,600 tons of ore and carbon fines per year for System 01 through System 03 and 4,095,600 tons of calcine per year for System 04 and System 05, as was previously permitted.

On the basis of the preliminary review and the requirements of the NRS, the NAC and the Clean Air Act, the Director is hereby announcing his intent to issue the proposed Mercury Operating Permit to Construct based on a review of the information submitted. A copy of this document, the draft permit, and the Director's Review will be available for public inspection at http://ndep.nv.gov/posts.

Persons wishing to comment regarding this proposed action, or to request a hearing pursuant to NRS 445B Air Pollution and NAC 445B Air Controls, should submit their comments or request in writing, either in person or by mail within thirty (**30**) days to:

Tanya Soleta, P.E. Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Air Pollution Control 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001 Carson City, Nevada 89701 aircomments@ndep.nv.gov

The application, Director's Review, proposed permit, any comments received, and other relevant information may be copied at the above address or copies may be obtained by written request to the above address. Written comments or objections will be received at the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, above address, until **April 19, 2025**, and will be retained and considered prior to final action on the proposed Mercury Operating Permit to Construct.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all interested persons.