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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Post Closure Water Pollution Control Permit for the Dee Mine has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for the Post Closure Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0050005 is:

Marigold Mining Company P.O. Box 160 Valmy, Nevada 89438

The facility is located on both public and private land in Elko County, within Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 15 and 16 of Township 36 North, Range 49 East and Sections 28, 29, 32, 33, 34 and 35 of Township 37 North, Range 49 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 30 miles northwest of the town of Carlin, Nevada.

The Dee Mine was comprised of one open pit; six waste rock disposal areas; three conventional cyanide heap leach pads 1-9, 10 and 11 (West Basin) each with associated pregnant and barren solution ponds and storm-water ponds; a conventional gold milling and crushing facility, and ancillary support facilities.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the renewal of the Water Pollution Control 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 Water Pollution Control 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, United States Postal Service, facsimile, or e-mail no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal deadline 18th of July, 2009) to:

Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001 Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

All comments, objections, or requests received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this Water Pollution Control 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 Water Pollution Control Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Kevin E. Sullivan at (775) 687-9413 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation's (BMRR) website at <u>http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm</u>