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Dear Interested Party:

You are receiving this letter because you have previously expressed interest in the following project or you have expressed interest in past Federal actions pertaining to public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca District Office.

The BLM Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office (HRFO) has completed a preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Marigold Mining Company's (MMC) - Marigold Mine Target 3 Project. The PEA evaluates, analyzes, and discloses to the public the direct, indirect and cumulative environmental impacts associated with an MMC's proposed Plan of Operations (Plan) amendment .

The proposed project modification, shown on the enclosed map, is located at the existing Marigold Mine in the northern Battle Mountain Range, in Humboldt County, Nevada, approximately three miles south of Valmy in T.32N., R.43E., section 6; T.33N., R.42E., sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, and 36; T.34N., R.42E., section 36; T.33N., R.43E., sections 4-10, 16-20, 30-32; and T.34N., R.43E., sections 19-20 and 28-33.

MMC proposes to expand the existing disturbance of 4,441.2 acres by an additional 388.6 acres to encompass a total of 4,829.8 acres. Approximately 345.1 acres would be located on private land controlled by MMC. The remaining 42.1 acres of this additional disturbance would be located on public land managed by the Winnemucca District. MMC's proposed amendment to the existing Plan would:

- Expand the Plan boundary to coincide with current MMC land holdings;
- Increase mined tonnage rate from 60 million tons to approximately 150 million tons per year, primarily by utilizing larger equipment and shorter haulage distances;
- Add the Target 3 Pit in the previously approved disturbance footprint of the Section 30 heap leach facility which was not constructed;
- Modify the Terry Zone, East Hill Pit, and Target 2 Pit boundaries with an overall change in disturbance acres for the East Hill Pit;
- Extend the North-West Expansion Waste Rock Storage Area;

- Adjust the location of a portion of the upper Trout Creek diversion channel around the North-West Expansion Waste Rock Storage Area;
- Extend the boundary fence around the North-West Expansion Waste Rock Storage Area; and
- Add a secondary utility corridor.

The public is invited to submit comments on the PEA no later than 20 days after the date of this letter. A copy of the PEA is available on our National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) webpage at www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm_information/nepa0.html. Please send written comments to Mr. Mark E. Hall, project manager, at the above address or e-mail to wfoweb@blm.gov with "Marigold Mine Target 3 Project (Hall)" in the subject line. In addition, a hardcopy of the document will be provided upon request, or is available for review at the Winnemucca District during the comment period.

Public comments submitted for this project, including names and addresses of commenters, will be available for public review at the Winnemucca District during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment -- including personal identifying information -- may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Hall at (775) 623-1529 or at the above address.

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