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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District Office (WDO), Humboldt River Field Office (HRFO) has issued a Decision Record (DR) and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Marigold Mining Company's – Marigold Mine - Target 3 Amendment.

Marigold Mining Company (MMC) submitted an amendment to their Marigold Mine Plan of Operations (POO) expanding their existing project area that is currently authorized on private lands through the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's (NDEP) state regulatory program and public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Marigold Mine is located approximately 40 miles southeast of Winnemucca, 13 miles northwest of Battle Mountain and 3 miles south of Valmy.

The Marigold Mine has been mining since 1988 and has been expanding over time, as needed. This amendment proposes to:

- Amend the authorized Plan boundary to coincide with MMC land holdings;
- Amend authorized facility disturbance acreage to reflect ongoing mining operations;
- Add the Target 3 Pit in an area previously authorized for disturbance;
- Amend the authorized surface disturbance within the amended Plan boundary by extending the North-West WRSA expansion and relocating a portion of the Trout Creek diversion channel;
- Amend the authorized surface disturbance within the authorized Plan boundary by constructing a new utility corridor, and adding additional acres of infill;
- Increase the mine material handling rate from 60 million to 150 million tons per year; and
- Increase workforce at Marigold Mine by approximately 10 to 15 percent.

The project, located entirely within the Marigold Mine boundary, would be located in portions of the following townships and ranges as provided in Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian

T32N, R43E, section 6
T33N, R42E, sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, and 36
T33N, R43E, section 4-10, 16-20 and 30-32
T34N, R42E, section 36
T34N, R43E, sections 19, 20 and 28-33

MMC's existing plan of operations boundary is proposed to expand from 8543.5 acres to 19,081 acres. Within this area, MMC is authorized to construct facilities on 2,371.9 acres of private land and 2,071.1

acres of public land for an authorized mine disturbance of 4,443 acres. This amendment proposes to increase the total disturbance by 387.2 acres to 4830.2 acres. Approximately 296 acres would be located on private land managed by MMC, and approximately 91.2 acres would be located on public land. The mine is projected to be in operation until approximately 2027. The Proposed Action would not extend the life of the mine, only the amount of ore processed during that time.

The Environmental Assessment, DR and FONSI are available on our National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) webpage at www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm_information/nepa0.html. Hardcopies of these documents will be provided upon request, or are also available for review at the WDO during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Hall, NEPA Lead or Jeanette Black, Technical Lead, at the above phone number or address.

Sincerely,



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