TEMPORARY

NO. 62766 T

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO CHANGE POINT OF DIVERSION, MANNER OF USE AND PLACE OF USE OF THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA HERETOFORE APPROPRIATED

Date of filing in State Engineer's Office JAN 16 1997

Returned to applicant for correction

Corrected application filed

Map filed FEB 05 1997

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The applicant Newmont Gold Company by Paul M. Pettit, Agent, hereby makes application for permission to change the point of diversion of a portion of water heretofore appropriated under permit 56834

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1. The source of water is underground; well MC-2

2. The amount of water to be changed 8.9121 cfs (4000 gpm)

3. The water to be used for same as existing

4. The water heretofore permitted for Mining, milling, irrigation, infiltration, surface discharge, domestic, dewatering

5. The water is to be diverted at the following point Within the NE quarter of the NE quarter of section 35 of T34N, R51E, M.D.B.&M., at a point from which the NW corner of section 35 bears N88°13'10"W a distance of 4512 feet. (See attached map).

6. The existing permitted point of diversion is located within the NW quarter of section 02, T.33N., R.51E., M.D.B.&M, at a point from which the NE corner of section 36, T34N, R51E, M.D.B.&M, bears N54°23'E, a distance 11,330 feet.

7. Proposed place of use same as existing (see map filed under 56837)

8. Existing place of use See attached

9. Use will be from January 01 to December 31 of each year.

10. Use was permitted from January 01 to December 31 of each year.

11. Description of proposed works A drilled and cased well equipped with a pump, motor, totalizing flowmeter, and a pipeline to the place of use.

12. Estimated cost of works fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.00)

13. Estimated time required to construct works one year

14. Estimated time required to complete the application of water to beneficial use One year

15. Remarks: This application is hereby submitted in accordance with well spacing Order 1055. It is intended to replace permit 61850T, which expires May 12, 1997. Upon, and not before, issuance of a permit under this application, Newmont Gold Company withdraws said permit 61850T.

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Compared cl/nsr cl/cms

Protested

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APPROVAL OF STATE ENGINEER

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing application, and do hereby grant the same, subject to the following limitations and conditions:

This temporary permit to change the point of diversion of a portion of the waters of an underground source as heretofore granted under Permit 56834 is issued subject to the terms and conditions imposed in said Permit 56834 and with the understanding that no other rights on the source will be affected by the change proposed herein. A totalizing meter must be installed and maintained in the discharge pipeline near the point of diversion and accurate measurements must be kept of water placed to beneficial use. The totalizing meter must be installed before any use of the water begins or before the proof of completion of work is filed. This source is located within an area designated by the State Engineer pursuant to NRS 534.030.

This temporary permit will allow the permittee to dewater the pit area. Any water obtained under Permits 53384, 53385, 54339, 54340, 54341, 55616, 55617, 55618, 55619 and 56831 through 56839, inclusive, and any subsequent changes of the above mentioned permits, as a result of the dewatering program by the permittee, will be used first for the beneficial uses of mining, milling, heap leaching, drilling, construction, dust suppression, road watering and other related mining and milling uses within the place of use as described, hereinafter referred to as mining and milling purposes.

Water may be placed in the Maggie Creek Reservoir (approved on July 21, 1992, under Dam Safety Permit J-387) and any discharge of water from the reservoir must be in accordance with the permit issued by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection.

Any adverse impacts on the Humboldt River System caused by this dewatering must be mitigated in a manner approved by the State Engineer. Water not used for mining and milling purposes must be used for mitigating any impacts to existing groundwater or surface water right holders. Before any water can be utilized for mitigation purposes, the permittee must apply for and receive any necessary approval from the State Engineer. The State Engineer may require the excess water be used for other possible mitigation measures, including but not limited to injection or substitution for other permitted groundwater uses.

The permittee shall discharge water in a manner to achieve maximum conservation of the water resource. It is understood that this right must allow for a reasonable lowering of the static water level.

The State Engineer will retain the right to require additional monitoring of water levels in observation and monitor wells and of flow rates of surface sources. The permittee, on a quarterly schedule, will prepare and present an update on the activities of the mine and dewatering projects, and the Maggie Creek Basin Monitoring Plan (submitted September 10, 1992).

This temporary permit does not extend the permittee the right of ingress and egress on public, private or corporate land.

The issuance of this temporary permit does not waive the requirements that the permit holder obtain other permits from the State, Federal and local agencies and is specifically issued contingent upon approval by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection of the dewatering project.

The total combined duty of water for consumptive purposes under Permits 40900, Certificate 13392; 47962; 48328; 48330; 48910; 48911; 48912; 49550; 49916; 49962; 51962; 52330; 52331; 52332; 52883, Certificate 13398; 52884; 53384; 53385; 54339; 54340; 54341; 54510; 55616; 55617; 55618; 55619; 56831 through 56839, inclusive; 62532 and 62750-T through 62766-T, inclusive, shall not exceed 10,660.42 acre-feet annually for mining and milling purposes. The total combined diversion rate under all permits associated with the dewatering program and all related mining and milling purposes will not exceed 110.0 cubic feet per second on an instantaneous basis.

A monthly report must be submitted to the State Engineer within 10 days from the end of each month which shall include measurement of the following: the volume of water pumped from each well, the volume of water consumptively used for mining and milling uses projectwide, (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

(PERMIT TERMS CONTINUED)

the volume of water diverted to the reservoir, the evaporative losses and seepage losses from the reservoir, the volume of water discharged to any surface drainage and which drainage, and the volume of water used for any other purpose allowed under the permits.

This temporary permit is issued subject to, and also incorporates the terms and conditions set forth in the State Engineer's Order No. 1055, Order Adopting Rules For Well Spacing and Modification of Regulations For Water Well and Related Drilling (January, 1990) In A Portion Of The Heretofore Designated Maggie Creek Ground Water Basin (4-51), dated April 1, 1992, on file in the office of the State Engineer.

A year-end report must be submitted to the State Engineer no later than 45 days after the end of each calendar year. The report will state: (1) the number of wells drilled under the permits, (2) the number of abandoned wells, (3) the exact location of each well drilled or abandoned, and (4) a supporting map illustrating well locations.

All groundwater and surface water monitoring data must be submitted to the State Engineer on the same basis as specified in Appendix "A" - Mitigation Plan of the Final Environmental Impact Statement, Newmont Gold Company's South Operations Area Project (November 1993).

Upon permanent cessation of all mining, milling and dewatering purposes, all water granted under the permits will revert back to the source from which it was appropriated, except for any water requirements needed for any mine closure plan and/or to mitigate any adverse effects caused by dewatering.

The State Engineer retains the right to require at any time the permittee cooperate in the funding of additional monitoring and modeling by an independent third party. The State Engineer retains the right to impose future conditions as necessary upon review and evaluation of all data submitted reporting on the dewatering program, water use and the monitoring plan. The State Engineer retains the right to regulate pumping from the dewatering project and/or any other groundwater withdrawals herein authorized to protect the public interest and existing rights.

This temporary permit is issued pursuant to the provisions of NRS 533.345 Section 2 and will expire on June 10, 1998 at which time all rights herein granted shall revert to the right being changed by this temporary permit.

The amount of water to be appropriated shall be limited to the amount which can be applied to beneficial use, and not to exceed 8.9121 cubic feet per second.

Work must be prosecuted with reasonable diligence and be completed on or before:

Proof of completion of work shall be filed before:

Application of water to beneficial use shall be filed on or before:

Proof of the application of water to beneficial use shall be filed on or before:

Map in support of proof of beneficial use shall be filed on or before:

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, R. MICHAEL TURNIPSEED, P.E., State Engineer of Nevada, have hereunto set my hand and the seal of my office,

this 11th day of June, A.D. 1997

R. Michael Turnipseed P.E.
State Engineer

EXPIRED
DATE JUN 1 1 1998

February 4, 1997

ATTACHMENT TO APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY WATER RIGHTS FOR

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8. Existing place of use:

T34N, R51E, M.D.B.&M.:

sections: 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 36.

T34N, R52E, M.D.B.&M.:

sections: 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34.

T33N, R51E, M.D.B.&M.:

sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23 and 24.

T33N, R52E, M.D.B.&M.:

sections: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, that portion of sections 2, 11, 14, 23, 26, 34 and 35 lying within the natural drainage basin of Maggie Creek, and that portion of sections 33 and 34 lying within the natural drainage basin of Mary's Creek.