

Temporary

**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 MAY 06 2003

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Map filed MAY 09 2003 UNDER 69977-T

The applicant **Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corp.**, hereby makes application for permission to change the **Point of Diversion and Manner of Use and Place of Use of a Portion of water** heretofore appropriated under **Permit 59627**

1. The source of water is **Underground**
2. The amount of water to be changed **0.361 cfs, 261.35 acre-feet**
3. The water to be used for **Mining , milling, and dewatering**
4. The water heretofore permitted for **Dewatering**
5. The water is to be diverted at the following point **Lone Tree Mine – WW 25** within the **NE¼ NE¼, Section 11, T34 N, R42 E, M.D.M.**, at a point from which the **SE corner of said section 11 bears S 03°57'35" E a distance of 4790 feet.**
6. The existing permitted point of diversion is located within **Lone Tree Mine – Order 1086 block NENE11** within the **NE¼ NE¼, Section 11, T34 N, R42 E, M.D.M.**, at a point from which the **NE corner of said section 11 bears N 44°40'13" E a distance of 946.95 feet.**
7. Proposed place of use **All sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 27, T34N, R42E, S½ NE¼, N½ SE¼ section 29, T35N, R43E, M.D.M.**
8. Existing place of use **All sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23, 24, T34N, R42E, M.D.M.**
9. Use will be from **January 1 to December 31** of each year.
10. Use was permitted from **January 1 to December 31** of each year.
11. Description of proposed works **Drilled, cased well with motor and pump, totalizing flow meter, and pipeline to the place of use.**
12. Estimated cost of works **\$200,000 (two hundred thousand dollars)**
13. Estimated time required to construct works **Completed; Drilled, cased well with motor and pump, totalizing flow meter, and pipeline to the place of use.**
14. Estimated time required to complete the application of water to beneficial use **17 years**
15. Remarks: **This application is submitted according to Well-Spacing Order 1086.**

By **Paul M. Pettit, Manager of Environmental Compliance
and Hydrology
s/Paul M. Pettit
Environmental Department, PO Box 669
Carlin, Nevada 89822**

Compared hmw/cmf lb/cmf

Protested _____

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, place of use and manner of use of a portion of the waters of an underground source as heretofore granted under Permit 59627 is issued subject to the terms and conditions imposed in said Permit 59627 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 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 temporary permit does not extend the permittee the right of ingress and egress on public, private or corporate lands.

The manner of use of water under this permit is by nature of its activity a temporary use and any application to change the manner of use granted under this permit will be subject to additional determination and evaluation with respect to the permanent effects on existing rights and the resource within the groundwater basin.

The issuance of this temporary permit does not waive the requirements that the permit holder obtain other permits from 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 diversion rate of Permits 54761, Certificate 14565; 54763, Certificate 14566; 56406, Certificate 14567; 56407; 56578; 56951; 57103; 59243; 59244; 59245; 59246; 59247; 59248; 59249; 59250; 59251; 59627; 59629; 60288; 60289; 60290; 60291; 60292; 60293; 60294, Certificate 15285; 60295, Certificate 15286; 60296, Certificate 15287; 60297; 60298, Certificate 15288; 60300; 60301; 60302; 60303, Certificate 15289; 60685, Certificate 15290; 62608; 62609; 62610; 62611; 62612; 62778; and Temporary Permits 69977-T through 69991-T, inclusive, and Secondary Permits 62320 S-1; 62320 S-2; 62320 S-3; 62320 S-4 and 62320 S-6 will not exceed 49,400 gallons per minute or 110.06 cubic feet per second for mining, milling and dewatering purposes.

The total volume of water allowed to be diverted under the above mentioned permits and for the same purposes will not exceed 79,682 acre-feet-annually.

The total combined consumptive duty for mining and milling purposes under the above permits and any changes of these permits, with the exception of 62320 S-3, 62320 S-4 and 62320 S-6, must not exceed 6,047 acre-feet annually. An additional 10,646 acre-feet annually is authorized for substitutive uses.

All water diverted but not used for mining or milling purposes will be discharged to the Iron Point Relief Canal via the aqueduct completed in June, 1993 or to the Rapid Infiltration Basin system.

All water diverted will be measured and reported to the State Engineer* on a monthly basis. The report will include the amount of water diverted from each well, the amount of water used for mining and milling purposes, and the amount discharged to the Iron Point Relief Canal Rapid Infiltration Basin and other substitutive uses. This report shall include the amount of water delivered to any other projects. This report must be submitted to the State Engineer within 15 days of the last day of the preceding month.

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This temporary permit is issued subject to the "Lone Tree Mining, Inc. Unified Monitoring Plan", March 27, 1993.

The State Engineer will retain the right to require additional monitoring over and above the monitoring required in the monitoring plan mentioned and also will retain the right to seek other disposal options of water discharged to the Iron Point Relief Canal. The State Engineer retains the right to regulate discharge based on flood considerations.

The permittee, on a schedule acceptable to the State Engineer, will prepare and present an update on the activities of the mine and the monitoring plan on a periodic basis, but not less than two times a year.

A "Stipulation to Withdraw Protest" was made and entered into by and between Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation, Lone Tree Mine and its successors, and Lander County on August 12, 1994. A second "Stipulation to Withdraw Protest" was made and entered into by and between Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation, Lone Tree Mine and its successors, and the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority in August, 1994. The State Engineer may not concur with and is not bound by the terms and conditions of these stipulations to withdraw protest, pursuant to NAC 533.150.

This temporary permit also incorporates the provisions of Amended Order No.s 1085 and 1086, issued by the State Engineer on January 21, 1994.

This temporary permit is issued pursuant to the provisions of NRS 533.345 Section 2 and will expire on **September 11, 2004** 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 0.361 cubic feet per second, but not to exceed 261.35 acre-feet annually.

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

Proof of completion of work shall be filed before:

Water must be placed to beneficial use 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:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, HUGH RICCI, P.E.

State Engineer of Nevada, have hereunto set

my hand and the seal of my office,

this 12th day of September, A.D. 2003


State Engineer

TEMPORARY

EXPIRED

DATE SEP 11 2004 59

