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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 and the place of use of a portion of the waters of an underground source as heretofore granted under Permit 57143 is issued subject to the terms and conditions imposed in said Permit 57143 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 does not extend the permittee the right of ingress and egress on public, private or corporate lands.

This temporary permit will allow for the dewatering of the pit area. Any water obtained as a result of this dewatering operation shall be used first by the permittee for mining, milling, heap leaching, drilling, road watering, and other related mining and milling uses (hereinafter referred to as mining and milling uses within the described place of use of this permit). The water is limited to an amount not to exceed 3,807.0 acre-feet annually. This limit includes any evaporative and system losses.

Any Water produced from this dewatering operation in excess of 3,807.0 acre-feet annually shall be returned to the Crescent Valley Groundwater Basin by shallow infiltration. The design of the infiltration site and the delivery system to the site shall be submitted to the State Engineer prior to any diversion of water to the infiltration site.

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 disposal of water from the dewatering Project.

This temporary permit is issued subject to the "Pipeline Gold Project, Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan" submitted to the State Engineer on August 2, 1993.

The Engineer may require additional monitoring should conditions warrant such modification.

Monthly records will be kept of the following: the volume of water pumped from each well, the measurement of pumping water level (drawdown) from each well, the volume of water consumptively used for mining and milling uses, the amount of water diverted to the infiltration site, and the amount of water evaporated both from the infiltration site and the delivery system to the infiltration site. These records will be submitted within 15 days after the end of each month.

This temporary permit also incorporates the provisions of "Order Adopting Rules for Well Spacing and Modification of Regulations for Water Well and Related Drilling in the Southern Area of the Heretofore Designated Crescent Valley Ground Water Basin", entered October 6, 1993, Order Number 1082, on file in the Office of the State Engineer.

The total combined diversion rate under Permits 57133; 57134; 57136; 57137; 57138; 57140; 57143; 57144; 57145; 57146; 57147; 57148; 57800, 58366; 58368; 58370; 59072; 59073; 59074; 59075; 59787; 61793; 61794; 62723, Certificate 16016; 67507 through 67516, inclusive, Temporary Permit 69795-T and Temporary Permits 70598-T through 70608-T, inclusive, shall not exceed 67 c.f.s. (30,072 g.p.m.) and the total combined withdrawal of water under these permits shall not exceed 48,506 acre-feet annually.

The State Engineer recognizes that this appropriation when combined with other permits causes a large cone of depression which may take the water levels many years to return to equilibrium (pre-development).

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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 under the provisions of NRS 534.120(2) as a preferred use.

This temporary permit is issued pursuant to the provisions of NRS 533.345 Section 2 and will expire on **January 26, 2005** 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 3.0 cubic feet per second, **but not to exceed 2171.91 acre-feet annually.**

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

Proof of completion of work shall be filed on or 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:

**TEMPORARY**

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

State Engineer of Nevada, have hereunto set my hand and the seal of my office, this 27th day of January, A.D. 2004

*Hugh Ricci, P.E.*

State Engineer AGENT  
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