Permit No. 81285T

TEMPORARY

THE STATE OF NEVADA

PERMIT TO CHANGE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA HERETOFORE APPROPRIATED

Name of Permittee:	**SANTA FE PACIFIC GOLD CORPORATION**
Source:	**TWIN CREEKS MINE - DW 75 (UNDERGROUND)**
Basin:	**KELLY CREEK AREA**
Manner of Use:	**MINING, MILLING AND DEWATERING**
Period of Use:	**ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF ISSUANCE**
Priority Date:	**09/03/1992**

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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, manner and place of use of a portion of the waters of an underground source as heretofore granted under Permit 58044 is issued subject to the terms and conditions imposed in said Permit 58044 and with the understanding that no other rights on the source will be affected by the change proposed herein. The well shall be equipped with a 2-inch opening and 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. If the well is flowing, a valve must be installed and maintained to prevent waste. This source is located within an area designated by the State Engineer pursuant to NRS 534.030. The State retains the right to regulate the use of the water herein granted at any and all times.

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

The issuance of this temporary permit does not waive the requirements that the permit holder obtain other permits from State, Federal and local agencies.

This temporary permit is issued pursuant to the provisions of NRS 533.345 Section 2 and will expire 1 year after the approval of the permit at which time all rights herein granted shall revert to the right being changed by this temporary permit.

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This temporary permit is issued as a preferred use as provided in NRS 534.120. This temporary permit will allow the permittee to dewater the mine area. It is understood that any water produced as a result of this dewatering operation shall be used first by the permittee for mining, milling and related uses.

Monthly records shall be kept of the following and reported within 15 days after the end of each quarter:

A. The total volume of water pumped from each diversion in acre-feet.

B. The maximum flow rate from each diversion in cubic feet per second.

C. The pumping water level from each well in feet above mean sea level.

D. The volume of water consumptively used for mining and milling in acre-feet.

E. The amount of water diverted to the infiltration or injection sites, if any, in acre-feet.

F. The amount of water lost through evaporation or other system losses project wide.

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

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 ground water basin.

The total combined duty of water for consumptive purposes under Permits 49633, 49634, 50853, 50854, 52046, 52048 through 52051, inclusive, 58042 through 58045, inclusive, 60048 through 60057, inclusive, 61132 through 61138, inclusive, 61140 through 61144, inclusive, 61956 through 61962, inclusive, and Temporary Permits 80848T, 81076T, 81077T and 81282T through 81286T, inclusive, shall not exceed 10,125 acre-feet annually. The total combined diversion rate of the above referenced permits shall not exceed 30.75 cubic feet per second on an instantaneous basis.

This temporary permit is issued subject to, and also incorporates the terms and conditions in the State Engineer's Order No. 1087, Order Adopting Rules For Well Spacing and Modification of Regulations For Water Well and Related Drilling (January, 1990) In The Heretofore Designated Kelly Creek Ground Water Basin (4-66), dated December 30, 1993, on file in the office of the State Engineer.

The point of diversion and place of use are as described on the submitted application to support this 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 4.0 cubic feet per second or 2895.88 acre-feet annually.**

Work must be prosecuted with reasonable diligence and proof of completion of work shall be filed on or before:	**N/A**
Water must be placed to beneficial use and proof of the application of water to beneficial use shall be filed on or before:	**N/A**
Map in support of proof of beneficial use shall be filed on or before:	**N/A**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, JASON KING, P.E.,

State Engineer of Nevada, have hereunto set my hand and the seal of my office, this 30th day of **November**, A.D. **2011**

P.E.

State Engineer

TEMPORARY Application No. 81285 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

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date of filing in State Engineer's Office OCT 3 1 2011

Returned to applicant for correction

Corrected application filed Map filed OCT 31 2011 under 81282T

The applicant Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation

Environmental Department, 1655 Mountain City Hwy. (Street Address or PO Box) of Elko (City or Town)

Nevada 89801 (State and ZIP Code) hereby make(s) application for permission to change the

☑ Point of diversion ☑ Place of use ☑ Manner of use ☑ of a portion

of water heretofore appropriated under (Identify existing rights by Permit, Certificate, Proof or Claim Nos. If Decreed, give title of Decree and identify right in Decree.)

Permit 58044

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1. The source of water is Underground Twin Creeks Mine - DW 75
   Name of stream, lake, underground, spring or other sources.

2. The amount of water to be changed 3.999 cfs (2895.83 AFA) 2895.156
   Second feet, acre-feet. One second foot equals 448.83 gallons per minute.

3. The water to be used for Mining, milling, domestic, and dewatering
   Irrigation, power, mining, commercial, etc. If for stock, state number and kind of animals. Must limit to one major use

4. The water heretofore used for Dewatering
   If for stock, state number and kind of animals.

5. The water is to be diverted at the following point (Describe as being within a 40-acre subdivision of public survey and by course and distance to a found section corner. If on unsurveyed land, it should be stated.)

   within the NW¼ NW¼, Section 8, T39 N, R43 E, M.D.M., at a point from which the NE corner of Section 19, T39N, R43E bears S 06°53'09" W a distance of 10634 feet.

6. The existing point of diversion is located within (If point of diversion is not changed, do not answer.)

   Twin Creeks Mine - Order 1087 NW19

   within the NE¼ NW¼, Section 19, T39 N, R43 E, M.D.M., at a point from which the NE corner of said section 19 bears N 73°10' E a distance of 4020 feet.

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7. Proposed place of use (Describe by legal subdivisions. If for irrigation, state number of acres to be irrigated.)

All Section 5, T38N, R43E; all Sections 24, 25, and 36, T39N, R42E; all Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29, 30, 31, and 32, T39N, R43E; and SE¼ SE¼ Section 31, and S½ Section 32, T40N, R43E, M.D.M.

8. Existing place of use (Describe by legal subdivisions. If changing place of use and/or manner of use of irrigation permit, describe acreage to be removed from irrigation.)

All Sections 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, T39N, R43E, M.D.M.

9. Proposed use will be from January 1 (Month and Day) to December 31 (Month and Day) of each year.

10. Existing use permitted from January 1 (Month and Day) to December 31 (Month and Day) of each year.

11. Description of proposed works. (Under the provision of NRS 535.010 you may be required to submit plans and specifications of your diversion or storage works.) (State manner in which water is to be diverted, i.e., diversion structure, ditches, pipes and flumes or drilled well, pump and motor, etc.)

Drilled, cased well with motor and pump, totalizing flowmeter, and pipeline to the place of use.

12. Estimated cost of works Est. $1,500,000 (one million five hundred thousand dollars)

13. Estimated time required to construct works Completed as described above
If well completed, describe well.

14. Estimated time required to complete the application of water to beneficial use 5 years

15. Provide a detailed description of the proposed project and its water usage (use attachments if necessary): (Failure to provide a detailed description may cause a delay in processing.)

The Twin Creeks Vista 7 project is a new surface mine that requires dewatering. BLM recently completed an EA and issued a Finding of No Significatnt Impact which cleared the way for mining. Water produced from the Vista 7 dewatering wells will be used for mining and milling purposes with excess water discharged to Rabbit Creek as authorized by Twin Creeks NPDES permit.

16. Miscellaneous remarks:

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APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT OR AGENT

 $150 FILING FEE AND SUPPORTING MAP MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION