**THE STATE OF NEVADA****PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE WATER**

**Name of Permittee:** ROUND MOUNTAIN GOLD CORP, HOMESTAKE  
NEVADA CORP, BARGOLD CORP DBA SMOKY  
VALLEY COMMON OPERATION

**Source:** UNDERGROUND

**Basin:** BIG SMOKY VALLEY-NORTHERN PART

**Manner of Use:** MINING AND MILLING

**Period of Use:** JANUARY 1ST THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST

**Priority Date:** 12/20/2013

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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 permit is issued subject to existing rights. It is understood that the amount of water herein granted is only a temporary allowance and that the final water right obtained under this permit will be dependent upon the amount of water actually placed to beneficial use. It is also understood that this right must allow for a reasonable lowering of the static water level. All wells shall be equipped with a two (2) inch opening for measuring depth to water. If any well is flowing, a valve must be installed and maintained to prevent waste. A totalizing meter must be installed and maintained in the discharge pipeline(s) and accurate measurements must be kept of water placed to beneficial use. The totalizing meters must be installed before any use of 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. The State retains the right to regulate the use of the water herein granted at any and all times.

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

The total combined duty of water for consumptive purposes under Permit 536, Certificate 16645; Permit 1077, Certificate 267; Permit 2908, Certificate 353; Permit 3898, Certificate 2347; Permit 12442, Certificate 3831; Permit 12445, Certificate 3832; Permit 12768, Certificate 3751; Permit 14119, Certificate 4889; Permit 26650, Certificate 13904; Permit 26652, Certificate 13905; Permits 44297, 44299, 44300, Certificate 13174; Permits 50971, 51577, Certificate 13185; Permit 51578, Certificate 13186; Permits 53365, 55498, 55500 through 55503, 59217, 59218, 60874 through 60876, 70169 through 70185, 76598 through 76602, 82949, 82950 and 83333 shall not exceed 14,767.5 acre-feet annually.

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

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Detailed monthly records shall be kept of the following for the previous year and reported to the State Engineer on an annual basis by February 15th of each year.

- A. All groundwater withdrawals from each individual wellhead for dewatering, mining and milling.
- B. The amount of water diverted to other consumptive uses (dust control, domestic, etc.) if any, in acre-feet.
- C. The maximum flow rate from each diversion in cubic feet per second.
- D. The amount of water lost through evaporation or other system losses project wide.
- E. Documentation of all other distribution of water diverted and infiltrated for the project.
- F. The status and location (GPS Coordinates) of each well constructed in the project area together with a description of all other diversions of groundwater from sumps, seeps, horizontal and vertical drain holes.

This permit is issued subject to the State Engineer's Order 1233 and provides for multiple points of diversion within the area described in the Order.

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 65 cubic feet per second or 14,767.5 acre-feet annually.**

Work must be prosecuted with reasonable diligence and proof of completion of work shall be filed on or before:

March 5 2015

Water must be placed to beneficial use and proof of the application of water to beneficial use shall be filed on or before:

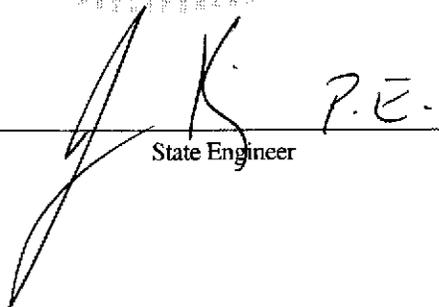
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Map in support of proof of beneficial use shall be filed on or before:

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014



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State Engineer

**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date of Filing in State Engineer's Office	<u>DEC 20 2013</u>
Returned to applicant for correction	_____
Corrected Application filed	Map filed <u>DEC 20 2013</u>

The applicant Round Mountain Gold Corp, Homestake Nevada Corp, BaRGold Corp dba Smoky Valley Common Operation

P.O. Box 480 of Round Mountain  
Street Address or P.O. Box City or Town

Nevada 89045 hereby make(s) application for permission to appropriate the  
State and ZIP Code

public waters of the State of Nevada, as hereinafter stated. (If applicant is a corporation, give date and place of incorporation; if a copartnership or association, give names of members.)

Foreign Corporation, 7/31/1985 in Delaware, pursuant to articles on file at the NV Secretary of State's Office

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- The source of water is Underground  
Name of the stream, lake, underground, spring or other sources.
  - The amount of water applied for is 65.017 cfs (up to the total combined duty of 14,767.5 afa)  
One second foot equals 448.83 gallons per minute.
    - If stored in a reservoir give the number of acre-feet \_\_\_\_\_
  - The water is to be used for mining (including reclamation), milling, domestic  
Irrigation, power, mining, commercial, domestic or other use. Must be limited to one major use.
  - If use is for:
    - Irrigation, state number of acres to be irrigated \_\_\_\_\_
    - Stockwater, state number and kind of animals \_\_\_\_\_
    - Other use (describe fully in No. 12) \_\_\_\_\_
    - Power:
      - Horsepower developed \_\_\_\_\_
      - Point of return of water to stream \_\_\_\_\_

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5. The water is to be diverted from its source 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 so stated.)  
within the SE1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 19, T.10N, R.44E, M.D.M., or at a point from which the NW corner of Section 24, T10N, R43E, bears N 57 degrees, 48 minutes, 4 seconds W for a distance of 8,373 feet.

6. Place of use: (Describe by legal subdivision. If on unsurveyed land, it should be so stated)  
See Attachment 1

7. Use will begin about January 1 and end about December 31 of each year.  
Month and Day Month and Day

8. Description of proposed works. (Under the provisions 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 and flumes, drilled well with a pump and motor, etc.)  
Drilled wells with pumps, totalizing flow meters conveying water through an existing distribution network of pipes, booster pumps and reservoirs for use in mining and milling operations.

9. Estimated cost of works: ~\$3 million per year maintaining, modifying and expanding existing system

10. Estimated time required to construct works: Existing and future cased wells with pumps and flow meters  
(If the well is complete, describe works.)

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

12. 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.)

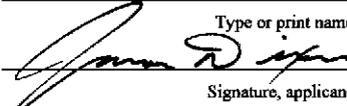
The proposed point of diversion represents a single location within the existing Round Mountain open pit dewatering well field in accordance with State Engineer Order #1234. Pumped water from the dewatering system is comingled and used for mining and milling purposes. Excess water is discharged into rapid infiltration basins.

13. Miscellaneous remarks:

This application is based on the total combined duty of existing base rights for Mining, Milling and Domestic manner of use totaling 14,767.5 afa for consumptive use.

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APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED  
 BY THE APPLICANT OR AGENT

Jason Dixon  
Type or print name clearly  
  
Signature, applicant or agent  
Round Mountain Gold Corporation  
Company Name  
PO Box 480  
Street Address or PO Box  
Round Mountain, NV 89045  
City, State, ZIP Code

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**Attachment 1**  
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6. Proposed Place of Use:

T9N, R43E; All of sections 1, 2; portions of sections 3, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15

T9N, R44E; Portion of section 6

T10N, R43E; Portions of section 11, 12; all of sections 13; portions 14, 15, 22, 23, all of sections 24, 25; portions of section 26, 34, 35; all of section 36

T10N, R44E; Portions of sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 17; all of section 18; portions of sections 19, 20, 29; all of section 30; portion of section 31

T11N, R43E; Portions of sections 25, 36

T11N, R44E; Portions of sections 28, 29; all of section 30, portion of section 31, all of section 32, portions of section 33

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