

**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: UNDERGROUND (PIT LAKE PUMPS)
Basin: PUMPERNICKEL VALLEY
Manner of Use: MINING, MILLING, AND DOMESTIC
Period of Use: JANUARY 1ST THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST
Priority Date: 06/06/1991

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, to change the point of diversion, place and manner of use of a portion of the waters of an underground source as heretofore granted under Permit 56406, Certificate 14567, is issued subject to the terms and conditions imposed in said Permit 56406, Certificate 14567 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. This source is located within an area designated by the State Engineer pursuant to NRS 534.030. If the well is flowing, a valve must be installed and maintained to prevent waste. The State retains the right to regulate the use of the water herein granted at any and all times.

The total combined diversion rate of Permits 59246, 84449 through 84461 and 85021T shall not exceed 25.8 cubic feet per second for mining and milling purposes.

The total volume of water allowed to be diverted under Permits 59246, 84449 through 84461 and 85021T shall not exceed 13,075 acre-feet annually.

The total combined consumptive duty for mining and milling purposes under Permits 59246, 84449 through 84461 and 85021T shall not exceed 1,688.15 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 groundwater basin.

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. The 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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Water level data from each monitoring, dewatering and production well shall be submitted to the State Engineer on a quarterly basis. This report must include the ground surface elevation, the water level and the location of each well. This report must be submitted to the State Engineer within 15 days after the end of each quarter. The State Engineer will retain the right to require additional monitoring over and above that described herein.

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

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

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 0.03 cubic feet per second or 16.45 acre-feet annually.**

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

May 28 2016

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

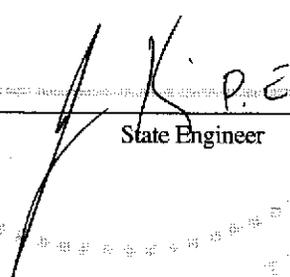
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Map in support of proof of beneficial use shall be filed on or before:

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 28th day of May, 2015



State Engineer

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

OCT 17 2014

Date of filing in State Engineer's Office _____

Returned to applicant for correction _____

Corrected application filed _____ Map filed Oct 17 2014 under 84449

The applicant Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation
S&ER Department, 1655 Mountain City Hwy. of Elko
Street Address or PO Box City or Town
Nevada 89801 hereby make(s) application for permission to change the
State and ZIP Code

- Point of diversion Place of use Manner of use

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

Permit 56406, Certificate 14567

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1. The source of water is Lone Tree Mine - Pit Lake Pumps UNDERGROUND SW 10/23/14
Name of stream, lake, underground, spring or other sources.
2. The amount of water to be changed 16.45 AFA (0.03 cfs)
Second feet, acre-feet. One second foot equals 448.83 gallons per minute.
3. The water to be used for Mining, Milling and Domestic
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 Mining, Milling and 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 SE¼ NE¼, Section 14, T34 N, R42 E, M.D.M., at a point from which the NE corner of Section 15, T34N, R42E, M.D.M. bears N70°59'37"E a distance of 5300 feet.
6. The existing point of diversion is located within (If point of diversion is not changed, do not answer.)
SE¼ NE¼ Section 11, T.34N., R.42E., M.D.B.&M., or at a point from which the SW corner of Section 12 T.34N., R.42E. M.D.B.&M bears S. 16°38'37" E., a distance of 3,365.4 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 Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, and 28 T34N, R42E, M.D.M. and Section 18 T34N, 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.)

Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, and 27 T.34N., R.42E., M.D.B.&M and the south half of the NE¼, and the north half of the SE¼, Section 29 T.35N., R.43E, M.D.B.&M.

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

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

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 \$100,000

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.)

Although dewatering operations at the Lone Tree mine have ceased, water rights need to be moved to satisfy intermittent operation of the mill, make-up water for the leach pad, pit lake mitigation, reclamation and water supply for the shop and administration building. Upon approval of this change application (and others) dewatering water rights can be withdrawn.

16. Miscellaneous remarks:

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APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED
BY THE APPLICANT OR AGENT

Bryce Vorwaller

Type or print name clearly

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Signature, applicant or agent

Newmont USA, Limited

Company Name

S&ER Department, 1655 Mountain City Hwy.

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