

THE STATE OF NEVADA

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATION OF WATER

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WHEREAS, William A. Nisbet, Agent, has presented to the State Engineer of the State of Nevada Proof of Application of Water to Beneficial Use, from an underground source (Culinary Well), through a drilled well, pump and distribution system for mining, milling, dewatering and domestic purposes. The point of diversion of water from the source is as follows:

Lot 9 (S½) Section 30, T.28N., R.47E., M.D.B.&M., or at a point from which the SE corner of said Section 30, bears S. 74°54' E., a distance of 3,895.0 feet situated in Lander County, State of Nevada.

NOW KNOW YE, That the State Engineer, under the provisions of NRS 533.425, has determined the date, source, purpose, amount of appropriation, and the place where such water is appurtenant, as follows:

Name of appropriator:	Cortez Joint Venture
Source:	Underground (Culinary Well)
Manner of Use:	Mining, Milling, Dewatering and Domestic
Amount of appropriation:	*0.051 c.f.s., but not to exceed 12.50 acre-feet annually
Period of use:	January 1st to December 31st of each year
Date of priority of appropriation:	**June 26, 1992

Description of the works of diversion, manner and place of use:

Water is developed by means of a drilled well, 1,500 feet deep, 14 3/4 inch diameter casing, via a 16 stage submersible pump equipped with a 40 H.P. motor, thence through a distribution system including storage tanks and chlorination system to the mill for domestic uses at the Pipeline Gold Project located in all of Sections 5, 6, 7 & 8, in T.27N., R.47E., M.D.B.&M., (unsurveyed) and all of Sections 29, 30, 31 & 32, T.28N., R.47E., M.D.B.&M.

*The total combined rate of diversion and the total combined withdrawal of water under this certificate and any certificates issued under Permits 57133, 57134, 57135, 57136, 57137, 57138, 57139, 57140, 57141, 57142, 57143, 57144, 57145, 57146, 57147, 57148, 57798, 57799, 57800, 58366, 58368, 58370, 59072, 59073, 59074, 59075, 59787, 61793 and 61794 shall not exceed 67.0 cubic feet per second and 48,506.0 acre-feet annually, respectively.

*The duty under this certificate is included in that allowed for dewatering, any water produced in excess of 3,807 acre-feet annually shall be returned to the Crescent Valley Groundwater Basin by shallow infiltration.

**This certificate changes the point of diversion of a portion of Permit 57800, therefore, the date of priority remains the same a Permit 57800.

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

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The right to water hereby determined is limited to the amount which can be beneficially used, not to exceed the amount above specified, and the use is restricted to the place and for the purpose as set forth herein.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, **HUGH RICCI, P.E.**, State Engineer of Nevada, have hereunto set my hand and the seal of my office, this 4th of February, A.D., 2002.

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State Engineer