IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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FEB 16 2006
STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER: 72695

FILED BY: Idaho General Mining **PROTEST**

ON: May 3, 2005 to Appropriate the

Waters of: Kobeh Valley

Comes now **Peter Damele and/or Tom Damele** whose post office address is **P.O. 104 Eureka, NV 89316** whose occupation is **ranching and** protests the granting **of Application Number 72695 filed on May 3, 2005 by Idaho General Mining to appropriate the waters of Kobeh Valley situated in Eureka County, State of Nevada,** for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

This application requests an excessive amount of water and doesn't have a clearly defined time frame for pumping. Excessive ground water pumping has the potential to reduce surface water flows and dry up springs. This would have obvious and severe impacts on this basin and cause current agricultural businesses to fail. We are fourth generation ranchers in the area that rely heavily on these resources.

Certificate Number 293 Certificate Number 817 Certificate Number 3180
Certificate Number 3181 Certificate Number 4474 Certificate Number 4922
Certificate Number 5670 Certificate Number 5737 Certificate Number 11447
Certificate Number 11448 Certificate Number 11449 Permit Number 44747
Permit Number 44750 Permit Number 44777

THEREFORE the protestant requests that the application be **denied** and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed Peter Joe Damele
Peter Damele

Tom Damele
Tom Damele

Address: P.O. Box 104
Eureka, NV 89316

Subscribed and sworn to me this 14th **day of** Feb, **, 2006**

DARLA WINROD CANTRELL
Notary Public - State of Nevada
Appointment Recorded in Lander County
No: 99-53751-10 - Expires April 11, 2007

Darla Winrod Cantrell
Notary Public

State of Nevada
County of Lander

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