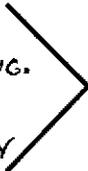
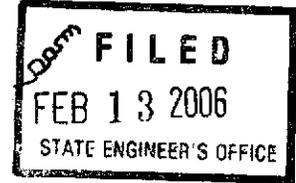


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 73547,  
FILED BY IDAHO GENERAL MINES, INC.  
ON Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 2005, TO APPROPRIATE THE  
WATERS OF Underground Koebe Valley



PROTEST



Comes now DAVID S.A. STINE  
Printed or typed name of protestant  
whose post office address is P.O. BOX 783 EUREKA, NV 89316  
Street No. Or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code.  
whose occupation is FARMER and protests the granting  
of Application Number 73547, filed on Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
by IDAHO GENERAL MINES, INC. to appropriate the  
waters of UNDERGROUND KOEBEL VALLEY situated in EUREKA  
Underground or name of stream, lake, spring or other source

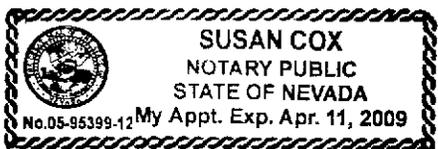
County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT

THEREFORE the Protestant requests that the application be DENIED  
Denied, issued subject to prior rights, etc., as the case may be  
and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed David S.A. Stine  
Agent or protestant  
DAVID S.A. STINE  
Printed or typed name, if agent  
Address P.O. BOX 783  
Street No. or P.O. Box No  
EUREKA, NV 89316  
City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of Feb, 2006



Susan Cox  
Notary Public  
State of Nevada  
County of Carsen city

\$25 FILING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY PROTEST. PROTEST MUST BE FILED IN DUPLICATE.  
ALL COPIES MUST CONTAIN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.

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Attachment to the protests of application numbers:

72695, 72696, 72697, 72698 and

73545, 73546, 73547, 73548, 73549, 73550, 73551, 73552

Submitted by David S.A. Stine, PO Box 783 Eureka, NV, 89316

For the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

1. The applications are being made in a designated basin, Nevada hydrographic basin 139, Kobeh Valley.. According to the Nevada Division of Water Resources Hydrographic Basin Summary, there is presently an annual duty of over 17,000 acre-feet in the Kobeh Valley of permitted and certificated status diversions.
2. The combined duty of the applications I am protesting have a proposed duty of 22.280 CFS from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. This converts to a yield of over 16,000 acre-feet per annum, or approximately 10,000 gallons per minute. This combined duty, if the applications were approved, would substantially over-appropriate an already designated basin.
3. Kobeh Valley provides some recharge, both via underground coupling and via surface runoff, to Diamond Valley (Basin 153). If the applications under protest were granted, the surface runoff and subsurface recharge from Kobeh Valley to southern Diamond Valley (via the geological feature known as "Devil's Gate" along US Route 50) may be substantially reduced or eliminated. Residents of Eureka County with existing rights and domestic wells at the southern end of Diamond Valley would be detrimentally effected by elimination of any recharge from the Kobeh Valley, as the static water levels in Diamond Valley have been dropping for over 30 years and elimination or impairment of any recharge capacity into Diamond Valley would only accelerate the decrease in static water levels.
4. The proposed use specified in the applications being protested is "mining, milling and dewatering." Any claim of a use of "dewatering" in these applications suffers from a substantial error in the place of use. The waters of the applications under protest could be diverted to the place of use for mining and/or milling, but applications for dewatering should specify the actual area (ie, mine site) being dewatered. The actual site of the proposed mine is over seven (7) miles to the north/north-east of the applications' closest points of diversion. This protestor is unaware of any viable technology whereby an applicant can successfully dewater a mine site from underground points of diversion seven or more miles distant. The applicant should submit applications for any dewatering that specify a point of use and a map of use that reflects the actual points of diversion to be dewatered for the public to be adequately informed as to the applicant's intended use of water.
5. The actual proposed mine site straddles two hydrographic basins: Kobeh Valley (Nevada Hydrographic Basin 139) and Diamond Valley (Nevada Hydrographic Basin 153). De-watering occurring at the mining site may involve an inter-basin transfer of ground water. Since Diamond Valley (Basin 153) is a designated basin with existing rights and domestic wells, the applicant should be made to file specific applications for any and all dewatering diversions of ground water as may

occur in Basin 139 and Basin 153 to adequately inform the public with existing rights in Basin 153 of the applicant's proposed point(s) of diversion for dewatering that may occur in Basin 153.

6. Any and all applications made for diversions of water for the purpose of dewatering should be assigned a "temporary" status, so that when mining operations cease (or the need to dewater the mine ceases), the permits for dewatering diversions cannot be converted to other uses, since both Basins 139 and 153 are already designated.