MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 30 was approved as Minute Item No. 30 by the State Lands Commission by a vote of 2 to 0 at its 6/21/84 meeting.

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APPROVAL OF A PROSPECTING PERMIT FOR MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL, GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, SAND AND GRAVEL, RIVERSIDE COUNTY

APPLICANT: Utah International, Inc.
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San Francisco, California 94104

Agent: K. T. Johnson
Utah International, Inc.
550 California Street
San Francisco, California 94104

PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION:

Approval of a Prospecting Permit for two years to prospect for gold and silver and other valuable minerals, other than oil, gas, geothermal resources, sand and gravel, on approximately 640 acres of land located in Riverside County.

CONSIDERATION: Filing fee of $25, expense deposit of $100 and an acreage deposit of $640.

TYPE OF LAND AND LOCATION:

State school land - Section 16, T7S, R12E, SBBM, Riverside County, seven miles south of Chiriaco Summit.

PROPOSED PROJECT:

Utah International, Inc. will conduct geologic mapping and rock outcrop chip sampling or stream sediment sampling in the permit area to prospect for valuable minerals. This work will be done by a geologist on foot. No surface disturbance such as road construction, pitting, trenching, blasting or clearing will be permitted.

Any proposed activity not authorized by this permit will not proceed without prior approval

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of a project amendment processed under the regulations of CEQA. If commercial mining operations are proposed, appropriate environmental documentation will be prepared and certified prior to issuing a mineral extraction lease.

TERM: The primary term of a Prospecting Permit is two years. The Commission may, in its discretion, extend the term for one additional year.

ROYALTY: Royalty payable under the permit shall be 20 percent of the gross value of the minerals secured from the permit area and sold or otherwise disposed of or held for sale or other disposition.

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

1. Required statutory filing fee, expense deposit and acreage deposit have been submitted by the applicant.

2. Subject parcel is not known to contain a commercially valuable deposit of minerals.

3. Royalty payable under any preferential lease issued shall not be less than ten percent of the gross revenue, less specific charges, as approved by the Commission related to transporting and processing as set forth in said lease.

STATUTORY REFERENCES:

A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Section 6891.

B. Cal. Adm. Code: Title 2, Section 2200.

AB 884: 09/08/84.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a categorical exemption under Class 6, Information Collection, 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15306.

Authority: P.R.C. 21084 and 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15300), and 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2905(e), (Authority: P.R.C. 21084, 14 Cal. Adm Code 15300, and 14 Cal. Adm. Code 2905).

2. Pursuant to P.R.C. Section 6895, upon establishing to the satisfaction of the Commission that commercially valuable deposits of minerals have been discovered within the limits of the permit, the applicant would have a preferential right to a lease for a maximum of 160 acres embraced within the permit. Said right shall be subject to all necessary environmental approvals. The permit will not affect the discretion of the Commission in granting or denying the lease because of such environmental considerations.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

Pursuant to P.R.C. Section 6890, the subject permit application has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General as to compliance with the applicable provisions of the law.

EXHIBITS:

A. Land Description.
B. Site Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15061 AS A CATEGORICAL EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION, 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15306 AND 2 CAL. ADM. CODE 2905. THE PROJECT SHALL INCLUDE THIS PROSPECTING PERMIT AND ANY EXTENSION THE COMMISSION MAY GRANT IN ITS DISCRETION FOR THE SAME PROJECT DESCRIBED IN THE PERMIT. ANY EXTENSION SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE YEAR.

2. DETERMINE THAT THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN THE PERMIT ARE NOT PRESENTLY KNOWN TO CONTAIN COMMERCIALLY VALUABLE DEPOSITS OF MINERALS.

3. AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF THE PROSPECTING PERMIT TO UTAH INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, FOR ALL MINERALS, OTHER THAN OIL, GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, SAND AND GRAVEL, ON SECTION 16, T7S, R12E, SBBM, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 640 ACRES; IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD FORM OF PERMIT. ROYALTY PAYABLE UNDER THE PERMIT SHALL BE 20 PERCENT. ROYALTY PAYABLE UNDER ANY PREFERENTIAL LEASE ISSUED UPON THE DISCOVERY OF COMMERCIALLY VALUABLE DEPOSITS FOR ANY AND ALL MINERALS

EXTRACTED OR REMOVED FROM SAID PREMISES FOR SALE OR STOCKPILING SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN TEN PERCENT OF THE GROSS REVENUE, LESS SPECIFIC CHARGES, AS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, RELATED TO TRANSPORTING AND PROCESSING, AS SET FORTH IN SAID LEASE. THE DETERMINATION OF SAID ROYALTIES SHALL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSION.

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LAND DESCRIPTION

A parcel of California State school lands in Riverside County, California, described as follows:

Section 16, T7S, R12E, SBM.

END OF DESCRIPTION

PREPARED MAY 10, 1984, BY BOUNDARY AND TITLE UNIT, LEROY WEED, SUPERVISOR.

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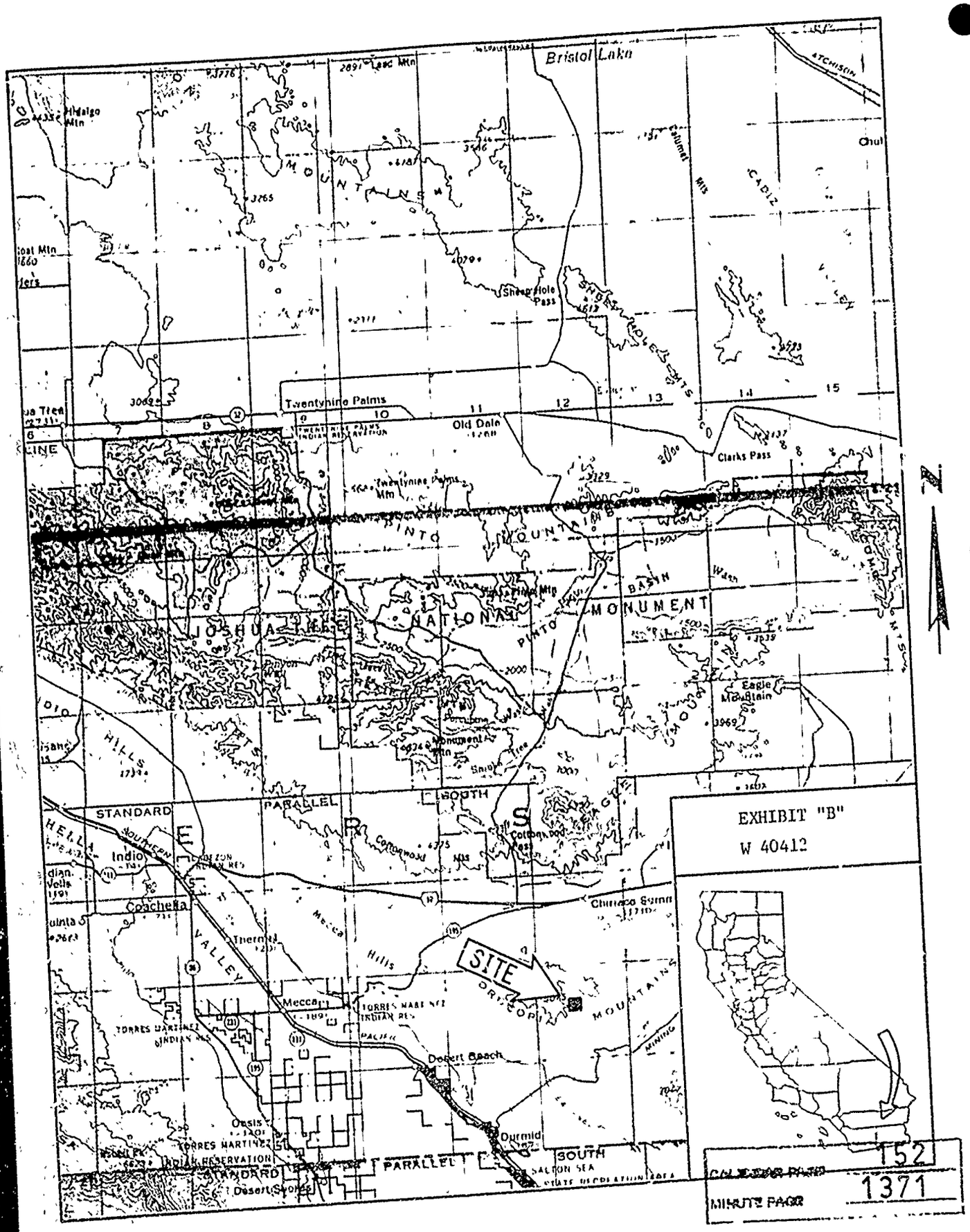
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