

MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. C27
was approved as Minute Item
No. 27 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 8/11/88
meeting.

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PRC 6973

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APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF PERMIT TO PROSPECT
FOR MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL AND GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES,
SAND AND GRAVEL, RIVERSIDE COUNTY

APPLICANT: BHP-Utah International Inc.
550 California Street
San Francisco, California 94104

AGENT: R. O. Wheaton
BHP-Utah International Inc.
550 California Street
San Francisco, California 94104

PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION:

Approval of extension of a permit to prospect
for precious metals and other valuable minerals
other than oil and gas, geothermal resources,
and sand and gravel, on approximately 200 acres
of land located in Riverside County.

TERMS OF EXTENSION:

May 1, 1988 through April 30, 1989.

TYPE OF LAND AND LOCATION:

State school land, N 1/2 of N 1/2, SW 1/4 of
NW 1/4, Section 36, T7S, R12E, SBM, Riverside
County, located in the southern Orocopia
Mountains.

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

Application for extension submitted by
Permittee.

Statutory filing fee and processing fee have
been submitted by Permittee.

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OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Mineral Prospecting Permit PRC 6973 was approved for issuance to Utah International Inc. by the Commission on April 24, 1986, effective May 1, 1986.

BPH-Utah International Inc. was authorized to perform geologic mapping, rock chip sampling, and stream sediment sampling. All samples are to be extracted with hand tools and taken offsite for precious metal assaying. To date, Utah International Inc. has not commenced their mapping and sampling program. Work performed on their nearby federal mining claims has not been encouraging. However, BHP-Utah International Inc. has requested a one-year extension of their prospecting permit to accomplish their mapping and sampling program so as to evaluate the mineral potential of the State parcel.

2. Effective June 24, 1987, Utah International Inc. changed their name to BHP-Utah International Inc. to reflect its integration with the other minerals business of its parent company, the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited (BHP).
3. After reviewing the request for extension of the permit, staff believes there are no circumstances surrounding the project nor changes in the environment or the project that indicate the proposed action will have a significant effect on the environment.
4. The primary term of a prospecting permit is two years. The Commission may, in its discretion, extend the term for one additional year.
5. The extension is in the best interest of the State.

STATUTORY REFERENCES:

- A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Section 6891.
- B. Cal. Adm. Code: Title 2, Section 2200.

AB 884:

N/A.

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ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION:

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15061), the staff has again determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 6, Information Collection, 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2905(e)(3).

Authority: P.R.C. 21084, 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15300, and 2 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, the Applicant will have a preferential right to a lease for a maximum of 200 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 such environmental approvals.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Land Description.
- B. Site Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15061 AS A CATEGORICAL EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION, 2 CAL. ADM. CODE 2905.
2. PURSUANT TO SECTION 6891 OF THE P.R.C., AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION THROUGH APRIL 30, 1989, OF PROSPECTING PERMIT PRC 6973 ISSUED TO BHP-UTAH INTERNATIONAL INC. TO PROSPECT FOR ALL MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL AND GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES AND SAND AND GRAVEL; ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT ARE TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

EXHIBIT "A"

PRC 6973

LAND DESCRIPTION

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

N1/2 of N1/2 and SW1/4 of NW1/4 of Section 36, T7S, R12E, SBM.

END OF DESCRIPTIONS

PREPARED DECEMBER 19, 1985, BY BOUNDARY SERVICES UNIT, M.L.
SHAFER, SUPERVISOR.

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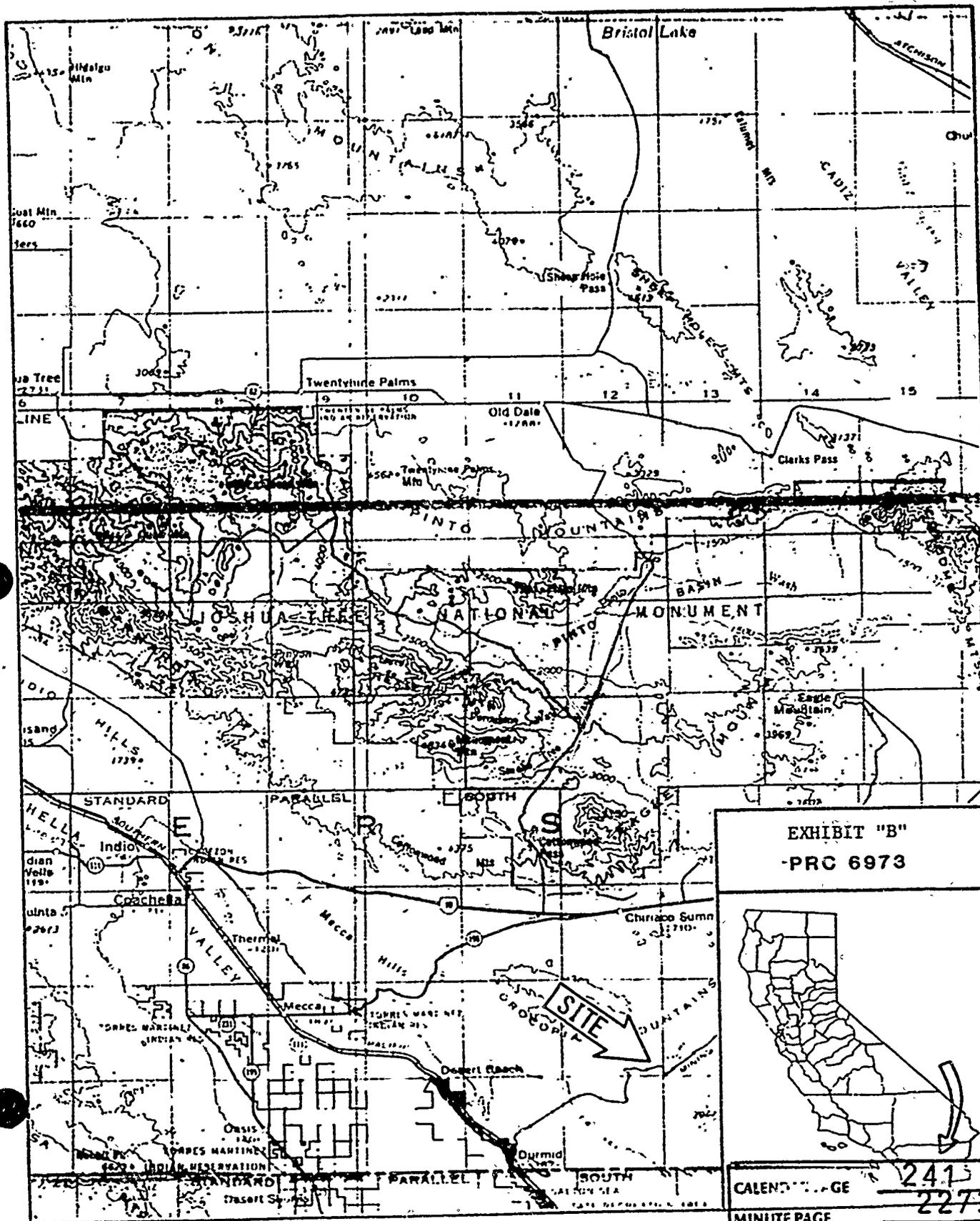


EXHIBIT "B"
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