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APPLICANT: Homestake Mining Company
of California
650 California Street
San Francisco, CA 94108

AGENT: Margaret E. Winsel
Homestake Mining Company of California
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San Francisco, CA 94108

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 632.28
acres of land located in San Bernardino County.

TERMS OF EXTENSION:

May 1, 1989 through April 30, 1990.

TYPE OF LAND AND LOCATION:

State school land, Section 16, T15N R14E, SBM,
San Bernardino County, located in the central
Ivanpah Mountains.

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

Application for extension submitted by Permittee.

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

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Mineral prospecting permit PRC 7065 was approved for issuance to Homestake Mining Company of California by the Commission on April 23, 1987, effective May 1, 1987.

The permit authorized geologic mapping and rock chip sampling. All samples are extracted with hand held picks and hammers and taken offsite for assay. All vehicle access is restricted to existing roads and jeep trails.

The permittee indicates that additional mapping and sampling is necessary to understand the mineral potential of the parcel, and has requested a one year extension to conclude their mapping and sampling program.

2. 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.
3. The primary term of a prospecting permit is two years. The Commission may, in its discretion, extend the term for one additional year.
4. The proposed extension of prospecting permit PRC 7065 will provide for the mineral evaluation of the State School Section and, if successful, would result in a significant source of royalty revenue for the State Teaching Retirement System.

STATUTORY REFERENCES:

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

AB 884:

N/A.

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION:

1. The permit lands are located within the Bureau of Land Management East Mojave National Scenic Area of which Senator Alan Cranston, by his "California Desert Protection Act" (S11), seeks to make into a national park. The permit extension will provide that if the permit lands are included within a park or other protected area, the Commission may require the Permittee or Lessee, if a preferential lease has been issued, to quitclaim the permit or lease. Further, in the event the State shall divest its title to the lands by sale or exchange, the permit or lease shall terminate with such divestiture.
2. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 6, Information Collection, 2 Cal. Code Regs 2905(e)(3).

Authority: P.R.C. 21084, 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15300, and 2 Cal. Code Regs. 2905.

3. 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 maximum of 632.28 acres embraced within the permit. Said right shall be subject to all necessary environmental approvals.

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The extension of the permit will not affect the discretion of the Commission in granting or denying any subsequent activity on the basis of environmental consideration. Further, the permit extension will provide that the processing of any ore or mined material under the permit of preferential mineral extraction leases may not include use of open ponds containing cyanide leachate solutions used in the recovery of valuable products from mined material.

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. CODE REGS. 15061 AS A CATEGORICAL EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION, 2 CAL. CODE REGS. 2905.
2. PURSUANT TO SECTION 6891 OF THE P.R.C., AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION THROUGH APRIL 30, 1990, OF PROSPECTING PERMIT PRC 7065 ISSUED TO HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA 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"

LAND DESCRIPTION

PRC 7065

A parcel of California State school land in San Bernardino County, California, described as follows:

Section 16, T15N, R14E, SBM

END OF DESCRIPTION

PREPARED FEBRUARY 3, 1987 BY BOUNDARY SERVICES UNIT, M. L. SHAFER,
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