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APPROVAL OF EXTENSIONS OF PERMIT FOR MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL AND GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, SAND AND GRAVEL, INYO COUNTY

PERMITTEE: United States Borax
and Chemical Corporation
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Los Angeles, California 90010

AGENT: Michael H. Rauschkolb
United States Borax
and Chemical Corporation
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PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION:
Approve term extensions of three permits for one year each to prospect for borates and other valuable minerals, other than oil and gas, geothermal resources or sand and gravel on 1,920 acres of land, more or less, located in southern Inyo County.

TERM OF EXTENSION:
July 1, 1989 through June 30, 1990.

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AREA, TYPE OF LAND AND LOCATION:

Parcel 1 - PRC 7092, 6 miles south of Death Valley Junction, 640 acres of State School Land, Section 16, T24N, R5E, SBM, Inyo County.

Parcel 2 - PRC 7094, 8 miles west of Death Valley Junction, 640 acres of State School Land, Section 16, T25N, R4E, SBM, Inyo County.

Parcel 3 - PRC 7095, 5 miles southwest of Death Valley Junction, 640 acres of State School Land, Section 36, T25N, R4E, SBM, Inyo County.

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

1. Applications for extension have been submitted by the Permittee.

2. Statutory filing and processing fees have been submitted by the Permittee.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Mineral Prospecting Permits PRC 7092, PRC 7094 and PRC 7095 were issued to United States Borax and Chemical Corporation by the Commission on June 30, 1987 effective on July 1, 1987.

2. The prospecting activities conducted pursuant to said permits have included geologic mapping, surface sampling and exploratory drilling. Based on test results, U. S. Borax is requesting a one year permit extension in order to continue the mineral evaluation of these properties.

3. The Commission staff believes there are no circumstances of the project or changes in the surrounding area of the project that would indicate the proposed action will have a significant effect on the environment.

4. The primary term of a mineral prospecting permit is two (2) years. The Commission may, in its discretion, extend the term of any permit for a period not exceeding one (1) year, but the term of any such permit, including extension, shall be limited to a total of three (3) years.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Parts 1 and 2; Div. 13.

B. Cal. Code Regs.: Title 2, Div. 3; Title 14, Div. 6.

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION:

1. A Negative Declaration (EIR ND 414) that addressed activities under the primary term and a one year extension was prepared by the Commission staff pursuant to CEQA and its guidelines and certified by the Commission on June 30, 1987.

2. Pursuant to Section 6895 of the Public Resources Code, the permittee shall be entitled to a lease for not more than 640 acres of the lands included in each of the prospecting permits (approximately 1,920 acres total). This entitlement shall be subject to all necessary environmental approvals. The permit shall not affect the discretion of the Commission in granting or denying such environmental approvals. Further, the permit extensions provide that the processing of any ore or mined material under the permits or preferential mineral extraction leases may not in include use of open ponds containing cyanide leachate solutions used in the recovery of valuable products from mined material.

3. A portion of the permitted lands (PRC 7092) is situated within the California Desert Protection Act (S-11). Thus that portion of the permitted lands may be incorporated into a national park during the period of the permit extension. 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.

EXHIBITS: A. Land Descriptions.
B. Site Maps.

AB 884: N/A.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION (EIR ND 414) WAS ADOPTED FOR THE PROJECT BY THE COMMISSION ON JUNE 30, 1987 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, THAT A DETERMINATION WAS MADE THAT THE PROJECT WOULD NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND THAT SAID DOCUMENT AND DETERMINATION REMAIN VALID FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION.

2. PURSUANT TO SECTION 6891 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION THROUGH JUNE 30, 1990 OF PROSPECTING PERMITS PRC 7092, PRC 7094 AND PRC 7095 ISSUED TO UNITED STATES BORAX AND CHEMICAL CORPORATION 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-1"

PRC 7092.2

LAND DESCRIPTION

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

Section 16, T24N, R5E, SBM.

END OF DESCRIPTION

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EXHIBIT "A-2"

PRC 7094.2

LAND DESCRIPTION

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

Section 16, T25N, R4E, SBM.

END OF DESCRIPTION

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EXHIBIT "A-3"

PRC 7095.2

LAND DESCRIPTION

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

Section 36, T25N, R4E, SBM.

END OF DESCRIPTION

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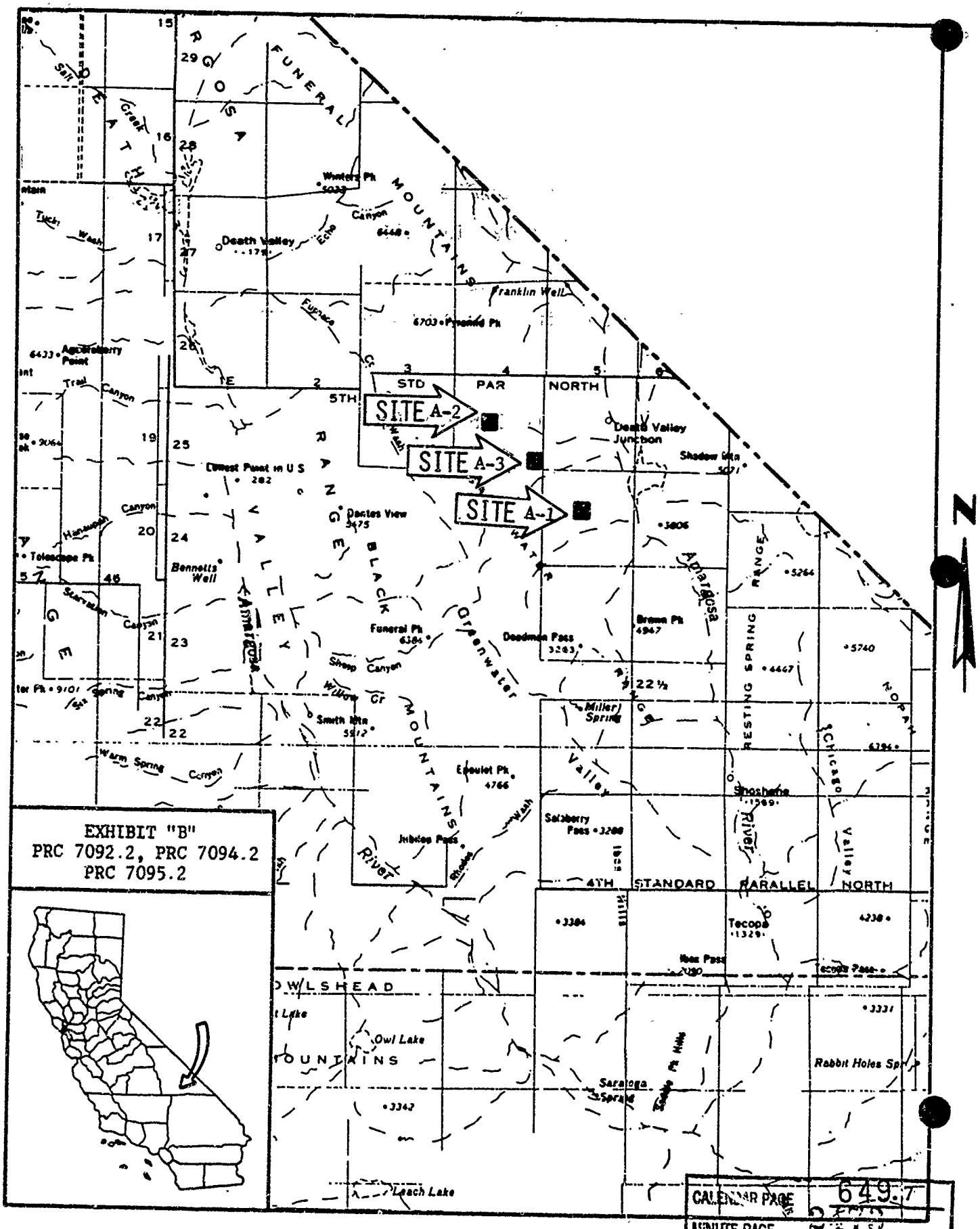

EXHIBIT "B"
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