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APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF A
MINERAL PROSPECTING PERMIT FOR MINERALS
OTHER THAN OIL, GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES,
SAND AND GRAVEL ON 640 ACRES OF STATE SCHOOL LANDS,
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

APPLICANT:

Viceroy Gold Corporation
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AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:

Approximately 640 acres of State school lands described as Section 36, T14N, R17E, SBM, in the Castle Mountains of eastern San Bernardino County, about 50 miles east of Baker, California.

BACKGROUND:

Viceroy Gold Company (Viceroy) has requested an extension of the existing mineral prospecting permit. The initial term of the permit was effective August 1, 1992 and expired July 31, 1993. The term of the proposed extension, if approved, will be August 1, 1993 to July 31, 1994.

The permit authorizes prospecting activity including geologic mapping and hand sampling of surface material. No other surface disturbance is authorized. During the initial term, the Permittee conducted detailed geologic mapping of the surface of Section 36 and has taken approximately 100 samples (out of a total of 400 samples permitted for the project) from various locations for assay. Exploration data gathered thus far have been submitted to the Commission staff pursuant to conditions of the permit. Viceroy's geologic staff did not complete all the permitted activity in Section 36 during the initial term of the permit.

The Permittee indicates that during the proposed extension, more surface hand sampling will take place and further mapping of the parcel will be completed. Exploration results will then be examined to determine whether further

exploration work such as an exploratory drilling program is indicated. If a drilling program is warranted, the Permittee would apply for a permit amendment to include such activity. Any further exploration work would be subject to the necessary CEQA review processes and further consideration by the Commission.

PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:

1. Required filing fee, and expense deposit for processing services have been submitted by the Applicant.

2. The subject parcel is not known to contain commercially valuable mineral deposits.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

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

AB 884:

N/A.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. 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. The collection of data for information purposes where minimal disturbance of state property is involved, 2 Cal. Code Regs. 2905(e)(3).

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

2. The proposed activity involves land identified as possessing significant environmental values (PRC 6370) and is assigned a land use classification of Class "B", Limited Use. Based on Commission staff's conferring again with the nominating agency and through the environmental review process, Commission staff concludes that the proposed permit extension remains consistent with the parcel's land use classification.

3. After examining the Permittee's request for permit extension, Commission staff concludes there is no circumstances surrounding the project and no changes in the permitted activity of the project that indicate the proposed extension will have a significant impact on the environment. No significant impacts will result from activities to be conducted during the period of the proposed extension.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY PROPOSED UNDER THE PERMIT EXTENSION IS STILL EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15061 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION, 2 CAL. CODE REGS. 2905(e)(3).

2. FIND THE ACTIVITY PROPOSED UNDER THE PERMIT EXTENSION IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PARCEL'S SIGNIFICANT LAND-USE CLASSIFICATION.

3. DETERMINE THAT THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN THE PERMIT ARE NOT PRESENTLY KNOWN TO CONTAIN COMMERCIALLY VALUABLE MINERAL DEPOSITS.

4. PURSUANT TO SECTION 6891 OF THE P.R.C. AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION THROUGH JULY 31, 1994 OF MINERAL PROSPECTING PERMIT TO VICEROY GOLD CORPORATION TO CONTINUE PROSPECTING FOR VALUABLE MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL, GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, AND SAND AND GRAVEL ON SECTION 36. ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT ARE TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.