

**MINUTE ITEM**

This Calendar Item No. C117 was approved as Minute Item No. 117 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 6-19-98 meeting.

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PRC 7960

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**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A MINERAL PROSPECTING PERMIT EXTENSION FOR VALUABLE MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL, GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, AND SAND AND GRAVEL ON APPROXIMATELY 608 ACRES OF STATE SCHOOL LAND, IMPERIAL COUNTY.**

**APPLICANT:**

Lot 42 Mining, Inc.  
Attn.: Mr. Llewellyn Kenison, President  
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Mesa, AZ 85213

**AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:**

Approximately 608 acres of vacant, State-owned school land described as Section 16, T15S, R21E, SBM situated about eight miles northwest of Winterhaven, California.

**BACKGROUND:**

Mineral Prospecting Permit No. PRC 7960 is a mineral prospecting permit approved by the California State Lands Commission (Commission) in May 1997, for a primary term of one year, effective June 1, 1997, and expiring on May 31, 1998. Lot 42 Mining, Inc., (Lot 42), the Permittee, has requested the Commission authorize a one-year extension. The term of the proposed extension would be from June 1, 1998 to May 31, 1999, the second year (maximum of three) of the permit. Permitted mineral prospecting activity is limited to surface sampling using hand tools. Due to concentration of activity by Lot 42 on private property at the Guadalupe Mine located within Section 16, no prospecting to date has been conducted on State land within Section 16. Permittee has submitted required filing and processing fees for permit extension.

**STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:**

- A. Public Resources Code section : Division 6, Sections 6890 and 6891.
- B. California Code of Regulations: Title 2, Section 2200

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**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 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. Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905 (e)(3).

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15300.

2. This activity involves land identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 6370 et. seq. Based on the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.
3. The proposed project (surface sampling) subject to this permit and permit extension will not provide sufficient information to establish an economic mineral discovery, and will not lead directly to an application for a preferential lease pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6895.
4. The project shall include this prospecting permit and any extension the Commission may grant in its discretion for the project described in the permit. Any extension shall not exceed additional periods of one year each. In no event shall the term of a permit exceed three years.

**PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:**

N/A

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

**CEQA FINDINGS:**

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION; TITLE 2, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 2905(e)(3).
2. FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTIONS 6370, ET SEQ.
3. DETERMINE THAT THE LAND DESCRIBED IN THE PERMIT IS NOT PRESENTLY KNOWN TO CONTAIN COMMERCIALY VALUABLE MINERAL DEPOSITS.

**AUTHORIZATION:**

AUTHORIZE AN EXTENSION OF MINERAL PROSPECTING PERMIT NO. PRC 7960 TO LOT 42 MINING, INC., TO CONTINUE PROSPECTING FOR VALUABLE MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL, GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, AND SAND AND GRAVEL. ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

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