

**MINUTE ITEM**

This Calendar Item No. C61 was approved as Minute Item No. 61 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 4/13/99 meeting.

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**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A MINERAL PROSPECTING PERMIT FOR MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL, GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, AND SAND AND GRAVEL ON 480 ACRES OF STATE SCHOOL LANDS, MONO COUNTY**

**APPLICANT:**

Deloro Minerals, Ltd. (USA)  
Attn.: Mr. Nicholas Nuttycombe  
12640 W. Cedar Drive, Suite 200  
Lakewood, CO 80228

**AREA, TYPE LAND AND LOCATION:**

Approximately 480 acres of State school lands located in the south half and northeast quarter of Section 16, T5N, R27E, MDM, and situated about 15 miles northeast of Bridgeport, California (see Exhibit A).

**BACKGROUND:**

Deloro Minerals, Ltd. (USA) has applied to conduct mineral prospecting for precious metals on approximately 480 acres of patented State school lands with 100 percent reserved mineral interest. Activities under this permit will be limited to the surface of the subject parcel and will consist of geologic mapping, geophysical surveys and hand sampling. During this phase of the project, there will be minimal surface disturbance as mineral prospecting activity throughout the parcel will be conducted on foot. Results from this phase will determine if additional activity including exploration drilling is warranted and a permit amendment would be required including appropriate environmental documentation for such additional activities. Any amendment would require further consideration by the Commission.

**PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:**

1. Required filing fee, processing fee and acreage deposit have been submitted by the Applicant.
2. The subject parcel is not known to contain commercially valuable mineral deposits.

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**STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:**

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

**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

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(c).

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15300, and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905.

**APPROVALS OBTAINED:**

Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6890, the prospecting permit document has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General as to compliance with the applicable provisions of the law.

**EXHIBIT:**

- A. Site Map

**PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:**

April 10, 1999

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

**CEQA FINDING:**

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(c). THE PROJECT SHALL INCLUDE THIS PROSPECTING PERMIT AND ANY OTHER EXTENSION THE COMMISSION MAY GRANT IN ITS DISCRETION FOR THE PROJECT AS DESCRIBED IN THE PERMIT. ANY EXTENSION SHALL NOT EXCEED ADDITIONAL PERIODS OF ONE YEAR.

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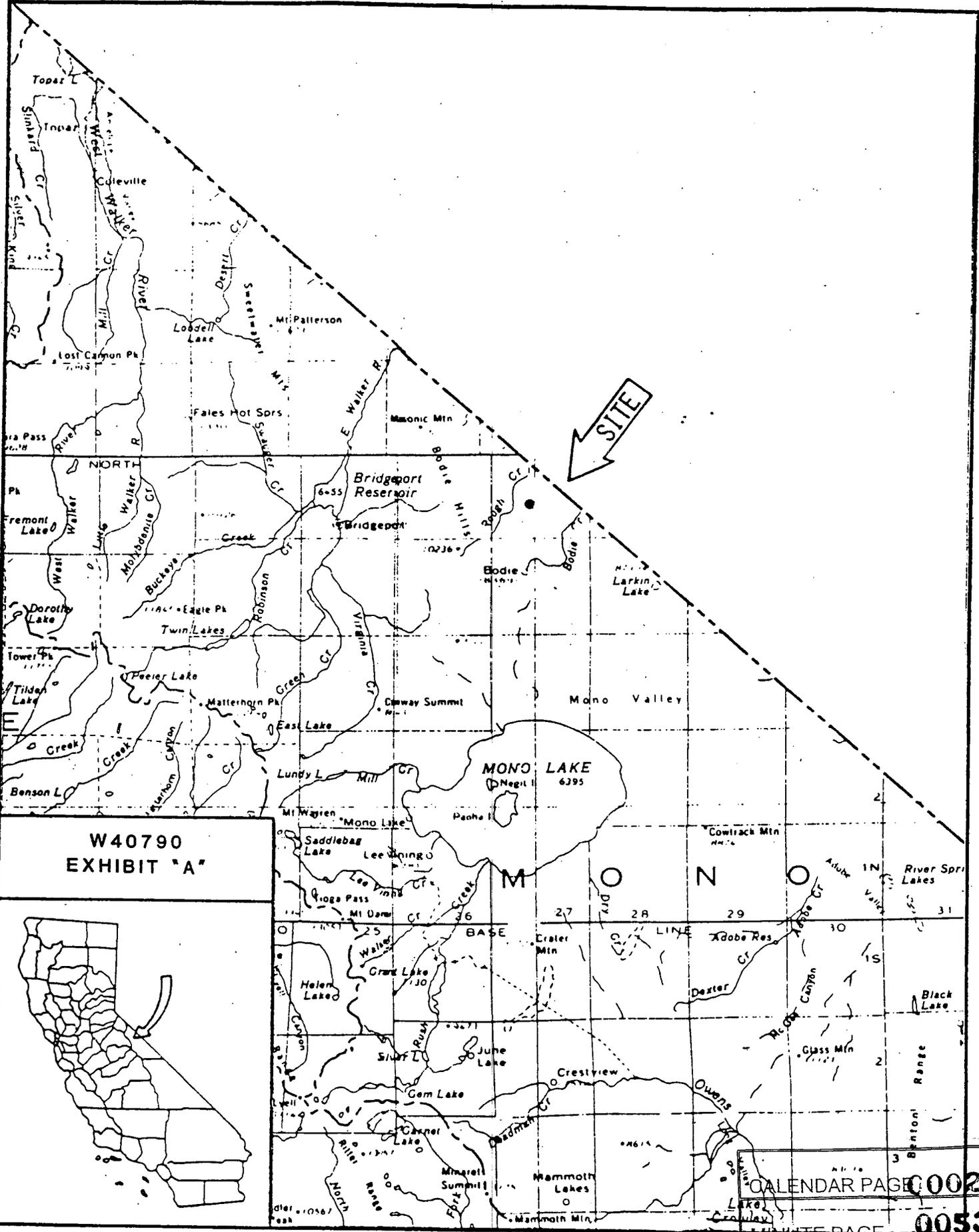
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EACH. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE TERM OF A PERMIT EXCEED THREE YEARS.

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

**AUTHORIZATION:**

AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A CEQA-EXEMPT MINERAL PROSPECTING PERMIT TO DELORO MINERALS, LTD (USA) FOR A PRIMARY TERM OF ONE YEAR FOR ALL MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL, GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES OR SAND AND GRAVEL ON A PORTION OF SECTION 16, T5N, R27E, MDM, MONO COUNTY, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 480 ACRES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD FORM OF PERMIT. ROYALTY PAYABLE UNDER ANY PREFERENTIAL LEASE ISSUED UPON THE DISCOVERY OF COMMERCIALY VALUABLE MINERAL DEPOSITS SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN TEN PERCENT OF THE GROSS VALUE OF ALL MINERAL PRODUCTION FROM THE LEASED LANDS, LESS ANY CHARGES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION MADE OR INCURRED WITH REGARD TO THE TRANSPORTATION OR PROCESSING OF THE STATE'S ROYALTY SHARE OF PRODUCTION. THE DETERMINATION OF SAID ROYALTY AND CHARGES SHALL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSION.



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