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Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review and comment is the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Newmont Mining Corporation's (Newmont's) proposed Emigrant Mine Project. A DEIS for this project was originally issued March 25, 2005. Substantive comments were received on that DEIS. This new DEIS, which incorporates revisions made in response to those comments, is being issued to replace the 2005 DEIS.

This Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) analyzes potential impacts associated with Newmont Mining Corporation's (Newmont's) proposal to develop the Emigrant Project (Proposed Action), a proposed open pit gold mine located approximately 10 miles south of Carlin, Nevada. Newmont submitted a Plan of Operations for development of the Emigrant Project in February 2004, revised May 2004, and re-submitted with further revision in March 2007. Modifications to the proposed plan have been made based upon new information pertinent to the proposed action and its effects.

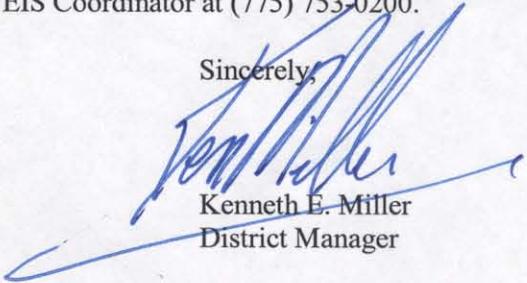
The revised Proposed Action provides for development and operation of an open pit mine; construction of a waste rock disposal facility, run-of-mine heap leach pad, permanent engineered stream channel, ancillary support facilities; and concurrent reclamation of surface disturbances in the Emigrant Project Area. Approximately 1,418 acres would be disturbed by mine-related facilities, including 248 acres of private land and 1,170 acres of public land (including 442 acres of split estate). The Emigrant Project would have a 14-year operational mine life and produce approximately 92 million tons of ore and 83 million tons of waste rock. Closure activities may continue for a period of up to 30 years after mining activity is completed. The Agency Preferred Alternative is the Proposed Action with mitigation.

Public comments on the DEIS will be accepted during a 45 day comment period ending January 7, 2009. Comments on the DEIS should be submitted to:

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The Final EIS may be published in an abbreviated format so please retain this draft document for future reference. Your interest in the management of public land is appreciated. If you have questions, please contact Tom Schmidt, Emigrant Project EIS Coordinator at (775) 753-0200.

Sincerely,


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