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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Mount Lewis Field Office (MLFO) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Cove-Helen Underground Mine Project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA. This EA analyzes the impacts of proposed surface exploration and underground mining near Battle Mountain, Nevada. The EA identifies, describes, and evaluates resource protection measures that would mitigate the possible impacts from the proposal.

Au-Reka Gold Corporation (AGC), a wholly owned subsidiary of Premier Gold Mines Limited, has submitted a Plan of Operations for a surface exploration and underground drilling, and bulk sampling project. The project will include up to 465.32 acres of disturbance consisting of exploration roads, drill pads, staging areas, parking areas, yards and buildings, ponds and basins, stockpiles and waste rock dump facilities, channels and culvers, and ancillary facilities.

The EA will be available for a 30-day public comment period. Written comments on this EA will be accepted at the above address until 4:30 p.m., March 20, 2013. You are invited to review the EA at the Battle Mountain District Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (PT), Monday through Friday, or you may view the EA on the BLM Battle Mountain District website at:

http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle_mountain_field/blm_information/national_environmental.html

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have any questions or wish to obtain a hard copy of this document, please contact Andrea Dolbear, Planning and Environmental Coordinator (detail), at the above address or at (775) 635-4000.

Sincerely,

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