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Dear Reader:

Enclosed is the Mount Hope Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), prepared by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Battle Mountain District's Mount Lewis Field Office (MLFO). This DEIS analyzes the Plan of Operations submitted by Eureka Moly, LLC for the Mount Hope Project. The proposed project would be located in central Nevada approximately 23 miles northwest of Eureka, Nevada.

The Mount Hope Project is a proposed molybdenum mine project and includes a power transmission line, a water well field, and all associated mine-processing facilities. The Project is to be located on both public and private lands in Eureka County, Nevada. The 80-year project would have an 18-month construction phase, 44 years of mining and ore processing, 30 years of reclamation, and five years of monitoring. Concurrent reclamation would not commence until after the first 15 years of the Project. The project would provide approximately 400 potential jobs in the area for this timeframe with a peak employment during construction activities. The surface disturbance associated with the proposed activities totals 8,318 acres (137 acres of the total proposed surface disturbance are associated with the new powerline), of which 8,056 acres are on public land and 262 acres are on private land.

The Mount Hope ore body contains approximately 966 million tons of molybdenite (molybdenum disulfide) ore that would produce approximately 1.1 billion pounds of recoverable molybdenum during the ore-processing time frame. Approximately 1.7 billion tons of waste rock would be produced by the end of the 32-year mine life and approximately one billion tons of tailings would be produced by the end of the 44 years of ore processing. Optimal development of the molybdenum deposit, to meet the market conditions and maximize molybdenum production, would utilize an open pit mining method and would process the mined ore using a flotation and roasting process. The surface disturbance associated with the proposed activities totals 8,318 acres.

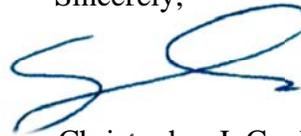
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The public comment period begins December 2, 2011. Comments on the Mount Hope Project DEIS may be submitted by the following methods: Fax: (775) 635-4034, ATTN: Angelica Rose, Mount Hope Project; Email: mhmm_project@blm.gov; Mail: Bureau of Land Management, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV 89020, ATTN: Angelica Rose, Mount Hope Project. Comments should be postmarked or otherwise delivered to the Battle Mountain District Office by close of business March 1, 2011, to ensure full consideration. Comments may also be submitted at the public meeting to be held:

- January 18, 2012 (6pm-8pm) Eureka Opera House, Eureka, NV

A Final EIS will be prepared that will consider the comments received during the DEIS public review and comment period. If you would like any additional information, please contact Angelica Rose at (775) 635-4000.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure