

**DRAFT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
NEWMONT MINING CORPORATION
GENESIS PROJECT**

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PROJECT LOCATION: Eureka County, Nevada

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ABSTRACT

This Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) analyzes potential impacts associated with Newmont Mining Corporation's proposal (the Genesis Project) to amend the Genesis-Bluestar Plan of Operations (NVN-70712). The Genesis Project, submitted in November 2007, includes development and operation of open pit mines and associated support facilities located within the previously permitted boundary for the Genesis-Bluestar Operations Area, which is located approximately 20 miles north of Carlin, Nevada. The Genesis Project proposes expansion of existing mine pits and development of the Bluestar Ridge open pit mine, in-pit backfill of the Beast and Bluestar pits, partial backfill of the Genesis pit, vertical expansion of the Section 5 and Section 36 Waste Rock Disposal facilities, reclamation of surface disturbances in the Genesis Project area, and extension of employment for twelve years. Under the Proposed Action approximately 43 acres of new disturbance would occur within the previously permitted Genesis-Bluestar Operations Area. The Genesis Project would have a twelve-year operational mine life and produce approximately 60 million tons of ore and 450 million tons of waste rock. Closure activities may continue for a period of up to 30 years after mining activity is completed.

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