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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office (WD/HRFO) has completed the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the Adelaide Mine Exploration Project. The PEA analyzes the impacts associated with Golden Predator Mines US Inc.'s (GPM's) Adelaide Mine Exploration Plan of Operations (Plan) (BLM case file number N-88794). The proposed action would be to expand existing notice-level activities in the Adelaide mining area, on the eastern slope of the Sonoma Range in Humboldt County, Nevada.

The project would be located approximately ten miles south of Golconda, Nevada, in Township 34 North, Range 39 East, sections 13 and 24; and Township 34 North, Range 40 East, sections 18 and 19, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (Project Area). The Project Area would cover approximately 641 acres, of which only 27.58 acres are proposed to be disturbed. Exploration activities proposed under this Plan would include the following: excavation of an underground exploration tunnel and ventilation shaft to facilitate underground drilling, construction of minor ancillary support facilities, construction of an ore stockpile pad and waste rock disposal area, construction of a storm water evaporation cell, re-establishment and/or maintenance of existing access and haul roads, and additional surface exploration drilling and trenching. Reclamation would include backfilling the underground workings, recontouring the surface disturbances and re-establishing vegetation.

You are invited to submit substantive comments on the PEA through August 10, 2012. A copy of the PEA is available on our National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) webpage at www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm_information/nepa0.html. Please send written comments to Mr. Daniel Atkinson, project lead, at the above address, or e-mail to wfoweb@nv.blm.gov with "Adelaide Mine Exploration Project (Atkinson)" in the subject line. In addition, a hardcopy of the PEA will be provided upon request, or is available for review at the WD/HRFO office during the comment period.

Public comments submitted for this project, including names and addresses of commenters, will be available for public review at the WD/HRFO during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Before including your address, phone

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

After the public review period has ended, comments will be analyzed and considered as part of the decision-making process. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Atkinson at (775) 623-1525, or at the above address.

Sincerely,



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