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APPEAL HEARING BEFORE THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION STATE OF NEVADA

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Appeal of Water Pollution Control Permit: **NEV0087001, Big Springs Mine**

REQUEST TO EXTEND BRIEFING SCHEDULE HEARING

The State of Nevada, Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), by and through its counsel of record, BRIAN SANDOVAL, Attorney General, William Frey, Senior Deputy Attorney General, requests an extension of time in which to file an opening brief in the hearing on the appeal before the State Environmental Commission (Commission) regarding the renewal of Water Pollution Control (WPC) Permit NEV0087001, Big Springs Mine ("Big Springs Mine permit").

An appeal hearing before the Commission regarding NDEP's renewal of the Big Springs Mine permit is currently being rescheduled from December 8-9, 2005, to a new date in early 2006, in Carson City, Nevada.

By Order dated August 29, 2005, the Commission set a prehearing briefing schedule. NDEP requests an extension of time in which to file its responsive brief. NDEP and intervenor AngloGold Ashanti have until October 28, 2005 in which to file their briefs. NDEP hereby reguests that the time be extended to include November 15, 2005, for the filing of responsive briefs. The extension should include extending the time for Great Basin Mine Watch to file a reply from November 14, 2005 until December 1, 2005.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I am an employee of the Office of the Attorney General, State of Nevada, and that on this day of October 2005, I deposited for mailing a true and correct copy of the foregoing **REQUEST TO EXTEND BRIEFING SCHEDULE HEARING** on the following parties by first class mail, postage prepaid:

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This extension should not delay the proceedings and should still insure the Commission has adequate time to review the briefs prior to the hearing.

DATED this _____ day of October, 2005.

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