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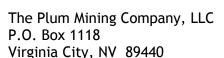
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RE: Opportunity to Intervene In Appeal by Comstock Residents Association (CRA) of Mercury Operating Permit to Construct: Phase 2 AP1041-2690, FIN A0404

Dear Sir:

As allowed under Nevada regulations (NAC 445B.8915) a person, (in this case Plum Mining Company) who believes that he or she may be directly and substantially affected by [a] proceeding (i.e., the above referenced appeal), may request an order to intervene in the proceeding by filing a written petition for leave to intervene with the State Environmental Commission (SEC).

Please note that a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Commission not later than 10 calendar days after the notice of appeal. While we have not yet issued a notice of appeal, if your company is interested in participating in the above reference appeal, by this letter we are advising you of your right of intervention. Note that NAC 445B.8915 contains additional details about the contents of a petition for leave to intervene with the SEC (see attached).

For additional information about this appeal, including current documents of record please see the SEC website at and the following address: http://www.sec.nv.gov/main/plum\_mine\_appeal.htm

Sincerely

John B. Walker Executive Secretary

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