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APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF PERMIT TO PROSPECT FOR MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL AND GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, SAND AND GRAVEL, RIVERSIDE COUNTY

PERMITTEE: Southern Desert Gold Corporation Post Office Box 999 1219 Main Street Angels Camp, California 95222

AGENT: Mr. Brian Wilmot Post Office Box 999 Angels Camp, California 95222

**PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION:** 

Approval of extension of a permit to prospect for gold, silver and other valuable minerals other than oil and gas, geothermal resources, sand and gravel, on approximately 640 acres of land, located in Riverside County.

TERMS OF EXTENSION:

July 1, 1987 through June 30, 1988.

TYPE OF LAND AND LOCATION:

State school land, Section 16, T8S, R17E, SBM, Riverside County, 20 miles southeast of Desert Center.

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

Application for extension submitted by Permittee.

Statutory filing fee and processing fee have been submitted by Permittee.

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**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:** 

 Mineral prospecting permit PRC 6843 was approved for issuance to Southern Desert Gold Corporation by the Commission on May 23, 1985, effective July 1, 1985.

Southern Desert Gold Corporation was authorized to prospect with hand tools to obtain 100 samples of one cubic foot each by digging small holes on a grid pattern not co exceed a depth of four feet. The prospecting phase is nearly complete. Southern Desert Gold Corporation requests a one year extension of their prospecting permit to conclude sampling, assaying, data compilation and report writing so as to better evaluate the mineral potential of the State parcel.

- 2. After reviewing the request for extension of the permit, staff believes there are no circumstances surrounding the project nor changes in the ervironment or the project that indicate the proposed action will have a significant effect on the environment.
- The primary term of a prospecting permit is two years. The Commission may, in its discretion, extend the term for one additional year.
- The extension is in the best interest of the State.

## STATUTORY REFERENCES:

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A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Section 5891

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B. Cal. Adm. Code: Title 2, Section 2200.

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ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION:

 Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15061), the staff has again determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 6, Information Collection, 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2905(e)(3).

Authority: P.R.C. 21084, 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15300, and 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2905.

2. Pursuant to P.R.C. Section 6895, upon establishing to the satisfaction of the Commission that commercially valuable deposits of minerals have been discovered the applicant would have a preferential right to a lease for a maximum of 640 acres embraced within the permit. Said right shall be subject to all necessary environmental approvals. The permit will not affect the discretion of the Commission in granting or denying such environmental approvals.

EXHIBITS:

A. Land Description.B. Site Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

- 1. FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15061 AS A CATEGORICAL EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION, 2 CAL. ADM. CODE 2905.
- 2. PURSUANT TO SECTION 5891 OF THE P.R.C., AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION THROUGH JUNE 30, 1988, OF PROSPECTING PERMIT PRC 6843 ISSUED TO SOUTHERN DESERT GOLD CORPORATION TO PROSPECT FOR ALL MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL AND GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES AND SAND AND GRAVEL; ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT ARE TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

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## EXHIBIT "A'

## LAND DESCRIPTION

PRC 8843

A parcel of California State school lands in Riverside County, California, described as follows:

Section 16, T8S, R17 E, SBM.

END OF DESCRIPTION

FREPARED MARCH 28, 1985 BY BOUNDARY SERVICES UNIT, M.L. SHAFER, SUPERVISOR.

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