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**Notice of Availability of a
Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) on the
Idaho-Maryland Mine Project
December 16, 2022**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (FEIR) FOR THE IDAHO-MARYLAND MINE PROJECT IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

The Final EIR (SCH #2020070378) for the Idaho-Maryland Mine Project **is now available for public review. More information is provided below.**

LEAD AGENCY: County of Nevada

PROJECT NAME: Idaho-Maryland Mine Project

FILE NUMBERS: PLN19-0176; EIR19-0001; CUP19-0004; RZN19-0002; VAR19-0003; MGT19-0039; MGT19-0040; MGT20-0009; MGT20-0010; MGT20-0011; MGT20-0012; MGT20-0013; LLA20-0006; AAM21-0002; MIS22-019.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS: A public hearing will be scheduled with the Nevada County Planning Commission to consider a recommendation to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors to consider certification of the EIR and final action on the project, anticipated to be no sooner than February, 2023. A separate public notice will be provided at a later date for the Nevada County Planning Commission and Nevada County Board of Supervisors meetings on this project.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Idaho-Maryland Mine Project's ("Proposed Project") surface components would be located on approximately 175.64 acres consisting of the Brunswick Industrial Site, the Centennial Industrial Site, and a 0.30-acre portion of East Bennett Road for off-site improvements associated with a potable water pipeline easement. The proposed project would also involve underground mining within a portion of the approximately 2,585-acre mineral rights boundary owned by the project applicant. The potable water pipeline easement would be located along East Bennett Road and would be contained within the existing right-of-way.

The Centennial and Brunswick Industrial Sites are located within unincorporated western Nevada County and are owned by Rise Grass Valley. The 119-acre Brunswick Industrial Site (Assessor's Parcel Numbers [APNs] 006-441-003, -004, -005, -034; and 009-630-037, -039) is located southwest of the intersection of East Bennett Road and Brunswick Road, and is accessible from Brunswick Road or East Bennett Road. The 56.41-acre Centennial Industrial Site (APNs 009-550-032, -037, -038, -039, -040; and 009-560-036) is located southwest of the intersection of Idaho Maryland Road and Centennial Drive.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would reinitiate underground mining and gold mineralization processing for the Idaho-Maryland Mine over an 80-year permit period with gold mineralization processing and underground exploration and mining proposed to operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, during full operations. Following completion of mining and processing activities, the project sites would be reclaimed to open space and land suitable for future development of industrial uses. The proposed project would consist of the following components:

- Dewatering the existing underground mine workings;
- Underground mining at a depth of 500 feet or more in areas underlying a portion of the mineral rights properties;
- Construction and operation of aboveground processing and water treatment facilities at the Brunswick Industrial Site;
- Engineered fill placement for potential future industrial pad development at the Centennial and Brunswick Industrial Sites;
- Installation of a potable water pipeline along a 1.25-mile segment of East Bennett Road to provide potable water service to residential properties currently on wells that may be affected by the project's dewatering of the mine; and
- Reclamation of the project sites in accordance with the proposed Reclamation Plan.

Generally, the following approvals for the proposed project are being requested from Nevada County at this time: Rezone, Use Permit, Reclamation Plan and Financial Assurance Cost Estimate, Variance to the Building Height Limits, Management Plans, Amendment to the Final Map for Bet Acres, Boundary Line Adjustment and a Development Agreement. In addition, project implementation would require other agency permits. Please see Table 3-11 in the Project Description chapter of the EIR for a list of agencies from whom additional permits may be required. For the full Project Description, please see the Project Description Chapter in the EIR.

LOCATIONS WHERE COPY OF FINAL EIR IS AVAILABLE: The Final EIR is now available for public review and download on the Nevada County website at:
<https://www.nevadacountyca.gov/3195/Idaho-Maryland-Mine---Rise-Grass-Valley>.

A printed copy of the Final EIR is available for public review at the following locations during normal business hours:

- Nevada County Planning Department, 950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 170, Nevada City, CA 95959
- Madelyn Helling Library, 980 Helling Way, Nevada City, CA 95959
- Grass Valley Library – Royce Branch, 207 Mill Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945

PROJECT INFORMATION: The project application materials are available for review at the Nevada County Planning Department, 950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 170, Nevada City, CA 95959.

Project information is also available online at: <https://www.nevadacountyca.gov/3195/Idaho-Maryland-Mine---Rise-Grass-Valley>.

If you have any questions regarding the FEIR, please contact Matt Kelley, Senior Planner, by email at Idaho.MMEIR@nevadacountyca.gov or by phone at (530) 265-1423.