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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref: Lease 8039; A3463
Item: 81

Title: Issuance of Mineral Extraction Lease No. 8039 for minerals, other than oil, gas, or geothermal resources

Location: Approximately 657.87 acres of State fee-owned school land located in Lots 1-10, inclusive, of Section 5 and Lots 1-10, inclusive, of Section 6, all in Township 13 South, Range 19 East, San Bernardino Base & Meridian, Imperial County, and situated about 6 miles northeast of the unincorporated community of Glamis

Description: Authorize issuance of a Mineral Extraction Lease for the extraction of precious metals, sand, gravel, clay and any other minerals and mineral deposits on the fee-owned school lands.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): Western Mesquite Mines, Inc.

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption:

CLASS 1, EXISTING FACILITIES (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301)

Reasons for exemption:

Issuance of a 10-year General Lease – Mineral Extraction Lease for the above-mentioned activity will not change existing activities in the area. There is no reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. Therefore, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and the above categorical exemption(s) apply(ies).

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