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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Pebruary 6, 1981

Hr. Harry Van Drielen Water Pollution Control Division of Environmental Protection 201 South Fall Street Carson City, Nevada 89710

Discharge permit for Mohawk mine, Esmeralda County, Nevada

Dear Mr. Van Drielen:

As you suggested in a meeting with Mr. Frank Buchella of the Veta As you suggested in a meeting with Mr. Frank Budnetis of the Veta Grande Companies, Inc., on January 29, 1981, we are formally re-questing an opinion on whether or not a discharge permit from your office is needed for the Mohawk mine in Esmeralda County, Nevada.

The Mohawk mine is a silver mine in Sections 25 and 36, T. 5 S. R. 37 E., MDB6M, about twenty-two miles southwest of Silverpeak, Nevada. The ore is mined by underground methods and is dumped in a small stockhile before being twenty-the methods and is dumped. in a small stockpile before being trucked to the Veta Grande mill in Douglas County. Although the ore is damp, no flowing water is produced from or exists in the underground workings. The only water at the site is trucked in for culinary and sanitary purposes. This water is disposed of in a sewage system being evaluated by the

If you need more information to make your decision on permits for the Mohawk mine, please call me at the number above.

AMS:pjm

Mr. Bill Cordeiro Mr. Frank Buchella