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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT–921–02–1320–EL–P; NDM 91535]

Notice of Coal Lease Application— NDM 91535—The Coteau Properties Company

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice of The Coteau Properties Company's Coal Lease Application NDM 91535 for certain coal resources within the Fort Union Coal Region.

The land included in Coal Lease Application NDM 91535 is located in Mercer County, North Dakota, and is described as follows:

- T. 144 N., R. 88 W., 5th P. M.
 Sec. 2: Lots 3 and 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 4: Lots 1 and 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 6: All;
 Sec. 8: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 T. 145 N., R. 88 W., 5th P. M.
 Sec. 4: Lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$,
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 10: N $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 14: All;
 Sec. 22: All;
 Sec. 26: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$,
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 28: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
 S $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 34: N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 T. 144 N., R. 89 W., 5th P. M.
 Sec. 12: E $\frac{1}{2}$.

The 5,571.34-acre tract contains an estimated 88 million tons of recoverable coal reserves.

The application will be processed in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181, *et seq.*), and the implementing regulations at 43 CFR part 3400. A decision to allow leasing of the coal reserves in said tract will result in a competitive lease sale to be held at a time and place to be announced through publication pursuant to 43 CFR part 3422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coteau Properties Company is the lessee and operator of Federal Coal Leases NDM 81582, NDM 85515, and NDM 85517, at the Freedom Mine. The entire area included within this lease

application lies west of the present Freedom Mine permit area.

The area applied for would be mined as an extension of the Freedom Mine and would utilize the same methods as those currently being used. The lease being applied for can extend the life of the mine by about 5 and one-half years and enable recovery of coal that might never be mined if not mined as a logical extension of current pits.

Notice of Availability: The application is available for review between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101, and at the Bureau of Land Management, Dakotas District Office, whose address is 2033 Third Avenue West, Dickinson, North Dakota, 58601–2619, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca Good, Coal Coordinator, at telephone 406–896–5080, Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107–6800.

Dated: February 6, 2002.

Randy D. Heuscher,

Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID–075–1330–EO]

Smokey Canyon Mine, Idaho; Availability of Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Smoky Canyon Mine, Panels B and C. The Smoky Canyon Mine, located in southeast Idaho, is currently operated by the J.R. Simplot Company (Simplot) on Federal phosphate leases administered by BLM within the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Caribou-Targhee National Forest. The SEIS was prepared by BLM, acting as the lead agency, with USFS as a joint lead agency.

ADDRESSES: Limited numbers of the SEIS are available at the Bureau of Land Management, Pocatello Field Office,

1111 N. 8th Avenue, Pocatello, Idaho 83201, telephone (208) 478–6354.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Comments or questions may be directed to Jeff Cundick, SEIS Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Pocatello Field Office, 1111 N. 8th Avenue, Pocatello, Idaho 83201. He may be reached by telephone at (208) 478–6354, or by e-mail at Jeff_Cundick@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SEIS supplements the original Smoky Canyon Phosphate Mine Environmental Impact Statement, prepared in 1982. The SEIS analyzes the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts associated with a proposal by Simplot to develop and reclaim open pits, haul roads, overburden disposal areas, and related facilities that would be utilized during operation of the B and C Panels at the Smoky Canyon phosphate mine. In particular, it addresses mitigation and monitoring related to potential mobilization of selenium contained in overburden produced by these operations.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action include a No Action Alternative, as well as alternative methods of handling overburden to reduce impacts caused by the proposed mining activities. The Agency Preferred Alternative is the Proposed Action with mitigation measures. The Final SEIS also responds to comments received on the Draft SEIS, which was distributed for public review in July 2001. BLM intends to issue a Record of Decision regarding the proposed mine developments no sooner than 30 days after publication of a Notice of Availability of the SEIS in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency. USFS will provide BLM with recommendations for those portions of the project that are located in the Caribou-Targhee National Forest.

Dated: March 28, 2002.

Joe Kraayenbrink,

Acting Pocatello Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV–010–1990–EX]

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement; South Operations Area Project Amendment, Eureka Co., NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement;

South Operations Area Project Amendment, Eureka Co., NV.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, notice is given that the Elko Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared, by third party contractor, a Final Environmental Impact Statement on Newmont Mining Corporation's South Operations Area Project Amendment, located in Eureka County, Nevada.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The Final Environmental Impact Statement will be distributed and made available to the public on April 26, 2002. The period of availability for public review for the Final Environmental Impact Statement ends May 28, 2002. At that time a Record of Decision will be issued regarding the Proposed Action.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement can be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada 89801. The Final Environmental Impact Statement may also be downloaded from the Elko Field Office internet site at www.nv.blm.gov/elko.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roger D. Congdon, Project Manager, at the above Elko Field Office address or telephone (775) 753-0200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A full text Final Environmental Impact Statement has been produced which presents in its entirety the analysis originally included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (issued September 1, 2000). The Final Environmental Impact Statement analyzes the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts related to expansion of existing mine facilities (continued mining of the Gold Quarry Mine; expansion of the Gold Quarry North, Gold Quarry South, and James Creek waste rock disposal facilities; expansion of the South Area Leach facility; expansion of the Refractory Leach facility; and construction of ancillary facilities). On-going expansion and further development of this deposit includes continued dewatering of the Gold Quarry pit area for the life of the project.

Alternatives analyzed include the Proposed Action, No Action, Proposed Action with backfill of the Mac pit, and Proposed Action with modified waste rock disposal facilities. The Bureau of Land Management's preferred alternative is the Proposed Action as described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement. The Final Environmental Impact Statement also includes changes and additions to the

1993 South Operations Area Project Mitigation Plan, and responses to comments received on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement during the public scoping period.

Robert V. Abbey,
State Director, Nevada.
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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Handbook on Electronic Filing Procedures

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act, the United States International Trade Commission (Commission) proposes to implement procedures to permit persons to electronically file certain documents with the Commission. Elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, the Commission is issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to permit electronic filing. In conjunction with that Notice, the Commission has developed a draft of a Handbook on Electronic Filing Procedures that sets forth the requirements governing electronic filing of documents. The Commission solicits public comment on the draft of the Handbook as set out below.

DATES: To be assured of consideration, written comments must be received no later than 5:15 p.m. on June 25, 2002.

ADDRESSES: A signed original and 8 copies of each set of comments, along with a cover letter, should be submitted by mail or hand delivery to Marilyn R. Abbott, Acting Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Room 112, Washington, DC 20436.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irene H. Chen, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, United States International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-3112. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal at 202-205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its World Wide Web site (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission proposes to implement electronic filing procedures consistent with the Government Paperwork

Elimination Act (Pub. L. 105-277, Title XVII) and Office of Management and Budget Circular A-130. The Commission wishes to promulgate, concomitantly with its proposed amendment of its Rules of Practice and Procedure, certain electronic filing procedures that will be published in a handbook to be maintained and distributed by the Secretary to the Commission. Section 335 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1335) authorizes the Commission to adopt such reasonable procedures, rules, and regulations as it deems necessary to carry out its functions and duties. The Commission invites the public to comment on the proposed Handbook on Electronic Filing Procedures. The Commission encourages members of the public to comment—in addition to any other comments they wish to make on the proposed procedures—on whether the proposed procedures are in language that is sufficiently plain for users of the Handbook to understand. The Commission plans to phase in the implementation of electronic filing procedures over time. In the initial, pilot phase, the agency anticipates permitting the electronic filing of only documents that contain no confidential business or business proprietary information. The Commission plans to wait until the filing system has been in use for some time before considering whether to expand the list of covered documents. At that stage, the Commission may also provide for heightened security measures in addition to the password system currently described in the draft Handbook. Based on its experience with electronic filing in the pilot phase, the Commission may need to amend other provisions of the Handbook.

The Commission considers public input important to the development of electronic filing procedures. The draft Handbook takes into account comments previously received from the public on electronic filing issues. A suggestion that was not adopted was one proposing a requirement that a filer submit a graphical image of his or her signature on each electronically-filed document. Such an image likely could be electronically manipulated (e.g., copied and pasted), so that such a requirement likely would not enhance the security of the filing and would impose an additional transaction cost on the filer. In contrast, such digitized signatures might be useful with respect to documents requiring multiple signatures.