

Contains approximately 690.95 acres.

Total recoverable reserves are estimated to be 2.3 million tons. The underground minable coal in the B seam is ranked as high volatile B bituminous coal. The estimated coal quality on an as-received basis is as follows:

Btu—12,136 Btu/lb.

Moisture—5.52%

Sulfur Content—0.60%

Ash Content—12.20%

Rental and Royalty: The lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3.00 per acre or fraction thereof and a royalty payable to the United States of 8 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods. The value of the coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.

Notice of Availability: Bidding instructions for the offered tract are included in the Detailed Statement of Coal Lease Sale. Copies of the statement and the proposed coal lease are available upon request in person or by mail from the Colorado State Office at the address given above. The case file is available for inspection in the Public Room, Colorado State Office, during normal business hours at the address given above.

Dated: March 24, 2004.

Karen Purvis,

*Solid Minerals Staff, Division of Energy,
Lands and Minerals.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-921-04-1320-EL; COC 67664]

Notice of Invitation for Coal Exploration License Application, Colowyo Coal Company L.P. COC 67664; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of invitation for coal exploration license application.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended, and to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 3410, members of the public are hereby invited to participate with Colowyo Coal Company L.P. in a program for the exploration of unleased coal deposits owned by the United States of America containing approximately 4,509.89 acres in Moffat County, Colorado.

DATES: Written Notice of Intent to Participate should be addressed to the

attention of the following persons and must be received by June 24, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Karen Purvis, CO-921, Solid Minerals Staff, Division of Energy, Lands and Minerals, Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215; and Juan Garcia, Project Manager, Colowyo Coal Company L.P., 5731 State Highway 13, Meeker, Colorado 81641.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The application for coal exploration license is available for public inspection during normal business hours under serial number COC 67664 at the Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, and at the Little Snake Field Office, 455 Emerson St., Craig, Colorado 81625. Any party electing to participate in this program must share all costs on a pro rata basis with Colowyo Coal Company L.P. and with any other party or parties who elect to participate.

Dated: April 14, 2004.

Karen Purvis,

*Solid Minerals Staff, Division of Energy,
Lands and Minerals.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-910-04-1990-EX]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on a Plan of Operations for the Newmont Mining Corporation Emigrant Mine Project in Elko County, NV; and Notice of Scoping Period and Public Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and 43 CFR part 3809, the Bureau of Land Management Elko Field Office will be directing the preparation of an EIS by a third-party contractor on the potential impacts of a proposed Plan of Operations for gold mining by Newmont Mining Corporation in Elko County, Nevada. The project encompasses approximately 1,172 acres of public land.

DATES: This Notice initiates the 30-day public scoping period. Within 30 days of the publication of this Notice, a public scoping meeting will be held at the BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada, to

familiarize interested publics with the project and to identify issues and concerns to be addressed in the EIS. The scoping meeting will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site at www.nv.blm.gov/Elko at least 15 days prior to the event. Any additional public meetings, if necessary, will be announced similarly. Comments on issues can also be submitted in writing to the address listed below and for 30 days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**. In addition to the ongoing public participation process, formal opportunities for public participation will be provided upon publication of the BLM Draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

—E-mail: tschmidt@nv.blm.gov.

—Fax: (775) 753-0255.

—Mail: Send to the attention of the Emigrant Mine Project Manager, BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Schmidt, Project Manager at the Elko Field Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801. Telephone: (775) 753-0200. Email: tschmidt@nv.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Newmont Mining Corporation has submitted a Plan of Operations to open the Emigrant Mine about ten miles south of Carlin, Nevada. The mine and associated facilities would be located in portions of Sections 24, 26, 34, 36 of T. 32 N., R. 53 E.; and Sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, T. 31 N., R. 53 E. The proposed Emigrant Mine would include developing and operating an open pit mine; constructing a waste rock disposal facility, storing oxide waste in mined