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### FORM 2 (Public File)

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONDUCT PROSPECTING OPERATIONS FOR HARD ROCK/METAL MINES

CHECK ONE:

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There is an NOI Number Already Assigned to this Operation

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P- 2015-010 (Please reference the file number assigned to this operation)

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New NOI

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Modification to an Existing NOI

NOI#

P- \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (Provide for Modifications to an existing NOI)

### GENERAL OPERATION INFORMATION

Type or print clearly, in the space provided, ALL information described below.

#### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **DATE NOI RECEIVED BY THE DIVISION:** \_\_\_\_\_ (office use only)

2. **PROJECT NAME:** Golden Sacramento

8. **PROSPECTOR:**

Name: Michael Pfister

Title: President

Company Name: Golden Cross Aggregates

Street: 2001 Platte Drive

P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City: Fairplay

State: CO

Zip Code: 80440

Telephone Number: (970) 389-7056

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSON MLRB SHOULD CONTACT:**

Name: Ben Langenfeld

Title: Project Engineer

Company Name: Greg Lewicki and Assoc.

Street: 11541 Warrington Court

P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City: Parker

State: CO

Zip Code: 80138

Telephone Number: (720) 842-5321

Fax Number: (303) 346-6934

9. **APPLICATION FEE: \$86.** (NOIs and modifications require an \$86 fee which must accompany this notice or it cannot be processed by the Division).

10. **LOCATION INFORMATION:**

County: Park

PRINCIPAL MERIDAN (check one) ☒ 6<sup>th</sup> (Colorado) ☐ 10<sup>th</sup> (New Mexico) ☐ (Ute)

SECTION (write number): S 29

TOWNSHIP (write number and check direction) T 9 North ☐ South ☒

RANGE (write number and check direction)

R<sup>77</sup>

East

West



QUARTER SECTION (check one):



NE



NW



SE



SW

QUARTER/QUARTER SECTION (check one):



NE



NW



SE



SW

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: (the number of miles and direction to the nearest town and the approximate elevation):

Roughly 1.1 miles from Fairplay, CO at an elevation of 10055'.

NOTE: Supply longitude and latitude or UTM coordinates if lands have not been surveyed or as supplemental information to this NOI. GPS measurements will be acceptable for this purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

39.2329d N by 106.0278d S

11. **LAND OWNERSHIP**Private  
State

Public Domain (BLM)



National Forest (USFS)



State Sovereign Lands



Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

**If prospecting is located on BLM or USFS land the remaining section must be completed, otherwise go to section II Maps & Drawings**

12. **PROSPECTING ON BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) LAND AND U.S. FOREST SERVICE (USFS) LAND**

The Division and the BLM/USFS have entered into cooperative agreements that eliminate the need for a prospector to post a financial warranty with each agency and allow them to coordinate the review of the NOI in order to minimize administrative processing time and effort.

G. **CLAIMANT:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

H. **SITE/CLAIM INFORMATION:**

List names, serial numbers and provide legal description to nearest quarter-quarter section of all sites or claims (attach additional page, if necessary).

NAMESERIAL NUMBERLEGAL DESCRIPTION


I. **LOCATION MAP:** Attach a USGS 7.5 minute quad, or similar map of adequate scale, which locates the prospecting site(s).

J. Are prospect sites (e.g., drill holes, trench locations, etc...) staked on the ground? Yes ☐ No ☐

K. Specify the Land Management Agency, Address and Telephone Number:

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L. The prospector is required to document that the NOI has been sent to the BLM or the USFS. Processing of the NOI will not begin until the prospector has submitted evidence acceptable to the Division that the NOI was sent to the BLM or USFS. Check one:

- ☐ Evidence of notification is attached to this NOI for BLM Land  
☐ Evidence of notification is attached to this NOI for USFS Land.  
☐ Other proof of notice is attached to this NOI

## II. MAPS & DRAWINGS

Accurate topographic base map showing the location of the proposed project must be submitted with this notice. The prospector may submit a U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle, or similar map of adequate scale that:

3. identifies the proposed prospecting site(s) or activity areas involving surface disturbance. Activity areas include all drill holes, mud pits, excavations, trenches, adits, shafts, tunnels, rock dumps, stockpiles, impoundments and prospecting roads, and
4. includes sufficient detail to identify and locate known prospecting features and facilities that may be affected and those that are not anticipated to be affected. This includes the location of all drill holes, mud pits, excavations, trenches, adits, shafts, tunnels, rock dumps, stockpiles, impoundments and prospecting roads. Color photographs, adequately labeled (including date, orientation and location), of the prospecting site may be used to fulfill this requirement if included with the NOI submittal.

## III. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

7. Mineral(s) and/or Resource(s) being Investigated: placer gold

8. Estimated dates of commencement and completion:

Commencement: 06/01/2015,

Completion: 08/31/2015,

9. Amount of material to be extracted, moved or proposed to be moved: 10.00

10. Identify the type or method of prospecting proposed and quantity (place an "X")

- |  |   |  |                                   |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cuts                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Pits           | <input type="checkbox"/> Trenches            | <input type="checkbox"/> Declines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shafts                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tunnels        | <input type="checkbox"/> Adits               |                                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Drilling | <input type="checkbox"/> Fluid Drilling | <input type="checkbox"/> Drilling & Blasting |                                   |

11. Describe proposed surface excavation or other land disturbance, including roads, pits, trenches, waste piles, drill pads and collar areas of underground workings, ponds, etc...

Roughly 0.25 acres of total disturbance area including drill pads and a 15' wide access road.

12. **Proposed Disturbance** (approximate) Describe the proposed drilling to be conducted, including anticipated number of holes, diameter, depth, location, etc... Submit additional pages if necessary:

- A. Drill Pads: Quantity 2.00 Average Width 20.00 (ft) Average Length 20.00 (ft)  
 B. Drill Holes: Quantity 2.00 Depth 120.00 (ft) Diameter 9.00 (in)  
 C. Mud Pits: Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Average Width \_\_\_\_\_ (ft) Average Length \_\_\_\_\_ (ft)  
 Average Depth \_\_\_\_\_ (ft)

Described proposed underground work, including reopening of old workings, advancement of adits or shafts, trenches, pits, cuts, rock dumps, or other types of disturbance, describe type, quantity and general dimensions:

No underground work proposed

- F. Other Disturbances (please describe):

N/A

- G. Indicate Chemicals and Fuels used or stored on site. List type, quantity and method to store.

N/A

- F. New Road(s): Length 860.00 (ft) Width 15.00 (ft)  
 Significantly Upgraded Road(s) Length \_\_\_\_\_ (ft) Width \_\_\_\_\_ (ft)

Are culverts or other crossings proposed? If so, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

No culverts are proposed. A small crossing will be built where the access road connects to Platte Drive. This crossing will be removed upon the completion of drilling.

G. Total project area to be disturbed 0.25 (acres)

K. Describe the equipment to be used for the prospecting operations:

Wheel mounted drill rig

L. Describe and locate any structures to be constructed (i.e. stockpiles, ponds, impoundments):

N/A

M. Describe anticipated relationship to surface water and groundwater (proximity to streams, penetration of ground water aquifers):

Groundwater is expected to be 50' from the surface

#### IV. OPERATION AND RECLAMATION MEASURES:

1. The Board suggests that a photographic record of the pre-prospecting and post-prospecting conditions be kept by the prospector. These photos should be taken from the same location and by the same method to clearly show the pre-prospecting condition of the land and the reclamation efforts. Upon completion of reclamation and request for bond or surety release, the Board may consider the photos as evidence of adequate reclamation, and thus, be able to act more quickly on the request for release.
2. Provide a description of the native vegetation of the area to be disturbed, including tree, shrub, and grass communities of the area. Color photographs, sufficient to adequately represent the ecology of the site and adequately labeled (including date, orientation and location), may be used in lieu of a written description. Based on the quality of the photographs, the Division may require additional detail.

Subalpine meadow in the area of the road and drill holes consisting of sagebrush, grasses, and some fescue.

8. Describe the estimated topsoil depth and how topsoil will be salvaged, stockpiled and redistributed for the re-establishment of vegetation. Specify approximate topsoil redistribution depth:

Topsoil in the area is expected to be 6-8 inches deep. All topsoil will be stripped into piles/berm along the perimeter of the disturbance.

9. Describe how drill holes will be plugged (refer to Rule 5.4 of the Rules for required abandonment procedures):

Each drillhole will be plugged with crushed rock and sand from the nearby aggregate operation. If ground water is encountered, bentonite will be used to seal the saturated part of the hole. Since groundwater is expected at a depth of 50', and the total depth can be up to 120', the maximum amount of bentonite expected to be needed is 110 CF. Sand and gravel plugging will extend from the top of bentonite sealing to the top of the drill hole. This will likely be a maximum of 80 CF of fill.

10. Describe how portals, adits, shafts, ponds, excavations, or other disturbances will be reclaimed (refer to Rule 3 and Rule 5 for specific reclamation performance standards). You may wish to contact the Division for closure specifications.

The Platte Drive crossing will be excavated at the end of the NOI. This is expected to be no more than 100 CY of material.

11. Describe how roads will be reclaimed or returned to their pre-prospecting (or better) condition:

The access road will remain in place at the landowners request.

12. List the seed mixture to be used in the re-establishment of vegetation. See the attached seed mixture calculation to obtain PLS/acre. For assistance with formulating seed mixtures and rates, contact the local NRCS if on private land, BLM/USFS if on public land or State Land Board if on state land.

A. Provide plant name and seeding rate

Plant Name	Seeding Rate (PLS/acre)
Mountain brome	6.00
Slender wheatgrass	4.00
Parry's oatgrass	4.00
Needlegrass, Green	4.00

B. Describe the method for seed bed preparation, and application method for grass/forb seeding:

Once topsoil is replaced on the drill hole disturbance area it will be scarified and then the seed mix broadcasted.

**V. TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PROSPECTING OPERATIONS:**

3. Reclamation measures shall be fulfilled in a timely manner and completed within five (5) years of completion of prospecting activities.
4. The prospecting operations described in this Notice will be conducted in such a manner as to minimize surface disturbances. In addition to the measures required in Rule 5, precautions to be taken include:
  - A. Confinement of operations to areas near existing roads or trails, where practicable. Existing roads which are to remain as permanent roads after prospecting activities are completed shall be left in a condition equal to or better than the pre-prospecting condition;
  - B. Drilling shall be conducted in such a way as to prevent cuttings and fluids from directly entering any dry or flowing stream channel. Drill cuttings must be spread to a depth no greater than one-half (1/2) inch or buried in an approved disposal pit;

- C. Proper and timely abandonment of drill holes upon completion of drilling;
  - D. Reclamation of affected lands upon completion of operations or phases of an operation;;
  - E. Backfilling and revegetating any pits to blend in with the surrounding land surface;
  - F. Safeguarding mine entries, trenches and excavations from unauthorized entry at all times;
  - G. Disposal of any trash, scrap metal, wood, machinery, and buildings;
  - H. Control of noxious weeds within the area affected by the prospector
- 3. The prospecting operations shall be conducted in such a manner as to comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations including applicable state and federal air and water quality laws and regulations.
  - 4. The prospecting operations shall be conducted so as to minimize adverse effects upon wildlife to include covering of open drill holes until properly plugged.
  - 5. During the prospecting operations, the operator will perform the necessary stabilization and reclamation work to ensure those areas affected by prospecting activities are erosionally and geotechnically stable.
  - 6. All prospecting operations shall be in compliance with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act, as amended (34-32-101 et seq. C.R.S.), and all rules and regulations currently in effect or promulgated pursuant thereto. See 2 CCR 407-1, Mined Land Reclamation Board Hardrock /Metal Mining Rules.

#### **VI. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PROSPECTING ON BLM/USFS LANDS**

- 4. The prospector will supply a copy of this NOI to the appropriate BLM and/or USFS office.
- 5. The prospector authorizes the MLRB to discuss the information in this Notice of Intent with the BLM and/or USFS.
- 6. If on BLM land, the prospector will complete reclamation to the standards described in 43 CFR 3809.1-3 (d) and implement reasonable measures to prevent unnecessary or undue degradation of lands during operations.

#### **VII. FINANCIAL WARRANTY**

A financial warranty must be provided for the cost of reclamation of the disturbance described in this Notice. The prospector can either file a "One Site Prospecting Financial Warranty" or a "Statewide Financial Warranty." **The financial warranty must be submitted and approved by the Division prior to entry upon lands for the purpose of prospecting.**

An One-Site Prospecting Financial Warranty is usually filed by individuals or companies where prospecting activities are limited to a single area. It must be filed in the amount of \$2,000 per acre for land to be disturbed, or such other amount as determined by the Division, based on the projected costs of reclamation. A Statewide Financial Warranty is usually filed by companies with multiple prospecting sites. It must be filed in an amount equal to the estimated cost of reclamation per acre of affected land for all anticipated sites statewide. (You may increase the Statewide bond at any time in order to cover additional or expanded prospecting activities.)



**VIII. SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT**

Please place you initials on the line provided:

- MP I hereby verify that the foregoing information is true and accurate and commit to the reclamation of the aforementioned prospecting site as required by the Colorado Mined Reclamation Act and the rules as specified in the Hard Rock/Metal Mining Rules and Regulations and this NOI form.
- MP I have enclosed the required permit fee.
- MP I authorize the Division to contact and copy the BLM and/or USFS on any correspondence related to the prospecting operation, if the prospecting operation is located on federal public land.
- MP I have also enclosed the appropriate reclamation surety amount or will post an amount as determined by the office, based on the projected costs of reclamation.
- MP I understand that I am not authorized to create any surface disturbance until the surety amount is posted and approved in writing from the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety.
- MP I accept and agree to comply with the foregoing terms and conditions and with all of the provisions of Rules 3 and 5, and C.R.S. 34-32-101.
- MP I hereby certify that concurrent with submittal of this NOI to the Division, I have sent notice to the Boards of County Commissioners in the Counties where the proposed activities will occur. This notice also indicated that non-confidential information regarding the proposed activities will be available for review at the Division's website.

*This form has been approved by the Mined Land Reclamation Board pursuant to section 34-32-113, C.R.S., of the Mined Land Reclamation Act. Any alteration or modification of this form shall result in voiding any NOI issued on the altered or modified form and subject the operator to cease and desist orders and civil penalties for operating without a NOI pursuant to section 34-32-123, C.R.S.*

I, the undersigned, being the NOI holder or the person authorized to sign on behalf of the NOI holder, declare that the information given in this NOI form is true and correct.

**SIGNATURES MUST BE IN BLUE INK**

Signed and dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015.

Signature of NOI holder or person authorized to sign:

Michael Pfister

Name (typed or print) Michael Pfister

Title/Position: owner

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