

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 2(b) of the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended by section 4 of the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, 90 Stat. 1083, 30 U.S.A. 201(b), and to the regulations adopted as 43 CFR, Subpart 3410, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Antelope Coal Company on a pro rata cost sharing basis in its program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in the following-described lands in Campbell and Converse Counties, WY:

T. 41 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming

Sec. 14: Lot 5;

Sec. 15: Lots 7, 8, 15, 16;

Sec. 22: Lots 3, 9, 10, 12;

Sec. 23: Lots 5, 6, 13;

Sec. 25: Lots 11, 14;

Sec. 26: Lots 2, 4, 5, 7, 12, 13;

Sec. 27: Lots 1, 2, 14.

Containing 903.36 acres, more or less.

All of the coal in the above-described land consists of unleased Federal coal within the Powder River Basin Known Recoverable Coal Resource Area. The purpose of the exploration program is to assess overburden quality.

**ADDRESSES:** The proposed exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the Bureau of Land Management. Copies of the exploration plan are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices (serialized under number WYM147809): Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003; and, Bureau of Land Management, Casper Field Office, 1701 East "E" Street, Casper, WY 82601.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice of invitation will be published in "The News-Record" of Gillette, WY, once each week for two consecutive weeks beginning the week of February 15, 1999, and in the **Federal Register**. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the Bureau of Land Management and Antelope Coal Company no later than thirty days after publication of this invitation in the **Federal Register**. The written notice should be sent to the following addresses: Antelope Coal Company, Attn: Patrick J. Baumann, Caller Box 3008, Gillette, WY 82717, and the Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, Minerals and Lands Authorization Group, Attn: Mavis Love, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

The foregoing is published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to 43 CFR, Section 3410.2-1(c)(1).

Dated: February 9, 1999.

**Pamela J. Lewis,**

*Chief, Leasable Minerals Section.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-610-09-1220-00]

#### Imperial Gold Mine Project; National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; Public Hearing

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Pub. Ls. 92-463 and 94-579, that the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Bureau of Land Management will hold a formal public hearing to gather comments and hear concerns regarding the proposed Imperial Gold Mine Project from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 1999. The hearing will be held in the Convention Center at the Barbara Worth Resort, located at 2050 Country Club Drive in Holtville, California.

All public comments will be recorded, and the transcript will become part of the record. Speaking time will be divided equally among those who register to make public comments.

The proposed Imperial Project, an open pit, heap leach gold mine, would be located in eastern Imperial County, approximately 45 miles northeast of El Centro and 20 miles northwest of Yuma, Arizona. The proposed project area would encompass approximately 1,625 acres of public lands administered by the BLM, of which 1,392 acres would be disturbed.

The proposed Imperial Project would be operated by the Glamis Imperial Corporation, formerly known as Chemgold Corporation. Approximately 150 million tons of ore and 300 million tons of waste rock would be mined from three open pits during the operation of the mine, which would conclude in the year 2018.

The site for the proposed mining project is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Archaeological and cultural inventories indicate the site has scientifically important archaeological, cultural, and spiritual value. The proposed mine could adversely effect or part of the land.

The Bureau of Land Management and the County of Imperial released a joint draft environmental impact statement/ environmental impact report for the proposed project on December 8, 1997. Public comment on the draft ended April 13, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Carole Levitzky at (909) 697-5217 or Doran Sanchez at (909) 697-5220, BLM California Desert District Public Affairs.

Dated: February 12, 1999.

**Carole Levitzky,**

*Assistant District Manager, External Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management, Interior

[CA-920-1310-03; CACA 35881]

#### California: Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Under the provisions of Pub. L. 97-451, a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease CACA 35881 for lands in Kings County, California, was timely filed and was accompanied by all required rentals and royalties accruing from November 1, 1998, the date of termination.

No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms of rentals and royalties at the rate of \$5.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$125 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice.

The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Sections 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease CACA 35881 effective November 1, 1998, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bonnie Edgerly, Land Law Examiner, California State Office (916) 978-4370.

Dated: February 12, 1999.

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*Chief, Branch of Energy Mineral Science, and Adjudication.*

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