Division of Water Quality Utah Department of Environmental Quality Public Notice of Issuance of Ground Water Discharge Permit Permit No. UGW170005

Purpose of Public Notice

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is soliciting comments on the request to issue a ground water discharge permit as described below. The ground water discharge permit is issued by the Director of the Division of Water Quality under authority of the Utah Water Quality Act, Section 19-5-106(g) Utah Code Ann. 1953, as amended and Utah Administrative Code R317-6. Under Section 19-1-301.5, effective May 8, 2012, a person who wishes to challenge a Permit Order may only raise an issue or argument during an adjudicatory proceeding that was raised during the public comment period and was supported with sufficient information or documentation to enable the Director to fully consider the substance and significance of the issue. Utah Code Ann. 19-1-301.5 can be viewed at the following internet URL:

 $\underline{https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title19/Chapter1/19-1-S301.5.html}.$

Permit Information

Permittee Name: Prolific Mining Corporation

Facility Location: Township 31 S, Range 10 E, Portions of Sections 34 & 35 Garfield County, Utah

Mailing Address: 100 East 20 North

Hanksville, UT 84734

Prolific Mining Corporation is evaluating the feasibility of conducting a mining operation in the Bromide Basin in Garfield County, Utah. The project is south of Mt. Ellen on approximately 60 acres of patented claims within the Bromide Basin. Surrounding land uses are unpatented mining claims and Bureau of Land Management managed areas. Groundwater Discharge Permit No.UGW170005 is being issued to establish requirements for construction plans, specifications, BAT performance standards, mine operation and monitoring, and closure procedures for all activities at the site that have the potential to impact ground water. The ground water quality beneath the site is considered Class 1A Pristine Ground Water until site-specific data can be collected from monitoring wells to be installed at the site to determine another classification.

Public Comments

Public comments are invited any time prior to **Friday**, **April 6**, **2018**. Written comments may be directed to the Division of Water Quality, P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4870. All comments received prior to close of business **Friday**, **April 6**, **2018**, will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. A public hearing may be held if written requests are received within the first 15 days of this public comment period that demonstrate significant public interest and substantive issues exist to warrant holding a hearing.

Further Information

Additional information may be obtained upon request by contacting Brian Hamos at (801) 536-4384 or bhamos@utah.gov by writing to the aforementioned address. Related documents are available for review during normal business hours at DWQ, 195 North 1950 West in Salt Lake City or on the DWQ web page at http://www.deq.utah.gov/NewsNotices/notices/water/index.htm.

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