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**INTERNATIONAL CYANIDE MANAGEMENT CODE
GOLD MINING OPERATION RECERTIFICATION AUDIT
RUBY HILL MINE, NEVADA
SUMMARY AUDIT REPORT**

Submitted to:

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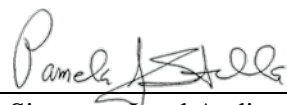
Audit Dates: August 23-26, 2010

Location and Description of Operation

The Homestake Mining Company Ruby Hill Mine (Ruby Hill) is located in east-central Nevada in Eureka County, approximately one mile northwest of the town of Eureka. The mine and process facilities are located on a combination of private lands and federal land administered by the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Ruby Hill is accessed from Nevada State Highway 50. The Ruby Hill operation consists of an open pit mine, two waste rock facilities, a two-stage crushing system, a ball mill (inactive), thickener (inactive), belt filters (inactive), ore conveying and stacking system, a multi-cell heap leach facility, a pregnant solution tank and overflow pond, two storm water ponds, an Adsorption-Desorption-Recovery (ADR) Plant, a precious metals refinery, associated interconnected pipelines, and support buildings. An agglomeration drum was inactive and removed from site.

Ruby Hill operates under a Water Pollution Control Permit (WPCP) NEV96103 from the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP). Ruby Hill has recently permitted an expansion of the open pit and the heap leach facilities. This expansion included mining below the groundwater table and minor changes in the ore processing. Prior to the expansion, Ruby Hill had constructed heap leach facility cells A-E. The expansion included new cells I, J and K already under leach and H, G, and F. The original ore processing for cells A-E consisted of crushing and grinding high grade mill ore for carbon-in-column leaching followed by agglomeration with cement and blending with low grade crushed ore. Currently, the ore processing has been simplified to eliminate the grinding and mill circuit and agglomeration. Ore processing still includes separation of run-of-mine low grade ore and high grade ore. The low grade ore has lime blended in for pH control and is placed on cells E, F, G and H as run-of-mine ore. The high grade ore is crushed to a nominal size of one inch minus and lime is added. Then the high grade ore is conveyed for stacking on the new heap leach cells A, I, J and K. The original ore in cells B-D will be stacked over with a combination of run-of-mine and crushed ore. Ruby Hill segregates heap leach solution (know as lean pregnant solution) from the run-of-mine cells for cyanide addition and reapplication to the high grade cells. The barren solution tank is located within a concrete secondary containment structure at the upper end of the heap leach facility. The barren solution tank is an open steel tank with wildlife netting over the top. The barren solution tank concrete containment is connected to the lined heap leach pad area should the tank overflow. Pregnant solutions from each of the heap leach pad cells are collected behind lined sandbag dams to convey flow in pipes by gravity to a pregnant solution open steel tank. The lean pregnant solution tank is located inside the pregnant solution tank. The pregnant solution tank is located within a concrete secondary containment structure at the lower side of

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the heap leach facility. The pregnant solution tank is covered with wildlife netting. Adjacent to the pregnant solution tank is an overflow pond. The overflow pond is also netted to prevent wildlife access and serves as an overflow for pregnant solution during storm events or upset conditions. Under normal operating conditions, the overflow pond is empty. Once solution is collected in the overflow pond, it is pumped to the pregnant solution tank on an as-needed basis until the pond is empty. The pregnant solution is collected and stored in the pregnant solution tank and conveyed to the ADR Plant for carbon-in-column processing. For containment of storm water during extreme precipitation events or other upset conditions, Ruby Hill has two Storm Water Ponds adjacent to the overflow pond. The pond network has been sized to accommodate the 25-year, 24-hour storm event with a 24-hour drain down of the heap leach facility. The ADR Plant uses a single carbon column train comprised of seven columns. The barren solution from the carbon columns receives an addition of sodium cyanide and is conveyed to the barren solution tank for reprocessing. At the time of the audit, cyanide addition occurred in the barren collection sump, and at the lean pregnant solution tank. All cyanide facilities and equipment are located on or within secondary containments with sufficient volume to prevent overtopping even during extreme storm events and power outages.

Ruby Hill has a comprehensive environmental monitoring program to evaluate the performance of the ore processing facilities and containments. The monitoring program includes daily monitoring of pond leak collection systems, quarterly sampling and analysis of groundwater, and quarterly sampling and analysis of barren and pregnant solutions. There are no surface water bodies at or near the site. Wildlife monitoring is conducted per shift by the operators during facility inspections.

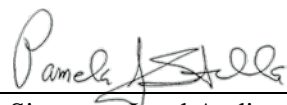
The Ruby Hill open pit mine includes active dewatering operations. Water produced by Ruby Hill's pumping operation that is not used in mining and processing operations is infiltrated into the ground, subject to a WPCP NEV2005106. Water quality monitoring confirmed that the dewatering circuit is separate and distinct from the cyanide processing circuit.

Starting in January 2009, Cyanco (located in Winnemucca, Nevada) has been the liquid cyanide supplier to Ruby Hill and TransWood Inc. (TransWood) has been the transporter. Prior to December 31, 2008, Ruby Hill received liquid sodium cyanide from DuPont De Nemours & Co., Inc. (DuPont) located in Carlin, Nevada in specially engineered tanker trucks. The sodium cyanide was delivered by Sentinel Transportation LLC (Sentinel). Cyanco, DuPont, TransWood and Sentinel are signatory to the International Cyanide Management Code (the Code) and have been certified as compliant with the Code by third-party auditors.

Ruby Hill stores and manages sodium cyanide in engineered tanks, pipelines and lined ponds that have had appropriate quality control and quality assurance. Ruby Hill employees are trained in cyanide hazards and first aid, first response, emergency response, and specific operational task training. Ruby Hill facilities are fenced to preclude wildlife and livestock from entering cyanide process areas. Ruby Hill conducts shift, daily, and monthly inspections to assure that facilities are functioning as designed and to monitor process solutions. Preventive maintenance programs are in place to assure the continuous operations. Ruby Hill has approved closure and reclamation plans along with financial assurance to complete the appropriate management of cyanide solutions and solids, and the decontamination of cyanide pipelines and equipment.

Ruby Hill has an emergency response team that is trained to respond to onsite fires, chemical spills and worker exposures to cyanide. Ruby Hill works with local community emergency responders to assure that adequate resources are available to address both offsite and onsite emergencies.

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The changes that have been made to the cyanide circuit since the previous audit include:

- Cyanide producer changed from DuPont to Cyanco.
- Cyanide transporter changed from Sentinel to TransWood.
- Minor modifications in the process circuit (i.e. remove the agglomerator; one cyanide storage tank is offline).
- Minor changes to remaining approved major modification 2006 Phase 3 and Phase 4 heap leach pad design including elimination of Cell L from the 2006 design including reconfiguration of solution collection system for new grading plan and increased diameter for primary and secondary solution collection pipelines. No other changes were made to the original approved 2006 design.
- Remaining approved cells were completed in July 2008 including Cell F of Phase 2, Cell G and H of Phase 3 and Cell K of phase 4.
- Authorized heap leach pad solution application rate increased from 2,000 gallons per minute (gpm) to 3,000 gpm.

Auditors: Pamela Stella, Lead Auditor
G. Ivon Aguinaga, Gold Mining Technical Expert Auditor

SIGNATURES

This Gold Mining Verification Audit Report presents the detailed findings of our International Cyanide Management Code audit of the Ruby Hill Mine located in Nevada. The audit was conducted according to the IMCI Gold Mining Verification Protocol dated October 2009.

Respectively submitted by:




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Lead Auditor



G. Ivon Aguinaga
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in full compliance with
The operation is in substantial compliance with **All Code Principles**
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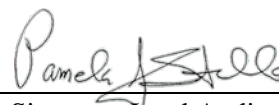
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<u>G. Ivon Aguinaga</u>		<u>October 28, 2010</u>
Name of Auditor	Signature of Auditor	Date

I attest that I meet the criteria for knowledge, experience and conflict of interest for Code Verification Audit Team Leader, established by the International Cyanide Management Institute and that all members of the audit team meet the applicable criteria established by the International Cyanide Management Institute for Code Verification Auditors.

I attest that this Summary Audit Report accurately describes the findings of the verification audit. I further attest that the verification audit was conducted in a professional manner in accordance with the International Cyanide Management Code Verification Protocol for Gold Mine Operations and using standard and accepted practices for health, safety and environmental audits.

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1. PRODUCTION: *Encourage responsible cyanide manufacturing by purchasing from manufacturers who operate in a safe and environmentally protective manner.*

Standard of Practice 1.1: *Purchase cyanide from manufacturers employing appropriate practices and procedures to limit exposure of their workforce to cyanide, and to prevent releases of cyanide to the environment.*

in full compliance with

The operation is in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 1.1**

not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: Ruby Hill has committed to only purchase cyanide from producers that are compliant with the Code. Cyanco, located in Winnemucca Nevada, is the cyanide producer and supplier for Ruby Hill since January 1, 2009. The contract with Cyanco states they shall comply with the Code requirements. DuPont was the cyanide producer and supplier for Ruby Hill from the date of the initial audit until December 31, 2008. The contract with DuPont specifically identified the Code requirements as a provision. Cyanco and DuPont are signatory to the Code and have been recertified as complaint under the Code.

2. TRANSPORTATION: *Protect communities and the environment during cyanide transport.*

Standard of Practice 2.1: *Establish clear lines of responsibility for safety, security, release prevention, training and emergency response in written agreements with producers, distributors and transporters.*

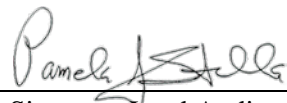
in full compliance with

The operation is in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 2.1**

not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: Starting in January 2009, Cyanco has been the liquid cyanide supplier to Ruby Hill and Transwood has been the transporter. Prior to January 2009, DuPont, located in Carlin, Nevada was the cyanide producer and supplier and the liquid cyanide was delivered by Sentinel. Cyanco, DuPont, Transwood and Sentinel are signatory to the Code and have been certified as compliant with the Code with clear lines of responsibility for safety, security, release prevention, training, and emergency response. The cyanide supply contract with Cyanco specifies that Ruby Hill takes ownership of the cyanide at the time the liquid cyanide is delivered into the cyanide storage tank at the mine site. The contract specifies that Ruby Hill and Cyanco agree to comply with the "Principals and Standards of Practice" of the Code. The cyanide supply contract with DuPont also specified that the operation took ownership of the cyanide at the time of delivery in the tank. DuPont was by contract solely responsible for the production and transport of sodium cyanide to the delivery point at Ruby Hill.

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Standard of Practice 2.2: *Require that cyanide transporters implement appropriate emergency response plans and capabilities and employ adequate measures for cyanide management.*

in full compliance with

The operation is in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 2.2**

not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: Starting in January 2009, TransWood has been the cyanide transporter. No interim storage facilities are used by either Cyanco or TransWood; and TransWood is the only transporter allowed by Cyanco to transport cyanide from their facility to Ruby Hill. TransWood is currently certified by the ICMI. Auditors reviewed the summary report titled "TransWood, Inc. Winnemucca Terminal Sodium Cyanide Solution Transportation Operations ICMI Cyanide Code Re-Certification Audit SUMMARY AUDIT REPORT" prepared by Management Solutions Inc. The audit dates were August 12-13, 2009. The date of re-certification was January 20, 2010. Ruby Hill's Bills of Lading were reviewed to confirm that the cyanide was, in fact, transported by TransWood.

During the time period from the initial audit until December 31, 2008, DuPont was responsible for the production and transport of cyanide to the delivery point at Ruby Hill. The supply chain from the DuPont production facility in Memphis Tennessee to the Ruby Hill Mine includes rail transportation to Carlin, Nevada as solid sodium cyanide followed by truck transportation of liquid sodium cyanide to the mine. The DuPont supply chain from the manufacturing facility was not certified under the Code but through a formal due diligence of the rail transport completed and documented in the Audit Report, DuPont Management of Sodium Cyanide Transportation via Rail Memphis, TN Plant to Carlin, NV Packaging Terminal via Union Pacific Railroad and Canadian National Railway by Management System Solutions, Inc. (December, 2006). The audit report was completed by a qualified transportation auditor that meets the ICMI criteria. Based on the results of this review, DuPont was in full compliance with Code cyanide transportation audit requirements and had considered to the extent practical, the security, safety, training and emergency response aspects of the rail carriers. Sentinel is currently and was signatory to the Code during the time period they were transporting cyanide to Ruby Hill. Sentinel is certified as compliant with the Code

3. HANDLING AND STORAGE: *Protect workers and the environment during cyanide handling and storage.*

Standard of Practice 3.1: *Design and construct unloading, storage and mixing facilities consistent with sound, accepted engineering practices, quality control/quality assurance procedures, spill prevention and spill containment measures.*

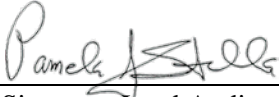
in full compliance with

The operation is in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 3.1**

not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: The only change to the unloading and cyanide storage areas since the initial certification audit was installation of Cyanco's telemetry units in the storage tanks and connection

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couplings for compatibility with TransWood's cyanide tanker trucks. Ruby Hill has one liquid sodium cyanide unloading and storage facility located outside the Adsorption, Desorption and Recovery (ADR) Plant. The design and construction of the cyanide unload and storage facilities has been reviewed and approved by the NDEP and subsequently completed and stamped by a Nevada registered Professional Engineer certifying that the facilities have been constructed and operated in general accordance with the industry standards of practice. The unloading and storage areas are located away from public access and no surface water bodies are nearby. The cyanide unload and storage tank pads are constructed with cast-in-place reinforced concrete with curbed containment that drains into the ADR Plant for return to the process. These concrete pads are an adequate barrier to prevent seepage to the subsurface. The liquid cyanide storage tank has a high-level alarm and level indicator. The cyanide unloading area and storage tank are located outside with adequate ventilation. During unloading, traffic and access is controlled by the operators. The delivery of liquid cyanide is performed in specially engineered tanker trucks. The process areas are within the fenced complex of the Ruby Hill operations. There are no unsecured valves that would allow direct access to the liquid cyanide. Ruby Hill has isolated the cyanide unload and storage tank away from incompatible chemicals such as acids and oxidizers. No smoking or eating is allowed near the cyanide storage area.

Standard of Practice 3.2: Operate unloading, storage and mixing facilities using inspections, preventive maintenance and contingency plans to prevent or contain releases and control and respond to worker exposures.

in full compliance with

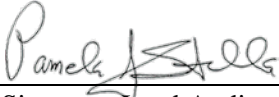
The operation is in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 3.2**

not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: Ruby Hill has developed and implemented standard operating procedures (SOPs) to prevent exposure and releases of cyanide during unloading and storage. The SOPs consist of "Bulk Chemical Unloading Procedures", "Cyanide Unloading Access" and "Escorting and Monitoring the Offloading of Cyanide Deliveries." Cyanco has a procedure titled "Sodium Cyanide Delivery Procedure" for safe and accurate delivery of cyanide. These procedures cover the responsibilities for the transporter and the site personnel. Cyanco's procedure details step by step the offload procedure and includes photographs of all valves and couplings.

Ruby Hill requires the driver to wear appropriate PPE and there is full time observation by an operator during the connection, offload and disconnection. Offloading does not occur until a Ruby Hill operator is there to observe compliance with the PPE requirements, truck parking and chocking, tank levels, test safety shower and eye wash, and unlock the unload piping. Both the transporter and the operator check to confirm that the storage has sufficient capacity for the offload. The Ruby Hill operator is trained in the transporter PPE requirements, procedures, and emergency shut off locations. Additionally, the Ruby Hill operator and the driver have access to PPE, cyanide antidote and oxygen in the case of an emergency. The transporter offload procedures are designed to prevent the potential for release.

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4. OPERATIONS: *Manage cyanide process solutions and waste streams to protect human health and the environment.*

Standard of Practice 4.1: *Implement management and operating systems designed to protect human health and the environment utilizing contingency planning and inspection and preventive maintenance procedures.*

- in full compliance with**
- The operation is** in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 4.1**
- not in compliance with

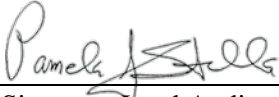
Basis for Audit Finding: Ruby Hill has developed a series of SOPs that defines the policies, procedures and responsibilities for compliance with the Code. SOPs have been prepared for all cyanide related management tasks. Ruby Hill also has operating plans describing the full operation of the process and the reagent facilities. In addition, the Ruby Hill WPCP NEV96103 specifies the procedures, operating plans and regulatory requirements for cyanide process solution management. Ruby Hill has prepared a Process Fluid Management section as part of its Operating Plan that covers the operational water management strategies including Emergency or Unusual Operating conditions. Ruby Hill has established inspection frequency on a shift, daily and monthly basis. Inspections includes: cyanide tanks, secondary containments, leak detection and collection systems, pipelines, pumps, valves, ponds and leach pad areas. Inspection information includes information on the performance of the pad and pond leak detection and review of the pond levels. These inspections are sufficient to assure and document that cyanide facilities are functioning with the design parameters. The inspection documentation includes the name of the inspector, date and observed deficiencies. The Ruby Hill preventive maintenance programs are designed to assure the continuous and safe operation of the equipment for cyanide management. The elements necessary for cyanide safety (e.g., calibration and maintenance of hydrogen cyanide gas (HCN) monitors, pH probes, tank level indicators and alarms, sumps, and others) are included in the preventive maintenance programs. Ruby Hill has a backup generator to ensure that pregnant solution pumps operate and Ruby Hill has inspections that include regular testing of the backup power generator.

Standard of Practice 4.2: *Introduce management and operating systems to minimize cyanide use, thereby limiting concentrations of cyanide in mill tailings.*

- in full compliance with**
- The operation is** in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 4.2**
- not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: This is not applicable because Ruby Hill uses only heap leach technology. .

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Standard of Practice 4.3: *Implement a comprehensive water management program to protect against unintentional releases.*

- in full compliance with**
- The operation is** in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 4.3**
- not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: Ruby Hill has developed a comprehensive and probabilistic water balance that addresses the uncertainty and variability of climatic data to prevent overtopping of the process facilities. Process facility inspection procedures and data collection programs have been implemented to update the water balance model on a regular basis. Daily shift inspections include flow totalizers for pregnant and barren solutions, tank levels, pond levels and available freeboard monitoring that can be incorporated into the water balance model and operational planning to prevent potential overtopping. Ruby Hill measures precipitation for incorporation into the water balance for calibration and evaluation. The water balance is updated on an as needed basis to support tracking and evaluation of the system to prevent overtopping and discharge.

Standard of Practice 4.4: *Implement measures to protect birds, other wildlife and livestock from adverse effects of cyanide process solutions.*

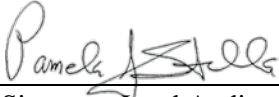
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- not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: Ruby Hill has implemented measures to protect birds, wildlife and livestock from contacting process solution with WAD cyanide concentrations at or above 50 mg/L. The primary approach employed is to eliminate open process solution ponds to the degree practical. Ruby Hill uses wildlife netting over the pregnant and barren tanks, and the pregnant solution pond; and all solutions are conveyed in pipes to and from the heap leach facility to prevent wildlife exposures. Other measures include a perimeter fence to prevent livestock access and chain link fences around the ponds. Ruby Hill has operating procedures and trained operators working on the heap leach facility that prevent solution ponding and potential wildlife exposure to the degree practical. All mine staff are trained in the wildlife mortality monitoring and reporting requirements.

Standard of Practice 4.5: *Implement measures to protect fish and wildlife from direct and indirect discharges of cyanide process solutions to surface water.*

- in full compliance with**
- The operation is** in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 4.5**
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Basis for Audit Finding: Ruby Hill does not have any direct or indirect discharge of cyanide solutions to surface waters. Ruby Hill is designed and operated for zero-discharge of process solutions. Operation performance history, design criteria and the project water balance indicate that facilities operation is consistent with the zero-discharge requirements. Ruby Hill conducts monitoring to characterize the leak detection systems. No surface water bodies are present at or near the site. A review of the quarterly and annual reports to the NDEP for the time period of the initial verification audit to the second quarter of 2010 was conducted. No impact to beneficial uses has occurred according to the data presented in the monitoring reports.

Standard of Practice 4.6: *Implement measures designed to manage seepage from cyanide facilities to protect the beneficial uses of groundwater.*

in full compliance with
The operation is in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 4.6**
 not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: Ruby Hill has implemented solution management and seepage control systems to protect groundwater below and down gradient of the operation. All cyanide facilities and process ponds have all been constructed with liners to prevent seepage. The heap leach facility has been constructed with composite liner system with 80 mil HDPE geomembrane overlying one foot of compacted low permeability soil with a maximum permeability of 1×10^{-5} centimeters per second. The heap leach facility has leak detection ports and collection network for each cell. The Overflow Pond has a double HDPE geomembrane liner with leak detection and collection system. The steel Pregnant and Barren Tanks are constructed within concrete secondary containment with leak detection and collection systems.

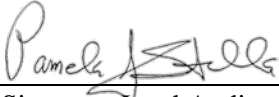
Review of the monitoring data indicated that the operation has no detectable WAD cyanide (<0.005 mg/L) in the groundwater at compliance points or down gradient of the operation. Review of the monitoring data indicated that Ruby Hill operations are protective of the beneficial uses of groundwater.

Standard of Practice 4.7: *Provide spill prevention or containment measures for process tanks and pipelines.*

in full compliance with
The operation is in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 4.7**
 not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: Ruby Hill has spill prevention and containment measures for the cyanide unload area, the associated storage tanks, and tank process areas. The containments are constructed of cast-in-place reinforced concrete. Secondary containments at Ruby Hill are either inside (i.e. for the CIC and Barren Sump Tanks) or constructed outside (i.e. the cyanide storage tank) to drain into larger containment areas providing in excess of 110%. SOPs have been developed to address management of spill response and clean-up within the containments. Ruby Hill has automated the collection sumps in the containment areas to automatically pump any cyanide solution to the process circuits. Ruby Hill does not

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have any perennial or ephemeral surface water bodies that require special protection needs for pipelines. Ruby Hill has constructed all pipelines with spill prevention and containment measures to collect leaks and prevent releases on containment. All pipelines have secondary containment within an HDPE lined conveyance channel. Review of the operation indicates that all tanks, piping and containments are constructed of materials appropriate for handling high pH cyanide solutions. Ruby Hill uses carbon steel tanks and HDPE pipelines which are compatible materials for the conveyance of high pH, cyanide solutions and slurries.

Standard of Practice 4.8: Implement quality control/quality assurance procedures to confirm that cyanide facilities are constructed according to accepted engineering standards and specifications.

in full compliance with
The operation is in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 4.8**
 not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: Quality control and quality assurance (QC/QA) programs have been implemented during construction of all new cyanide facilities and modification to existing facilities conducted since the initial audit. Ruby Hill has implemented QC/QA programs for all earthworks projects related to tank foundations, compacted subgrades, clay liners, geomembrane liners for ponds and heap leach facilities. The available QC/QA reports include information on subgrade preparation, grading, soil liner material properties and compaction characteristics, leak detection construction, solution collection piping, geomembrane liner seams and testing. The reports include copies of the field inspection reports, lab and field data, construction observations, and photographs.

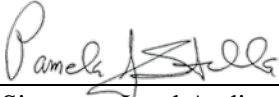
The QC/QA documents indicate that the construction of the new and existing cyanide facilities was completed according to engineering standards and specifications. QC/QA reports have been verified by qualified engineering companies and include detailed QC/QA data collection and documentation. Ruby Hill maintains copies of all QC/QA documentation in its Engineering Department.

Standard of Practice 4.9: Implement monitoring programs to evaluate the effects of cyanide use on wildlife surface and groundwater quality.

in full compliance with
The operation is in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 4.9**
 not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: Ruby Hill has environmental monitoring programs developed to evaluate the performance of the cyanide management systems on wildlife and groundwater quality. The environmental programs have been prepared and approved by qualified professionals and implemented by qualified personnel. Ruby Hill's Environmental Monitoring plans have also been reviewed and approved by NDEP. The plans include sampling and analysis documentation as required by the Code.

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5. DECOMMISSIONING: *Protect communities and the environment from cyanide through development and implementation of decommissioning plans for cyanide facilities.*

Standard of Practice 5.1: *Plan and implement procedures for effective decommissioning of cyanide facilities to protect human health, wildlife and livestock.*

- in full compliance with**
- The operation is** in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 5.1**
- not in compliance with

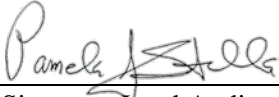
Basis for Audit Finding: Ruby Hill has prepared a Revised Reclamation Plan. The plan contains written general guidelines to decommission the cyanide facilities including, the heap leach facility, process ponds, collection ditches and equipment that has contained process solutions. Measures include cyanide stabilization/neutralization, and treatment of outflows, residual chemicals, or fluids. Ruby Hill is required to update the closure plan and estimated costs at least every three years in accordance with its Nevada reclamation permit and to incorporate project changes. The closure and reclamation plan includes an implementation schedule and performance monitoring.

Standard of Practice 5.2: *Establish an assurance mechanism capable of fully funding cyanide related decommissioning activities.*

- in full compliance with**
- The operation is** in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 5.2**
- not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: Ruby Hill has developed a cost estimate for the funding of third party implementation of the decommissioning activities for the cyanide-related facilities and activities. The cost estimate has been reviewed and approved by the Nevada State and the BLM. Ruby Hill is required by Nevada State regulations and Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management requirements to review and update the cost estimate at least every three years or as required by changes in planned disturbances. Additional reporting requirements by Security Exchange Commission require that mine closure liabilities be reevaluated every year. Barrick requires ongoing review and update of the Life of Mine Plan. Ruby Hill has established an approved financial mechanism to cover the estimated costs for cyanide related decommissioning activities. This mechanism is a Letter of Credit from ScotiaBank dated July 13, 2007 to the BLM.

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6. WORKER SAFETY: *Protect workers' health and safety from exposure to cyanide.*

Standard of Practice 6.1: *Identify potential cyanide exposure scenarios and take measures as necessary to eliminate, reduce and control them.*

- in full compliance with**
- The operation is** in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 6.1**
- not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: Ruby Hill has developed written SOPs and operating plans that describe the management and operation of the cyanide facilities. The SOPs and plans have been developed to eliminate, reduce and control exposure to cyanide. Individual task specific SOPs provide details for safe operation of cyanide equipment, PPE requirements and inspection requirements. Ruby Hill has also signage for PPE requirements located at the entrances and inside the ADR Plant. Ruby Hill safety training program and task specific training discuss the requirement of PPE.

Barrick has a Management of Change (MOC) Procedure that includes the methods to be used to manage changes at all Barrick Gold operations and sites. The procedure includes minimum standards to ensure changes that impact safety, health, environment or productivity are identified, assessed, managed and appropriately communicated to all affected personnel. All changes are communicated to the workforce and training requirements updated. Ruby Hill has safety meetings to provide information and training to employees as well as solicit input from employees on worker safety issues.

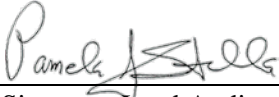
Standard of Practice 6.2: *Operate and monitor cyanide facilities to protect worker health and safety and periodically evaluate the effectiveness of health and safety measures.*

- in full compliance with**
- The operation is** in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 6.2**
- not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: The pH is monitored and maintained to prevent the formation of HCN as recommended in the operating plans. Daily pH logs were reviewed to verify that the pH was maintained as recommended. Fixed HCN monitors are installed in areas of potential exposure to cyanide. In addition, operators working in areas where cyanide is present are required to wear portable HCN meters to conduct their tasks. Prior to maintenance work or confined space entry, work areas are checked for HCN concentrations with a portable HCN meter. HCN sensors are set at 4.7 ppm low level alarm and 10 ppm high level alarm. HCN monitors are maintained, calibrated and inspected as recommended by the manufacturer. Warning signs are in areas where cyanide is used to alert workers that cyanide is present, that smoking, open flames, eating and drinking are not allowed and that the necessary cyanide-specific PPE must be worn. Pipes carrying cyanide are marked and the direction of flow is indicated with arrows on the pipe. Signage for confined spaces at the tank entry points has also been placed.

Showers, low-pressure eye wash stations and non-acidic sodium bicarbonate fire extinguishers are located at strategic locations throughout the operation and are maintained, inspected and tested on a regular basis.

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Showers and eyewash stations were inspected and determined to be operational. First aid procedures and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are also available in the Process, Environmental and Safety Departments. The instructions are in English, the language of the workforce. Ruby Hill has and implements procedures that require all incidents and accidents involving cyanide exposure be investigated and evaluated to determine if its programs and procedures to protect worker health and safety and to respond to cyanide exposures are adequate or if changes are necessary.

Standard of Practice 6.3: Develop and implement emergency response plans and procedures to respond to worker exposure to cyanide.

- in full compliance with**
- The operation is** in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 6.3**
- not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: Cyanide antidote kits are located in the process safety building (offloading area), laboratory and process office hallway. Cyanide antidote kits include amyl nitrite, oxygen, and first aid kit. In addition, Automated External Defibrillators (AED) are distributed in various locations within the process areas including the process safety building. Amyl nitrite is stored at the manufacturer's recommended temperature (inside refrigerators) and is within expiration dates. All operators carry a radio. First aid equipment is inspected regularly.

Ruby Hill has developed written emergency response plans for cyanide exposures. These plans include the Crisis Communication and Emergency Response Plan (CCERP), the Major Modification 2006 WPCP NEV96103, the Environmental Management Manual and task specific SOPs (i.e. Cyanide Safety SOP). The plans address response measures for cyanide exposures and releases, decontamination procedures, mill evacuation, use of MSDS, emergency contact information, cleanup measures, reporting requirements and others.

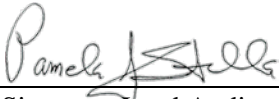
In the event of a worker exposure Ruby Hill will provide on-site first aid. The medical clinic will provide intravenous cyanide antidote for treatment of the patient. Ruby Hill has made formal arrangements with the Eureka Medical Clinic to treat cyanide exposed workers. Ruby Hill has determined that the Eureka Medical Clinic is adequate and has qualified medical physicians and the cyanide antidote (sodium thiosulfate and sodium nitrite) to respond to cyanide exposures. Ruby Hill conducts cyanide exposure drills and tests the relevant emergency procedures on a regular basis.

7. EMERGENCY RESPONSE: *Protect communities and the environment through the development of emergency response strategies and capabilities.*

Standard of Practice 7.1: Prepare detailed emergency response plans for potential cyanide releases.

- in full compliance with**
- The operation is** in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 7.1**
- not in compliance with

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Basis for Audit Finding: Ruby Hill has developed plans and SOPs that address emergency response to potential accidental releases of cyanide. Ruby Hill plans contain procedures for potential scenarios such as: 1) cyanide intoxication; 2) accidents during cyanide transportation; 3) releases during offloading; 4) release of cyanide during fires and explosions; 5) pipe, valve or tank ruptures; 6) overtopping of ponds; 7) electrical power outages and pump failures; 8) uncontrolled seepage; 9) failure of the heap leach facility; 11) cyanide spill control and clean-up; and 12) decontamination and emergency evacuation.

Standard of Practice 7.2: Involve site personnel and stakeholders in the planning process.

in full compliance with
The operation is in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 7.2**
 not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: The CCERP has been designed to be implemented by trained on-site personnel and qualified off-site responders. The off-site responders include Eureka County Sheriff, the Eureka Medical Clinic, the Eureka County Fire Department and the Eureka County EMS. Ruby Hill would also contact the Eureka County HazMat Team in case of a cyanide related emergency, if required. Ruby Hill maintains a copy of the Eureka County Hazardous Materials Response Plan and discusses its emergency response plans during LEPC meetings. Ruby Hill has certified First Responders. The CCERP has been developed with the involvement and input of their workforce. Ruby Hill's workforce has the ability to participate in the emergency response planning process through weekly safety meetings and mock drills. Ruby Hill involves site personnel and off-site responders in mock emergency response drills and revises the emergency response as needed.

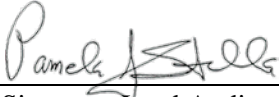
The nearest community to the site is the town of Eureka, which is located 1.5 miles south of the mine. There are no identified risks of off-site release scenarios that would affect Eureka. However, Ruby Hill does provide the opportunity to communicate issues of concern with the public through the Community Awareness Committee and LEPC. Ruby Hill also has procedures to notify the State Emergency Response Commission and LEPC in case of a cyanide emergency that may potentially result in exposure to individuals outside of the facility boundary.

Standard of Practice 7.3: Designate appropriate personnel and commit necessary equipment and resources for emergency response.

in full compliance with
The operation is in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 7.3**
 not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: Ruby Hill has committed in the CCERP and SOPs the necessary emergency response equipment and first aid to manage most cyanide incidents at the operation and to coordinate transportation to the nearest medical facilities. Ruby Hill has formal arrangements with local off-site responders to respond to fire fighting, HazMat and medical requirements. Ruby Hill has certified First Responders. The CCERP defines the primary and alternative response coordinators for Crisis Response Team (CRT). Ruby Hill has identified its First Responders and has an updated list of the team members

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including their name, shift and contact information. The CCERP includes radio channel, office, cell and home telephone numbers for the CRT and First Responders.

Ruby Hill requires training and certification for First Responders that includes first aid for personnel exposed to cyanide, locations of cyanide antidote kits, medical oxygen, administration of the amyl nitrite, hazard awareness associated with cyanide, and victim and rescuer decontamination procedures. All emergency equipment and supplies are inspected monthly by the Safety Department. The CCERP describes the role of off-site responders and provide their contact information.

Standard of Practice 7.4: Develop procedures *for internal and external emergency notification and reporting.*

in full compliance with
The operation is in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 7.4**
 not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: The CCERP and the Environmental Management Plan detail the procedures (including current contact telephone numbers) for internal and external emergency notification and reporting.

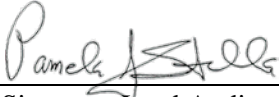
Standard of Practice 7.5: *Incorporate into response plans and remediation measures monitoring elements that account for the additional hazards of using cyanide treatment chemicals.*

in full compliance with
The operation is in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 7.5**
 not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: Ruby Hill has prepared cyanide response and remediation plans for potential cyanide releases. The plans include emergency response procedures to address the management of contaminated soils. The plans describe what final cyanide concentration will be allowed in residual soil as evidence that the release has been completely cleaned up. Soils samples would be taken following clean up to confirm complete removal of all cyanide contaminated materials. Ruby Hill has developed plans to sample and monitor soils and groundwater in the event of a cyanide spill.

Ruby Hill does not consider the use of chemicals to treat cyanide that has been released into surface waters. There are no permanent waterways in the area near Ruby Hill. Ruby Hill uses bottled water for drinking water supply; therefore, there is no risk that the drinking water supply can be adversely impacted in case of a cyanide release.

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Standard of Practice 7.6: *Periodically evaluate response procedures and capabilities and revise them as needed.*

in full compliance with
The operation is in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 2.2**
 not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: Ruby Hill evaluates and updates the CCERP and other emergency response plans on a regular basis and following mock drills and actual incidents as needed. Additionally, at least once per year Ruby Hill conducts mock drills to practice and prepare for emergencies and to provide insight into the effectiveness of its emergency response plans. Auditors verified that emergency response plans have been updated and/or revised since the Initial Code Certification Audit.

8. TRAINING: *Train workers and emergency response personnel to manage cyanide in a safe and environmentally protective manner.*

Standard of Practice 8.1: *Train workers to understand the hazards associated with cyanide use.*

in full compliance with
The operation is in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 8.1**
 not in compliance with

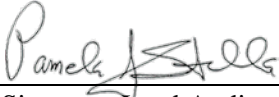
Basis for Audit Finding: Ruby Hill provides initial training and annual refresher training to all employees, with the potential to be exposed to cyanide, on cyanide hazard recognition. Ruby Hill retains all cyanide training records for all employees. Training records include the names of the employee and the trainer, the date of training, the topics covered, and test results demonstrating an understanding of the training.

Standard of Practice 8.2: *Train appropriate personnel to operate the facility according to systems and procedures that protect human health, the community and the environment.*

in full compliance with
The operation is in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 8.2**
 not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: All personnel in job positions that involve the use of cyanide and cyanide management (including offloading, production and maintenance) receive training on how to perform their assigned tasks with minimum risk to worker health and safety. Individual training is provided for each specific task an operator will perform related to cyanide management. Task specific training is provided prior to working with cyanide independently. Training elements for each specific job are identified in each SOP. The SOPs include the purpose of the SOP, the required PPE, training objectives and the

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individual task specific steps. In addition, Ruby Hill has developed two training criteria checklists, one for the ADR Plant and the other for the leach pad area. The checklists detail the necessary training elements required for ADR Plant and leach pad operators.

The trainers are MSHA certified to be trainers. In addition, Ruby Hill has personnel qualified as "Train the Trainer" by Cyanco, who are responsible for providing initial and refresher training related to cyanide. The task specific training to new operators is provided by various process supervisors/trainers who have several years of experience in the mine process. Ruby Hill requires and provides annual refresher for cyanide management to assure that employees continue to perform their jobs in a safe and environmentally protective manner. In addition, Ruby Hill discusses cyanide related health and safety issues as well as changes in cyanide management SOPs, if any, at safety meetings.

Training records are retained throughout an individual's employment documenting the training they receive. The records include the names of the employee and the trainer, the date of training; the topics covered, and test results demonstrating an understanding of the training materials.

Standard of Practice 8.3: *Train appropriate workers and personnel to respond to worker exposures and environmental releases of cyanide.*

in full compliance with

The operation is in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 8.3**

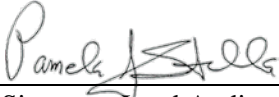
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Basis for Audit Finding: Personnel responsible for offloading, production, and maintenance are trained in procedures to be followed if cyanide is released. Task specific SOPs, the Environmental Management Manual and CCERP describe response procedures and first aid if a person is exposed to cyanide or if there is an environmental release. Ruby Hill response team is trained in the procedures described in these emergency response plans. Ruby Hill response personnel receive annual refresher courses in first aid, cyanide hazard awareness, decontamination and remediation procedures for cyanide-related exposures and releases. Off-site emergency responders are familiar with emergency response procedures and participate in site mock drills.

Ruby Hill conducts mock emergency drills based on likely release/exposure scenarios. Cyanide emergency drills are evaluated from a training perspective to determine if personnel have knowledge and skills required for effective response. Training procedures will be revised, if needed. Documentation of these mock drills is kept with the Safety and Health Coordinator.

Training records are retained throughout an individual's employment documenting the cyanide training they receive. The records include the names of the employee and the trainer, the date of training; the topics covered, and test results demonstrating an understanding of the training materials.

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9. DIALOGUE: *Engage in public consultation and disclosure.*

Standard of Practice 9.1: *Provide stakeholders the opportunity to communicate issues of concern.*

- in full compliance with**
- The operation is** in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 9.1**
- not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: Ruby Hill provides many avenues of opportunity for stakeholders to communicate issues of concern regarding the cyanide use and management at Ruby Hill. Ruby Hill sponsors and conducts community communication sessions in which the members of the general public and government leaders are encouraged to attend and discuss issues related to the mining operation including the use of cyanide. Representatives from Ruby Hill are on the Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, the Community Advisory Committee and LEPC. In addition, Ruby Hill through Barrick's corporate website provides information on the use of cyanide and has provisions for stakeholders to communicate issues of concern (<http://www.Barrick.com>). The site is provided with a "Contact Us" tab that allows an individual to contact the company via email and telephone.

Standard of Practice 9.2: *Initiate dialogue describing cyanide management procedures and responsively address identified concerns.*

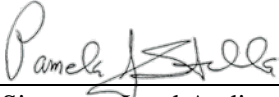
- in full compliance with**
- The operation is** in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 9.2**
- not in compliance with

Basis for Audit Finding: Ruby Hill creates opportunities to interact with stakeholders and provide them with information regarding cyanide management practices and procedures. Ruby Hill sponsors and conducts community communication sessions where the members of the general public and government leaders are encouraged to attend and discuss issues related to the mining operation including the use of cyanide. Ruby Hill also interacts with regulators during Quarterly Cyanide Inspections conducted by BLM. Inspections include cyanide facilities. In addition, Ruby Hill offers tours upon request and approval. Tours of Ruby Hill facilities include the cyanide circuit.

Standard of Practice 9.3: *Make appropriate operational and environmental information regarding cyanide available to stakeholders.*

- in full compliance with**
- The operation is** in substantial compliance with **Standard of Practice 9.3**
- Not in compliance with

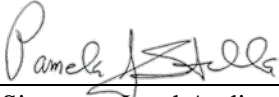
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Basis for Audit Finding: Ruby Hill has developed written descriptions of how their activities are conducted and how cyanide is managed, and made these descriptions available to communities and stakeholders. Barrick Gold Corporation has a link that describes Barrick's Use of Cyanide (<http://www.barrick.com/CorporateResponsibility/KeyTopics/CyanideManagement/default.aspx>). The link includes cyanide specific information on the Manufacture, Transportation, Handling and Storage, Emergency Response, Decommissioning, and Cyanide and Gold Ore Processes. The site also provides Facts about Cyanide and the International Cyanide Management Code. In addition, Ruby Hill provides written descriptions of how their activities are conducted and how cyanide is managed in submittals to regulatory agencies. The Ruby Hill WPCP requires the company to file quarterly reports to the NDEP that includes a summary of cyanide spills and releases. These reports are available to the public. Ruby Hill is also required to complete MSHA reports that would include any cyanide related worker exposure or death.

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