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Whitehall Ledger, Helena Independent Record, Butte Standard, Missoula Missoulian, Billings Gazette and Great Falls Tribune:

RE: Notice of Submittal of an Application for an Operating Permit from Butte Highlands Joint Venture, LLC in Silver Bow County for an Underground Gold Mine

Dear Editor:

Please place the following notice in the legal publication section of your newspaper each week for three weeks:

Legal Notice

Butte Highlands Joint Venture, LLC (BHJV) submitted an application for an operating permit to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on June 2, 2010. BHJV is proposing to conduct an underground gold mine approximately 15 miles south of Butte, MT in Sections 31 and 32 Township 1 North, Range 7 West, Sections 5 and 6 in Township 1 South, Range 7 West, and Section 1, Township 1 South, Range 8 West,. BHJV has been conducting exploration at that site under Exploration License No. 680.

There are currently 51.35 acres approved for disturbance under the exploration license. The proposed underground mine would add another 27.7 acres for a total permit area of 78.9 acres. The mine would be located on private land surrounded by the Deer Lodge National Forest.

No milling activities are proposed for the site as BHJV plans on shipping ore to an off-site custom mill. A tailings impoundment would not be required. Public roads and highways would be used to access the site. The mine life is projected to be five years with about one year of underground development work before mining starts. Additional resources could be identified which could extend the mine life.

BHJV's application for an operating permit may be viewed by the public at DEQ offices at 1520 E 6th Ave., in Helena, MT.

For information on BHJV's application for an operating permit, contact:

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To expedite payment, please send your invoice, original tear sheet, and affidavit of publication to DEQ at the address above to the attention of Dick Morrow. Please indicate that the bill applies to Doc # 50310.163. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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