

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pocatello Field Office, in Pocatello, Idaho, intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process for the proposed Blackrock Land Exchange EIS. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until July 5, 2019. The BLM will hold two public meetings as part of the scoping process. The dates and locations of these scoping meeting will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers and the BLM website at: <https://go.usa.gov/xEUuc>. In order to be included in the Draft EIS, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 45-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments related to the Blackrock Land Exchange by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <https://go.usa.gov/xEUuc>
- *Fax:* 208.478.6376
- *Mail:* BLM, Pocatello Field Office,

Attention: Bryce Anderson/Blackrock Land Exchange Project, 4350 S Cliffs Dr., Pocatello, ID 83204.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Pocatello Field Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bryce Anderson, Project Manager by telephone: 208-478-6353; address: 4350 S Cliffs Dr., Pocatello, ID 83204; or email: [bdanderson@blm.gov](mailto:bdanderson@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact Mr. Anderson. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with Mr. Anderson. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1994, the J.R. Simplot Company (Simplot) submitted an application to acquire 719 acres of Federal land managed by the BLM in exchange for 667 acres of non-Federal land. The selected Federal land is adjacent to Simplot's Don Plant in Power and Bannock Counties, Idaho. The offered non-Federal lands are located in the Blackrock and Caddy

Canyon areas in Bannock County approximately five miles east-southeast of Pocatello, Idaho.

In 1998, pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act, the Don Plant facilities and the surrounding area known as the Eastern Michaud Flats (EMF) were designated a Superfund Site, including a portion of the proposed Federal lands to be exchanged. The BLM prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the proposed land exchange, and issued a Decision Record/Finding of No Significant Impact (DR/FONSI) on December 21, 2007. The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes litigated the decision in District Court. In May 2011, the Court granted the Tribes' motion and remanded the DR/FONSI to the BLM, ordering the agency to prepare an EIS.

The BLM's purpose is to evaluate the land exchange proposal. If approved, the proposal would improve resource management in an area containing crucial mule deer winter range and secure permanent public access to a popular recreation area. Simplot's purpose for the proposed exchange is to implement legally enforceable controls as directed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Record of Decision (ROD) for the EMF Superfund Site and required by a Consent Order (CO) from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. The CO requires Simplot to reduce fluoride emissions by 2026. To meet this requirement, Simplot has proposed construction of cooling ponds adjacent to its Don Plant in Pocatello, Idaho, which would require the acquisition of adjacent Federal lands. Additionally, this acquisition would allow for future onsite expansion of phosphate processing operations.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the EIS. At present, the BLM has identified the following preliminary issues:

- Concerns with contamination of surface and groundwater resources;
- Acquiring crucial mule deer winter range;
- Economic impacts on the region if production at the Don Plant slows or ceases (if the exchange is not approved);
- Retaining contaminated lands in Federal ownership; and
- Securing permanent access to Federal lands.

The BLM will fulfill the public involvement requirements under the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108) as provided in 36 CFR

800.2(d)(3) through the NEPA process. Information the BLM receives about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed action will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources.

The BLM will consult with Native American Tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. The BLM will give Tribal concerns due consideration, including impacts on Native American trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources.

The BLM invites Federal, State, and local agencies, along with Tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed Blackrock Land Exchange to participate in the scoping process and environmental analysis, and if eligible, as a cooperating agency.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7.

**John F. Ruhs,**

*BLM Idaho State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Marigold Mining Company—Marigold Mine—Mackay Optimization Project Humboldt County, Nevada

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Humboldt River Field Office, Winnemucca,

Nevada has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Marigold Mine—Mackay Optimization Project (Project) and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public comment period for the Draft EIS. Comments may be submitted in writing until July 5, 2019. The date(s) and location(s) of any comment meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers and the BLM website at: <http://1.usa.gov/1PKqIbI>. In order to be included in the Draft EIS, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 45-day public comment period. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Final EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments related to the Marigold Mine—Mackay Optimization Project by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <http://1.usa.gov/1PKqIbI>.

- *Email:* [wfoweb@blm.gov](mailto:wfoweb@blm.gov). Include Marigold Mine Mackay DEIS Comments in the subject line.

- *Fax:* (775) 623-1740.

- *Mail:* BLM Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office, 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jeanette Black, telephone 775-623-1500; address BLM Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office, 5100 E Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445; email [infoweb@blm.gov](mailto:infoweb@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The applicant, Marigold Mining Company (MMC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of SSR Mining Inc., has requested to optimize and modify its approved Plan of Operations by expanding its gold mining operations at the existing Marigold Mine, which is located in the southeastern portion of Humboldt County, Nevada approximately 35 miles southeast of Winnemucca. The mine is currently authorized to disturb up to 5,682.6 acres (3,211.4 acres of private land and 2,471.2 acres of public land), and was permitted under a series of Environmental Impact Statements and Environmental Assessments from July 1988 through October 2013.

All proposed disturbance would occur within the existing approved Plan boundary and includes combining multiple existing pits into three large pits. Waste rock storage areas, heap leach pads, and other supporting facilities would be expanded to support the pit expansion. The pits are proposed to extend below the historic water table necessitating dewatering of the groundwater and rapid infiltration basins (RIBs) for recharging the excess water downgradient of the pits. If approved, the proposed modification would extend the mine life by up to 10 years.

Amendments to two associated rights-of-ways (ROWs) needed to accommodate the proposed mine changes are evaluated in the Draft EIS. These ROWs include relocation of a portion of the county road called Buffalo Valley Road and of a portion of the existing 120-kV power line (ROW held by NV Energy).

The Draft EIS analyzes three alternatives; the Proposed Action, Alternative I—Partial Discharge to Cottonwood Creek and Pipeline to RIBs Alternative, and the No Action Alternative.

The Proposed Action, if selected by the BLM, would include 2,055.9 acres of new disturbance (800.9 acres of public land and 1,255 acres of private land), increasing the surface disturbance by a total of 7,738.5 acres (3,271.7 acres of public land and 4,466.4 acres on private land).

Under Alternative I, all components of the Proposed Action would be the same except for the proposed dewatering operation that would increase the total disturbance by approximately 4 acres. A portion of the dewatered groundwater (approximately 191 gpm) would be treated at a water treatment plant, transported via an above ground pipeline system and discharged to Cottonwood Creek drainage, creating a water source for livestock and wildlife while recharging the aquifer. The remaining portion of dewatering water would be piped to the RIBs.

Under the No Action Alternative, the plan modification would not be authorized and the activities described under the Proposed Action would not occur. MMC would continue mining activities as authorized in their current Plan, dated November 6, 2013, with closure in 2027, followed by approximately three years of reclamation.

A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS for the proposed Mackay Project was published in the **Federal Register** on March 4, 2016 (FR Doc No: 2016-

04806). The BLM received 22 public scoping comment during the 31-day scoping period. From the 22 comments, 70 issue statements were identified and evaluated in the Draft EIS (Table 1.4-1). The following issues of environmental, social, and economic concern were identified: Air quality from mining emissions; fugitive dust; hazardous air pollutants; greenhouse gases; geochemical concerns from mining activities; effects on cultural sites; impacts to California Trails; environmental justice; Native American Religious Concerns; noise effects on Greater Sage Grouse and humans; rangeland management; impacts from the relocation of county road and NV Energy powerline; public access for dispersed recreation; economic benefits; visual resources; surface and groundwater quality and quantity impacts due to dewatering of the aquifer; water rights; formation of a pit lake with evaporative water losses; wetland and riparian zones; wildlife impacts due to mining activities (vegetation loss, weed management, surface water sources, migration routes, lighting); environmental protection measures; mitigation; monitoring; reclamation; closure; and alternatives.

The BLM analyzed a combination of proposed environmental measures and possible mitigation to eliminate or minimize impacts associated with the proposed action. These included the potential for identifying opportunities to apply mitigation hierarchy strategies for on-site and regional mitigation appropriate to the size of the proposal, and management actions to achieve resource objectives.

The BLM will use NEPA public participation requirements to assist the agency in satisfying the public involvement requirements under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (54 U.S.C. 306108) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed amendment will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources in the context of both NEPA and the NHPA.

The BLM continues to consult with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts to Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested or affected are invited to comment on the proposal that the BLM is evaluating.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10.

**David Kampwerth,**  
Field Manager, Humboldt River Field Office.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—ODPi, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on May 7, 2019, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), ODPi, Inc. (“ODPi”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Cloudera, Inc., Santa Clara, CA, has been added as a party to this venture.

Also, Hortonworks, Inc., Santa Clara, CA; UNIFI Software, San Mateo, CA; AsiaInfo Technologies (H.K.) Limited (fka Beijing AsiaInfo Smart Big Data Co., Ltd.), Beijing, PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA; and China Mobile Communication Company Ltd., Beijing, PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, have withdrawn as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and ODPi intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On November 23, 2015, ODPi filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on December 23, 2015 (80 FR 79930).

The last notification was filed with the Department on December 10, 2018. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on January 31, 2019 (84 FR 796).

**Suzanne Morris,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Integrated Photonics Institute for Manufacturing Innovation Operating Under the Name of the American Institute for Manufacturing Integrated Photonics

Notice is hereby given that, on April 29, 2019, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), the Integrated Photonics Institute for Manufacturing Innovation operating under the name of the American Institute for Manufacturing Integrated Photonics (“AIM Photonics”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Pendar Technologies, LLC, Cambridge, MA; Sheumann Laser, Inc., Marlborough, MA; and EXFO, Inc., Quebec, CANADA, have been added as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and AIM Photonics intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On June 16, 2016, AIM Photonics filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on July 25, 2016 (81 FR 48450).

The last notification was filed with the Department on November 13, 2018. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the

Act on December 20, 2018 (83 FR 65362).

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—PXI Systems Alliance, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on May 7, 2019, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), PXI Systems Alliance, Inc. (“PXI Systems”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, CHNN Instruments (Beijing) Technology Co., Ltd., Beijing, PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA; and Shenzhen Houwu Tech. Co. LTD., Shenzhen, PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, have been added as parties to this venture.

Also, Innovative Integration, Camarillo, CA, has withdrawn as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and PXI Systems intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On November 22, 2000, PXI Systems filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on March 8, 2001 (66 FR 13971).

The last notification was filed with the Department on February 8, 2019. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on February 28, 2019 (84 FR 6822).

**Suzanne Morris,**  
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