

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LAHONTAN REGION**

**BOARD ORDER NO. R6V-2004-0044
WDID NO. 6B159205001**

**RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
BOARD ORDER NO. 6-99-32**

FOR

**GLAMIS RAND MINING COMPANY, GLAMIS GOLD, INC., AND
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, BALTIC MINE**

_____Kern County_____

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Regional Board) finds:

1. Dischargers

The Glamis Rand Mining Company (GRMC) a wholly owned subsidiary of Glamis Gold, Inc., operated the Baltic Mine. Mining waste was formerly discharged by GRMC to lined waste piles and surface impoundments which are located on public land administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and on private land. Private land owners are Fredrick and Dorothy Mohr, Robert E. Stevenson and Mines Exploration, Inc. For the purpose of this Regional Board Order, GRMC, BLM and the private landowners listed above are collectively referred to as the "Discharger".

2. Facility

For the purposes of this Order, the inactive Baltic Mine is referred to as the Facility. The Facility is located in the community of Randsburg in the Koehn Hydrologic Area (625.4) of the Fremont Valley Ground Water Basin (Department of Water Resources Hydrologic Unit No. 6-46) in Section 1, T30S, R40E, MDB&M. During operation, the facility consisted of a heap leach pad (waste pile) and two surface impoundments. The Discharger has completed closure activities for detoxifying the waste and closing the lined surface impoundments according to an accepted closure and post closure plan.

3. Waste Discharge Requirements

Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for the Facility were established pursuant to Board Order No. 6-92-103, adopted on November 12, 1992, and Board Order No. 6-99-32 adopted on September 9, 1999. These WDRs were adopted to prescribe requirements for operation, monitoring, closure activities and post closure maintenance of the Facility.

4. Reasons for Action

The Discharger is no longer leaching ore and has implemented its closure plan. The Discharger has removed solid residual waste from both surface impoundments to a legal facility. The Discharger has clean closed the surface impoundments and punctured the liner of the waste pile. These activities were performed in accordance with the closure and post closure maintenance plans, and documented in a Final Closure and Post Closure Report certified by a California Licensed Civil Engineer. The Discharger has completed detoxification and verification sampling of ore on the leach pads. Based on analytical results and post-closure monitoring, the facility does not pose a threat to water quality. As such, it is appropriate to rescind the WDRs.

5. California Environmental Quality Act Compliance

This action is being taken by the Regional Board to rescind WDRs issued pursuant to the California Water Code and as such is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources code, Section 2100, et seq.) in accordance with Section 15321(a)(2), Title 14, California Code of Regulations.

6. Public Notification

The Regional Board has notified the Discharger, interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind WDRs for the Facility. The Regional Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the rescission of these WDRs.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Board Order No. 6-99-32 be rescinded.

I, Harold J. Singer, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality control Board, Lahontan Region, on November 17, 2004.

HAROLD J. SINGER
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

[Attachment: A. Address List](#)