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Ms. Noe,

Attached is correspondence submitted on behalf of Nevada Gold Mines LLC regarding MSHA's Lowering Miners' Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica and Improving Respiratory Protection Proposed Rule.

Please call with any questions.

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Re: Lowering Miners' Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica and Improving Respiratory Protection, RIN 1219-AB36, MSHA-2023-0001

Dear Ms. Noe,

Nevada Gold Mines LLC ("NGM") respectfully submits its comments on the Mine Safety and Health Administration's ("MSHA") proposal to amend its existing standards to better protect miners against occupational exposure to respirable crystalline silica and to improve respiratory protection for all hazards as set forth in the proposed rule entitled "Lowering Miners' Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica and Improving Respiratory Protection," 88 Fed. Reg. 44582 (July 13, 2023). NGM supports the proposed reduction in the permissible exposure level for respirable crystalline silica but has concerns about its implementation.

NGM is a joint venture between Barrick Gold Corporation and Newmont Corporation. In addition to other mines and facilities, NGM operates 9 underground gold mines in Northeastern Nevada. These include the Meikle Mine, Turquoise Ridge, Leeville, Cortez, Exodus, Pete Bajo, Twin Underground, Goldrush, and El Nino.

NGM and its employees place the utmost importance on providing a safe working environment for the miners in Nevada. Considerable amounts of time and financial resources are spent to accomplish this goal. The success of our efforts is reflected in our exceptional safety record, which we continually improve every year.

We join in the comments of the National Mining Association, the American Exploration and Mining Association, and the Nevada Mining Association regarding the implementation of the proposed standard.

Sincerely,

Hiliary Wilson
Corporate Secretary