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Mr. Wayne Murdy
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Dear Mr. Murdy:

We are writing to follow up on the visit of Lauren Compere and Julie Tanner on behalf of our group of Newmont shareholders to Denver and Elko last year. We greatly appreciated your hospitality during our trip. We would like to formally thank you and your staff again for allowing us access to your operations.

On our trip, the shareholder group also enjoyed the hospitality of the Western Shoshone. Carrie Dann conducted a briefing on the history and the culture of the Western Shoshone in a community meeting organized by the Western Shoshone Defense Project. We met and listened to many members of the Western Shoshone.

We are seeking to follow-up on our concerns regarding the operations of Newmont Mining on the traditional lands of the Western Shoshone. We greatly appreciate that, since hosting a meeting with the Western Shoshone at the 2004 AGM, Newmont has continued to meet in good faith with Western Shoshone representatives to discuss their concerns. Specifically, we request that Newmont Mining develop a policy to guide the company's operations on traditional Native American lands and interactions with Native American peoples in the United States.

The United Nations Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) recently issued its decision calling on the United States to freeze any plans to privatize Western Shoshone ancestral lands for transfer to extractive industries companies, such as Newmont Mining and to desist from further activities that threaten spiritual or cultural areas. This decision by UN CERD underscores the need for Newmont Mining to develop a policy towards Native American peoples in the United States and address the specific concerns of the Western Shoshone. (Decision attached hereto.)

By developing such a policy and by addressing Western Shoshone concerns, Newmont Mining will be able to show that it has the capacity to achieve community consent and social license to operate on ancestral Western Shoshone lands. This would also demonstrate to us as shareholders that Newmont Mining has unimpeded operations on Western Shoshone land.

Recognition of and Compliance with the Treaty of Ruby Valley

In our meetings in Nevada with the Western Shoshone, we listened and learned a great deal about the deep ethical and religious attachment of the Western Shoshone to their traditional lands. We believe that Newmont Mining needs to find ways in which to respect fully the Western Shoshone's claim to their ancestral lands. This is necessary if

Newmont is to ever be able to demonstrate that the company has the both the consent of the Western Shoshone and the “social license” to operate on traditional Western Shoshone lands.

At the heart of the claims of the Western Shoshone lies the Treaty of Ruby Valley. Even though the treaty is the subject of legal and political dispute, it remains a core focus of Western Shoshone interests, concerns and aspirations over the use by corporations and government of their traditional lands.

We believe as shareholders that Newmont Mining should fully address Western Shoshone concerns and interests. By doing so, Newmont Mining will be able to help demonstrate that the company has achieved community consent and social license to operate on Western Shoshone lands. This would help demonstrate to its shareholders that Newmont Mining has unimpaired use of its core assets on Western Shoshone land.

Western Shoshone Concerns and Interests

Through ongoing dialogue with Western Shoshone leaders in Nevada, we have compiled a list of the Western Shoshone’s key concerns and interests. While this list is not definitive, it is extensive and should serve as a basis for further dialogue between Newmont Mining and the Western Shoshone.

Maintaining the Cultural and Spiritual Integrity of Western Shoshone’s Ancestral Lands

- Adoption by Newmont Mining of a policy of respect for and compliance with the right of the Western Shoshone to free, prior and informed consent to new activities or expansions that includes the right of the Western Shoshone to say no to a project that would threaten areas of cultural or spiritual significance
- Agreement with the Western Shoshone on how to handle cultural resources before, during and after mining operations and compensation to assist Western Shoshone in preserving and strengthening its cultural resources
- Adoption of a public policy by Newmont Mining to refrain from lobbying the U.S. government for the privatization and sale to Newmont of Western Shoshone ancestral lands

Protection of the Environment

- Measures to protect water quality that include reclamation and address the impact of dewatering and use of cyanide
- Measures to protect air quality that address emissions of mercury

Establishment of Advisory/Technical Committee

- Establishment of a Western Shoshone advisory committee to discuss issues of concern, share information, and include the Western Shoshone in decision-making on water and other key issues

- Transparency with regard to information on the environmental and social impact of the operations of Newmont Mining on Western Shoshone communities, lands, resources and waters
- Access to Newmont's operations on Western Shoshone lands
- Financial and technical assistance from Newmont (or facilitated by Newmont) to Western Shoshone communities to ensure that they have the financial and technical capacity to engage with the company on the above issues

Economic Development: User Fees & Royalties

The Treaty of Ruby Valley provides for "fair compensation" for activities in Western Shoshone territory and "fair compensation" for minerals and resources extracted. Please describe how Newmont Mining has and will take measures to share revenues and provide community benefits to the Western Shoshone. This description should include address the following:

- Commitments by Newmont to sharing revenues and/or paying royalties to the Western Shoshone
- Education, training and employment for members of the Western Shoshone
- Disclosure of information regarding the number by job category of native Americans (by facility on Western Shoshone land) from the company's EEO-1 reports
- Joint venture work between Western Shoshone members and business and the company
- Funding for scholarships and other Western Shoshone youth programs

Dispute Resolution

- Establishment of an arbitration or dispute resolution mechanism between Newmont Mining and the Western Shoshone

Conclusion

The value of our holdings in Newmont stock depend on the company's clear and unimpaired access to gold reserves. By fully addressing the concerns and interests of the Western Shoshone, Newmont Mining management would be able to demonstrate to its shareholders its ability to earn the consent of local communities to its operations that provide access to the company for future reserves. This would further demonstrate to shareholders Newmont's ability to grow in value over the long term.

We seek an update to our shareholder group from management as to the Newmont Mining's progress in addressing each of the Western Shoshone concerns and interests. We also request a meeting with Newmont Mining to discuss how the company could develop a policy to guide the company's operations on traditional Native American lands and interactions with Native American peoples in the United States.

We will contact you shortly to arrange a meeting. We look forward to continuing our dialogue with Newmont Mining on this important issue affecting the company and the Western Shoshone people and ancestral lands.

Sincerely,

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