



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref.: A5457
Item: 54

Title: Issuance of a Non-exclusive Geological and Geophysical Survey Permit

Location: 634.58 acres of State-owned school land, Assessor's Parcel Number 0572-111-22, Section 36, Township 17 North, Range 13 East, San Bernardino Baseline & Meridian, located about 2 miles north of Mountain Pass Mine, San Bernardino County

Description: Authorize issuance of a Non-exclusive Geological and Geophysical Survey Permit beginning July 1, 2026, for a term of 1 year, for geological information collection: mapping and sampling, and surficial geophysical surveys.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): American Cheetah Metals Inc.

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption

- CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15306)

Reasons for exemption:

Issuance of a 1-year Non-exclusive Geological and Geophysical Survey Permit will cause only a minor physical change in the environment and will not change existing activities in the area. There is no reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. Therefore, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and the above categorical exemption applies.

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