January 10, 2020

Mr. James Clarke

AAPL Headquarters

800 Fournier Street

Fort Worth, TX 76102

**Re: AAPL Awards Committee Nomination for Landman of the Year**

Dear Mr. Clarke and AAPL Awards Committee Nomination Members,

It is my honour and privilege to nominate Tasha Caple, RPL, Senior Landman for Nevada Gold Mines LLC for the **AAPL Landman of the Year**. In 2004, Tasha started her land career as a Land Assistant and has progressively advanced to her current role as Senior Landman. Tasha exemplifies all aspects of an ethical and professional landman. Tasha’s strongest landman characteristics are honesty, organization, loyalty, attention to detail and an extensive knowledge of the mining law with regards to unpatented mining claims.

In March of 2019, Barrick Gold Corporation and Newmont Goldcorp Corporation initiated an agreement to combine their gold mining assets to form the Nevada Gold Mines joint venture. The venture is located in north-eastern Nevada and creates the single largest gold-producing complex in the world. The massive gold mining operation comprises of 10 underground mines, 12 open pit mines with their associated infrastructure and processing facilities that produced and estimated 4 million ounces of gold in 2018. The venture also includes 11 active agricultural and cattle ranches that are utilized for mining supportive activities for water rights and mitigation efforts.

On July 1 of 2019, the Nevada Gold Mines was launch into full management and production. In the short 3.5 months between March and July, the Barrick Gold land department was charged with organizing, preparing and filing all (from both companies) the required land, mining, ranch and water rights deeds and transfer documents to bring all land and water assets into Nevada Gold Mines LLC (NGM). This was a monumental task and Tasha stepped up to the challenge and showed her leadership skills by taking the main role of directing all the required aspects in completing the transfer of over 2 million acres of land assets from at least 17 different corporate entities into NGM. The documents that Tasha was tasked with organizing included transfer deeds for land, royalties, mining, water rights, ranch along with numerous assignments, consents and waivers. The volumes of deed and other documents were then hand delivered and filed, by Tasha, with five different County Recorders, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and several other state and federal agencies. In order to accomplish this tasked successfully, Tasha worked closely with her land team and various attorneys. All people involved would acknowledge that without Tasha, this monumental endeavour would not have been successfully accomplished.

During this same time frame, Tasha took the lead role for managing the annual filing of the unpatented mining claims for both Barrick and Newmont. This task involves compiling a list of all unpatented mining claims that were recently acquired or dropped and updating the list of all maintained claims. Then the maintained claims list must be proofed multiple times prior to filing the annual maintenance documents and affidavits-to-hold documents with the five different County Recorder offices and at the BLM office. Because of the sensitivity of the filing, all documents are hand delivered. A total of over 32,000 unpatented mining claims were filed. Tasha managed the whole filing process and sat at the BLM office for several days to ensure that each page was stamped correctly. She completed all filings ahead of schedule to ensure that the team had time to review prior to the filing deadline.

Another aspect where Tasha went above and beyond during the creation of the NGM venture was taking control of the Barrick and Newmont land information data tracking systems to ensure that the data was transferred accurately and was within the quality control parameters. Tasha work closely with her staff to create a hybrid land tracking system to track all land obligations and ensure payments were completed in a timely manner. Tasha has continued to diligently review the county, state and federal agency databases to ensure for accuracy of all NGM filings. When she identifies and agency error, she works closely with the agency to resolve the error. As with any professional landman, Tasha’s greatest fear is the inadvertent loss of property. Because of Tasha’s professional landman experience and her personal commitment to do it right the first time, no obligations or properties were dropped or slipped through the cracks.

Besides the super landman tasks that Tasha managed during the short 3.5 months in the creation of the NGM venture, she is a proficient negotiator of access rights, property acquisitions and rights of way. Tasha’s attention to detail really is exemplified in her title examinations when tracking and identifying mineral and surface ownership. Tasha is also a great example and mentor to younger upcoming landmen. She is active in the local Nevada Landmen’s Association (NLA) and is serving her second term as the NLA Web Master. This role keeps her busy with sending email announcements to the members, making improvements to the NLA website, maintaining the online membership list and helping with the organization of the monthly luncheon meetings. Tasha is also serving as the Chairman of the NLA Elections of Officers Nomination Committee. Tasha is a real asset to the NLA with her willingness to step up and be involved.

Tasha's main commitment is to protect the assets of the company to ensure its ability to continue in operations. She watches over all land and agreements, water rights and access on behalf of the company and she performs her duties above the command standard. She is a leader within the land team and has a large base of knowledge to enable her to train others. Tasha is a very competent and professional landman in all aspect of mining from exploration, acquisition, development, production, mitigation, divestiture and closure.

In less than 90 days post-venture formation, Tasha was familiar with the new properties and had integrated them into the system. Without her supreme level of dedication to the company, properties would have been lost and lawsuits would have been filed. Tasha’s commitment to the company and its values are paramount to her.

Tasha is also actively involved in her community as a Girl Scout Leader and assisting with a girls’ softball league. She is also well respected within the community.

Tasha’s dedication, management and leadership during the creation of the NGM venture has been extraordinary. Tasha is a kind person and it a pleasure to work with her. It takes a special Landman to successful accomplish what Tasha has this past year. I whole heartedly believe that Tasha Caple is the **AAPL 2019 Landman of the Year.**

Should you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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