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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref: A2093 Item: C65

Title: CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR A PROSPECTING PERMIT FOR PRECIOUS METALS AND MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL, GAS, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, OR SAND AND GRAVEL - A2093

Location: Approximately 607.52 acres of State fee-owned school land (State Parcel No. 245-004; Assessor's Parcel Number 050-320-018), located within Section 16, T15S, R21E, SBM, within the Cargo Muchachos Mountains, Imperial County, approximately 14 miles northwest of Yuma, Arizona.

Description: Authorize the issuance of a mineral prospecting permit for a 2-year term beginning September 1, 2019, for precious metals and minerals other than oil, gas, geothermal resources, sand and gravel, within the State parcel.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): Lincoln Gold US Corp.

Exempt Status:

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CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 2905, subd. (e)(3))

Reasons for exemption:

Authorize the issuance of a mineral prospecting permit for the above-mentioned structure(s) 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(s) apply(ies).

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