

EXHIBIT 8

December 12, 2019, Initiating
Consultation Letter to Tribes for the
Thacker Pass Lithium Project



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Chairman Tildon Smart
 Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe
 PO Box 457
 McDermitt, NV 89421

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Dear Chairman Smart,

The purpose of this letter is to request assistance from your tribe in identifying the cultural values, religious beliefs, sacred places, and traditional practices of Native American people which could be affected by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) actions on public lands, and where feasible to seek opinions and agreement on measures to protect those tribal interests.

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- Construction of 300 acres of mine exploration facilities including roads, drill pads, trenches, or bulk excavation samples;
- Development of an 1100-acre open pit mine. Pit dewatering would not expected to be required as part of the project until 2055;
- Concurrent backfill of the open pit using waste rock material;
- Construction of two Waste Rock Storage Facilities;
- Construction of a 48.3-acre Run-of-Mine stockpile;
- Construction of a processor to separate the lithium from low-grade material;
- Construction of a 318.3-acre low-grade material stockpile;
- Construction and operation of lithium processing facilities to produce lithium products;
- Construction of a sulfuric acid plant to generate sulfuric acid for use in a leaching process, and also generate steam for energy to provide power to mine facilities;

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- Construction and operation of an 1166-acre Clay Tailings Filter Stack to store clay tailings, neutralization solids, and various salts generated during lithium processing;
- Construction of water supply facilities including two supply wells, two booster pump stations, a water pump tank station, and underground water pipeline;
- Construction of a seven mile 25-kilovolt (kV) power transmission line from a new substation installed in the process plant area to the raw water supply facilities to the east, and a two-mile power transmission line to new mine area substations to the west; and,
- Construction and maintenance ancillary facilities including haul roads, stormwater diversions and sediment ponds, growth media stockpiles, septic systems, communication towers, guard shacks, reclaim ponds, and fencing.

The total ground disturbance proposed by the mining and exploration activities described above is approximately 5550 acres. Barring any future development, the estimated timeframe of the mining and exploration activities described above would be 41 years, after which time reclamation, closure, and monitoring activities would begin.

The project area is located in Humboldt County, approximately 12 miles northwest of the town of Orovada, Nevada, 24 miles southwest of McDermitt, Nevada, and 50 miles north of Winnemucca, Nevada. The legal location of the project includes portions of Township 44 North, Range 34 East; Township 44 North, Range 35 East; and Township 44 North, Range 36 East. The project area is located within the Thacker Pass and Sentinel Rock, Nevada 1:24,000 scale quadrangles. Maps of the proposed project area are included for your consideration.

The BLM intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in order to analyze the potential impacts of the proposed lithium mine under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Identification of cultural resources has been in progress and is currently being evaluated by the BLM. The Thacker Pass area is a natural obsidian source that has been used for several thousand years as evidenced by a large amount of obsidian flakes as well as obsidian tools and points. It seems likely given the size of the project that some prehistoric sites would be impacted.

The BLM is committed to coordinating and consulting with any affected tribes on all proposed projects on BLM-managed federal lands. In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Executive Orders 13007 and 13175, and Secretarial Order 3317, our communication and consultation is essential. Any information brought forth during the consultation process will be kept confidential to the extent allowed by law.

You are invited to submit comments on the proposed project for the next 35 days from the date of this letter. My staff and I would also be glad to meet with you and your Council to consult on any issues surrounding this project. If you or your designated representative would like to arrange a consultation meeting or find out more about this project please contact Tanner Whetstone by email at twhetstone@blm.gov or by phone at 775-623-1791. I look forward to hearing from you on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Chairwoman Randi DeSoto
 Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
 1001 Rock Boulevard
 Sparks, NV 89431

Dear Chairwoman DeSoto,

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Chairwoman Judy Rojo
 Winnemucca Indian Colony
 595 Humboldt Street
 Reno, NV 89509

Dear Chairwoman Rojo,

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