

# INTERNATIONAL CYANIDE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE AUDITOR CREDENTIAL FORM



**Facility Audited:** Mesquite Mine, Western Mesquite Mines, Inc., Imperial County, California, USA

**Audit Date:** September 8 – 12, 2014

## Lead Auditor and Technical Specialist Credentials

Lead Auditor: Mark A. Montoya, PE, CEA

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## Lead Auditor Experience

Year	Type of Facility, Type of Audit	Country & State/Province
2007	Pierina Mine, Minera Barrick Misquichilca S.A. (Barrick Gold Corporation) – Independent Outside Auditor <sup>1</sup> and Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the initial ICMC verification audit.	Peru / Huaraz
2007	Lagunas Norte Mine, Minera Barrick Misquichilca S.A. (Barrick Gold Corporation) – Independent Outside Auditor <sup>1</sup> and Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the initial ICMC verification audit.	Peru / Santiago de Chuco
2007	Veladero Mine, Minera Argentina Gold S.A. (Barrick Gold Corporation) – Independent Outside Auditor <sup>1</sup> and Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the initial ICMC verification audit.	Argentina / San Juan
2007	Ruby Hill Mine, Homestake Mining Company (Barrick Gold Corporation) – Independent Outside Auditor <sup>1</sup> and Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the initial ICMC verification audit.	USA / Nevada
2008	Phoenix Mine, Newmont Mining Corporation – Independent Outside Auditor <sup>1</sup> and Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the initial ICMC verification audit.	USA / Nevada
2008	Carlin Operations (Mine), Newmont Mining Corporation – Independent Outside Auditor <sup>1</sup> and Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the initial ICMC verification audit.	USA / Nevada
2008	Maricunga Mine, Compañía Minera Maricunga (Kinross Gold Corporation) – Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the initial ICMC verification audit.	Chile / Region III
2008	Kettle River Operations (Mine), Kinross Gold Corporation – Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the ICMC initial verification audit.	USA / Washington
2009	Wassa Operation (Mine), Golden Star Resources Ltd. – Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the initial ICMC verification audit.	Ghana / Mpohor Wassa East District

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2009	Bogoso/Prestea Operation (Mine), Golden Star Resources Ltd. – Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the initial ICMC verification audit.	Ghana / Prestea Huni Valley District
2009	Kupol Mine, Chukotka Mining and Geological Company (Kinross Gold Corporation) – Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the initial ICMC verification audit.	Chukotka Autonomous Okrug, Russian Federation
2010	Hemlo Operation (Mine), Williams Operating Corporation (Barrick Gold Corporation) – Independent Outside Auditor <sup>1</sup> and Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the initial ICMC verification audit.	Canada / Ontario
2010	Round Mountain Mine, Round Mountain Gold Corporation (a Kinross Gold Corporation and Barrick Gold Corporation joint venture) – Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the ICMC recertification audit.	USA / Nevada
2010	Cresson Project (Mine), Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company [an AngloGold Ashanti (Colorado) Corp. and Golden Cycle Gold Corporation joint venture] – Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the ICMC recertification audit.	USA / Colorado
2010	La Coipa Mine, Compañía Minera Mantos De Oro (Kinross Gold Corporation) – Lead Auditor and Gold Mining Technical Specialist for a pre-certification audit of operations conducted prior to the initial ICMC verification audit. Audit followed the ICMI verification protocols for Gold Mining Operations.	Chile / Region III
2010	La Coipa Mine, Compañía Minera Mantos De Oro (Kinross Gold Corporation) – Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the initial ICMC verification audit.	Chile / Region III
2011	Cerro Vanguardia Mine, Cerro Vanguardia S.A. (AngloGold Ashanti Corporation) – Independent Outside Auditor <sup>1</sup> and Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the initial verification audit for compliance with Principle 5 of the ICMC. Audit followed the ICMI verification protocols for Gold Mining Operations; however, a site visit was not conducted.	Argentina / Province of Santa Cruz
2011	Bogoso/Prestea Operation (Mine), Golden Star Resources Ltd. – Gold Mining Technical Specialist for an interim audit conducted prior to the scheduled ICMC recertification audit. Audit followed the ICMI verification protocols for Gold Mining Operations.	Ghana, Prestea Huni Valley District
2011	Wassa Operation (Mine), Golden Star Resources Ltd. – Gold Mining Technical Specialist for an interim audit conducted prior to the scheduled ICMC recertification audit. Audit followed the ICMI verification protocols for Gold Mining Operations.	Ghana, Mpohor Wassa East District
2011	Midas Mine, Newmont Mining Corporation – Independent Outside Auditor <sup>1</sup> and Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the ICMC recertification audit.	Nevada, USA
2011	Phoenix Mine, Newmont Mining Corporation – Independent Outside Auditor <sup>1</sup> and Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the ICMC recertification audit.	Nevada, USA

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2012	Maricunga Mine, Compañía Minera Maricunga (Kinross Gold Corporation) – Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the ICMC recertification audit.	Chile / Region III
2012	Peñasquito Mine, Goldcorp Inc. – Independent Outside Auditor <sup>1</sup> and Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the initial ICMC verification audit.	Mexico / State of Zacatecas
2012	Wassa Operation (Mine), Golden Star Resources Ltd. – Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the ICMC recertification audit.	Ghana / Mpohor Wassa East District
2012	Bogoso/Prestea Operation (Mine), Golden Star Resources Ltd. – Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the ICMC recertification audit.	Ghana / Prestea Huni Valley District
2012	Tasiast Project (Mine), Tasiast Mauritanie Ltd. S.A. (Kinross Gold Corporation) – Lead Auditor and Gold Mining Technical Specialist for a pre-certification audit of operations conducted prior to the initial ICMC verification audit.	Northwest Mauritania
2012	Marigold Mine, Marigold Mining Company (a Goldcorp Inc. company) – Lead Auditor and Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the ICMC recertification audit.	Nevada, USA
2012	Mulatos Mine, Minas de Oro Nacional (an Alamos Gold Inc. company) – Independent Outside Auditor <sup>1</sup> and Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the initial ICMC verification audit.	Mexico / State of Sonora
2013	Round Mountain Mine, Round Mountain Gold Corporation (a Kinross Gold Corporation and Barrick Gold Corporation joint venture) – Lead Auditor and Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the ICMC recertification audit.	USA / Nevada
2013	Cresson Project (Mine), Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company [an AngloGold Ashanti (Colorado) Corp. and Golden Cycle Gold Corporation joint venture] – Lead Auditor and Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the ICMC recertification audit.	USA / Colorado
2014	Mesquite Mine, Western Mesquite Mines Inc. (a New Gold Inc. company) Lead Auditor and Gold Mining Technical Specialist for an interim audit conducted prior to the scheduled ICMC recertification audit. Audit followed the ICMI verification protocols for Gold Mining Operations.	USA / California
2014	Yanacocha Mine, Newmont Mining Corporation – Independent Outside Auditor <sup>1</sup> and Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the ICMC recertification audit.	Chile / Cajamarca
2014	Mesquite Mine, Western Mesquite Mines Inc. (a New Gold Inc. company) – Lead Auditor and Gold Mining Technical Specialist for the ICMC recertification audit.	USA / California

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> *Independent Outside Auditor* signifies lead auditor experience as a third-party auditor to the prime contractor due to reasons of conflict-of-interest. This role involves independently organizing and directing formal audits of specific Principles and Standards of Practice under the ICMC Gold Mining Operations Verification Protocol and includes conducting site visits, document reviews, interviews with site personnel and independently determining and reporting the audit findings.


**Cyanide-related Operations Experience**

Each auditor must have at least 3 years; at least one auditor must have at least 7 years experience

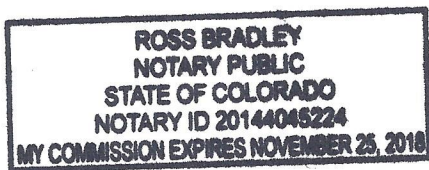
Auditor	Yrs.	Relevant Position Titles
Mark A. Montoya, PE, CEA (Visus Consulting Group, Inc.) Bachelor of Science – Civil Engineering Minor – Mining Engineering	20+	Mining, Environmental, and Engineering Consultant and Project Manager
<b>Types of Operations</b>		
Mr. Montoya has 30 years of diverse experience in design and development of natural resource, industrial, public works and commercial projects, with 25 years of experience within the mining industry. His experience in the mining industry includes working directly for mining companies and consulting to those companies predominately performing engineering, environmental and regulatory permitting functions, operation, reclamation and closure planning, feasibility studies, infrastructure siting and design, and project management. He has worked for four producing mining companies at four separate operating mines, in addition to working as a consultant. Approximately 80 percent of his mining experience comprises gold projects using cyanidation techniques.		

**Statement of No Conflict**

I certify that I have not audited any component of this facility for which I was responsible for design or development; nor have I within the past year been an employee of the facility, its parent company, or associated affiliates. Excluding audits, I have not derived more than 30 percent of my income within the past five years from the facility, its parent, or associated affiliates. I have not participated in more than two consecutive Cyanide Code audits of this facility. I have participated in at least three health, safety, and/or environmental audits in the past seven years and am familiar with standard audit procedures as well as with the protocols developed by the International Cyanide Management Institute for implementation of the Code.

Signed	Name	Signature	Date
Lead Auditor* and Gold Mining Technical Specialist	Mark A. Montoya		2/2/2015

\*The lead auditor's signature is certified by notarization as indicated.



**SIGNED AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE**  
Ross Bradley  
 A NOTARY PUBLIC FOR THE STATE OF COLORADO,  
 BY R. B.  
 ON THIS THE 2 DAY OF February, 2015