

# INTERNATIONAL CYANIDE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

## Auditor Credentials Form

**Facility Audited:** Western Mesquite Mines, Inc.

**Audit Dates:** November 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Auditing Firm:** Mountain Valley Professionals, LLC.

**Lead Auditor and Technical Expert Credentials**

Lead Auditor: John R. Barber

Auditor Certification Number: 115203

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Certifying Organization: Exemplar Global

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Minimum experience: 3 audits in past 7 years as Lead Auditor

Year	Type of Facility, Type of Audit Led	Country & State/Province
2023	Castle Mountain Gold Mine. ICMI Initial Audit.	United States, Nevada
2021	Marigold Mine Operations, gold heap leaching facility. ICMI Recertification Audit.	United States, Nevada
2021	Red Lake Operations, gold mining and tailings facility. ICMI Recertification Audit.	Ontario, Canada



**Cyanide-related Operations Experience**

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

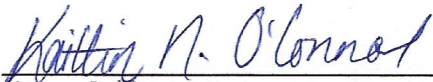
Auditor	Yrs.	Relevant Position Titles	Types of Operations
John R. Barber, Certified Lead Auditor, EMS Auditor	35	Corporate Director, Environment Environmental Manager Environmental Health and Safety Manager	Gold Mining - Mr. Barber is a Certified Environmental Lead Auditor (#115203) with Exemplar Global and International Cyanide Management Institute approved Lead and Mining Technical Auditor, with over 35 years of leadership in operational, environmental and safety project experience in the mining industry. Mr. Barber began his +30-year mining career starting out as a mill operations laborer for a junior gold mining company. Working progressively through the mill department into more responsible positions; laborer, mill, heap leach, crusher and tailings operations, mill foreman, and mill GF, before moving into the environmental/safety management positions. This background provides him with the unique perspective to bring operations, safety, and environmental management together in solving simple to complex issues.

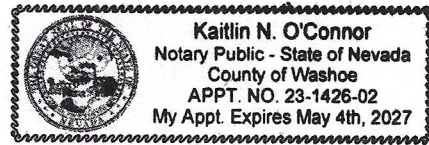
**Statement of No Conflict**

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, assessments, or reviews, I have not derived more than 30% of my income within the past 5 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 3 health, safety, and/or environmental audits, assessments or reviews in the past 7 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.

<b>Signed</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
Lead Auditor*	John R. Barber		June 10, 2024 13 

\*The lead auditor's signature must be certified by notarization or equivalent.

  
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Notary Public  
State of Nevada



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My commission expires: