## INTERNATIONAL CYANIDE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

## **Auditor Credentials Form**

Facility Audited: Equinox Gold Corp., Canada Western Mesquite Mines, Inc.

Audit Dates: November 16-19, 2020

**Auditing Firm:** SRK Consulting U.S., Inc.

**Lead Auditor and Technical Expert Credentials** 

Lead Auditor: John R. Barber Auditor Certification Number: 115203

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

Year	Type of Facility, Type of Audit Led	<b>Country &amp; State/Province</b>
2020	Western Mesquite Mine, gold heap leaching facility. Partial	
	facility gap-analysis to verify site is maintaining ICMI	United States, California
	compliance	
2019	Newmont Mining, Merian Mine gold milling and tailings	
	facility. Corporate internal gap-analysis audit to verify facility	Suriname, S.A.
	is maintaining ICMI compliance	
2019	Newmont Cripple Creek & Victor Mine, gold heap leach	
	facility. Corporate internal gap-analysis to verify site is	United States, Colorado
	maintaining ICMI compliance.	
2019	Newmont Eleonore Mine, milling and tailings facility.	
	Corporate internal gap-analysis to verify facility is maintaining	Canada, Quebec
	ICMI compliance.	

## **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	32	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 32 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.
Ginger Peppard Senior Consultant B.S. Environmental and Natural Resource Science	15	US Environmental Permitting Manager Environmental Manager Environmental Coordinator	Gold Mining - Ms. Peppard has 15 years of experience with research, analysis, development, implementation and management of environmental projects, with 5+ years working on water and soil quality projects in the Northern Nevada area and Lake Tahoe Basin and 10+ years in the hard rock mining industry in Nevada. She has experience permitting projects under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) with the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service.

## **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.

**Signed** 

Name

Signature

Date

Lead Auditor\*

John R. Barber

March 12, 2021

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

Notary Republic Pub State of Nevada

10/16/2023

My commission expires:

State of Nevada County of Washoe

This instrument was acknowledged before me on 03/10/221by Told Ralph B

Notary Public

NATHANIEL THOMAS CALLAHAN
Notary Public - State of Nevada
County of Washoe
APPT. NO. 19-5486-02
My App. Expires Oct. 16, 2023