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Silver State Land LLC  
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Re: Termination of Patent Issuance to Silver State Land, LLC, for the 480 acres Nominated for Sale by the City of Henderson, Nevada for Arena Development Project

Dear Walter J. Batla:

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the status of the above-referenced patent. Through a decision dated May 10, 2013, the BLM has been directed by the Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management (ASLM) to: (i) not issue the patent to Silver State, LLC (Silver State) for the above referenced land, (ii) terminate the sale process, and (iii) take the steps necessary to return the purchase deposit and bid guarantee to Silver State (\$2,132,000) as expeditiously as practicable. A copy of the ASLM's decision is enclosed with this letter.

This decision was based on the serious questions that arose subsequent to the BLM's acceptance of Silver State's purchase offer regarding the validity and veracity of the sports arena development agreement between the City of Henderson and Silver State, and associated representations, that served as the basis for the BLM's decision to utilize a modified competitive sale process for this parcel, as opposed to the competitive sale process under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA). This basis for a modified competitive sale process no longer exists, and there remain unresolved questions about the underlying transaction. Consistent with the ASLM's decision, BLM will not issue the patent as contemplated by the escrow agreement between Silver State and BLM (as modified) and is taking steps to refund Silver State's purchase deposit and bid guarantee as expeditiously as practicable.

Please note that the Department's decision with respect to this specific sale does not preclude the City of Henderson from re-nominating the parcel pursuant to the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA), as the parcel remains designated for disposal under the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan, nor does it preclude

the BLM from offering the parcel after such re-nomination pursuant to the procedures found at 43 C.F.R. part 2711 applicable to such future sale. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amy Lueders', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Amy Lueders  
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