

In the Supreme Court of Nevada

BARRICK GOLDSTRIKE MINES, INC.,
Petitioner,

vs.

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of the
State of Nevada, in and for the County of
Clark; and the Honorable ELIZABETH
GOFF GONZALEZ, District Judge,
Respondents,

and

BULLION MONARCH MINING, INC.,
Real Party in Interest.

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**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
ANSWER TO WRIT PETITION**

Real party in interest Bullion Monarch Mining, Inc. requests an extension of 31 days, through January 9, 2020, to file the answer to the writ petition. NRAP 31(b)(3). The brief was originally due November 25, 2019; the deadline was telephonically extended through December 9, 2019.

Counsel have prepared a draft of the brief, but extenuating circumstances make this extension necessary. Counsel experienced serious shortages of both attorneys and staff because of illness and travel,

which created difficulties in responding to the demands of several cases, including this one. One of appellant's attorneys who would normally have stepped in had to take time to prepare for an oral argument before this Court. Counsel did not realize at the time they requested the telephonic extension that they would be short-staffed on the new deadline. And while counsel's workload is not, in itself, a reason for extension, counsel notes that—without requesting extensions—they would have had five appellate briefs due in this Court and in the Ninth Circuit on the same day.

In addition, the draft brief exceeds the word limit. The requested extension will help counsel to prepare a more streamlined brief, to discuss the draft brief with co-counsel and the client, and to file the brief at a time when they are fully staffed.

Counsel understand the extraordinary nature of this request and appreciate the Court's courtesy. In light of these issues, appellants respectfully ask this Court to grant the extension.

Dated this 9th day of December, 2019.

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