

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 through February 10, 2020, to file the answer to the writ petition. NRAP 31(b)(3). This is the third such request. The brief was originally due November 25, 2019 and without the extension would be due January 9, 2020.

Despite counsel's best efforts, extraordinary circumstances necessitate this extension. Counsel have completed a draft answer, but the attorney tasked with revising and finalizing the brief unexpectedly had

to miss days off of work (beyond the holidays) with his own illness and caring for ill members of his family and dealing with the aftermath of the traumatic death of a family pet.

In addition, while counsel understand that counsel's caseload is—without other reasons—not a basis for an extension, we note that other counsel were unable to step in because one was occupied full-time in overlapping trials, while lead counsel (himself overcoming an illness) had to prepare for successive oral arguments with a combined record of more than 20,000 pages. (Counsel did not know at the time of the previous extension request that one of these hearings would be set for January 9, 2020.) Counsel also faced several emergencies, including filings related to unanticipated writ proceedings in this Court and responding to a surprise supplemental brief filed over the weekend regarding long-pending oral arguments in the opioid litigation.

Finally, on top of the usual absences around the holidays, a critical member of counsel's staff is again out of the office and unable to assist with finalizing the writ petition appendix for filing.

Counsel greatly appreciate the Court's generosity in allowing this extension.

Dated this 9th day of January, 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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