

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
118th Congress Disclosure Form
As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)

“Securing Supply Chains: Access to Critical Minerals in the American Southwest”
Friday, July 21, 2023

For Individuals:

Name: N/A
Address: N/A
Email Address: N/A
Phone Number: N/A

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

Name: **Craig Wiita**
Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: **del Sol Refining Inc.**
Business Address: [REDACTED]
Business Email Address: [REDACTED]
Business Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:

1. Please attach/include current curriculum vitae or resume.

RESPONSE: See page 3 of this document.

2. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract.

RESPONSE: N/A - NONE

3. Please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

RESPONSE: N/A - NONE

4. Please disclose whether you are a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

RESPONSE: **Craig Wiita is the President and CEO of del Sol Refining Inc.**

5. Please list any current or pending litigation against the Federal government to which you or your organization is a party. Please disclose as applicable case name, docket number, the court, and subject matter of the litigation.

RESPONSE: N/A - NONE

BIO: Craig S. Wiita



Summary

Mr. Craig Wiita is an independent gold mining professional with over 30 years' experience devoted to exploration, development, and production of alluvial placer gold deposits. He is the President and CEO of del Sol Refining Inc. (DSRI). Mr. Wiita has intimate knowledge of all facets of operations required to manage a gold placer, lode or recovery facility including plant, supervision, recovery, bulk sampling, assaying, permitting and engineering. Mr. Wiita also has extensive experience in mine reclamation, environmental impact issues and all processes required by the State, local and Federal B.L.M. (Bureau of Land Management) regulatory agencies.

Experience / Business Accomplishments

1990 – 2000

Field Geologist / Plant Operations Manager | North Star Mining | Quartzsite, AZ

Responsible for all aspects of mineral resource development, including exploration, staking, filing claims, trenching and sampling. Promoted to Plant Operations Manager in 1994.

2000 – 2016

President / Owner | Wiita Mining and Exploration | Blythe, CA

Operated a large Placer gold mining operation. Responsible for daily operations including ore extraction and processing. Managed all permitting and reclamation. During the period of 2014 – 2016 developed an environmentally friendly leach solution to obtain the highest recovery of precious metals – gold and silver from the mined ore material.

2017 – Present

President / Owner | American Strategic Minerals | Sparks, NV / Wikieup, AZ

Obtained ownership to a 50% ownership of a stockpile of 100,000 tons of mined, milled and screened ore material carrying an average grade of 5 toz of Au. Constructed Research and Development and mineral recovery facility in Wikieup, AZ to obtain the most cost-effective use of the proprietary leaching recovery process.

2020 – Present

President / CEO | del Sol Refining Inc. | Amargosa Valley, NV

Manages all aspects of refinery operations including the pilot plant for a client's lithium recovery unit. Maintains industry contacts and is responsible for business development.