

**CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION**

State of Nevada Lode Claim

The undersigned HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, whose principal place of business is 650 CALIFORNIA STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94108, certifies that it has located the P.# 1259 lode mining claim, more particularly described below.

The date of location is the 31 of DECEMBER, 1996.

The number of linear feet claimed in length each way from the point of discovery is, 25 feet in a NORTHERLY direction and 1475 feet in a SOUTHERLY direction. The width claimed on each side of the center of the discovery is 300 feet.

The general course of the lode or vein, as near as may be determined is North South.

his lode mining claim is located in the:

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Mount Diablo Base & Meridian, LINCOLN County, Nevada.

This claim is contiguous to and is bounded by the following claims:

1258 on the North; 1257 on the East;  
--- on the South; 1261 on the West.

The work of location consisted of making the maps as provided in NRS 517.040.

Corner No. 1, the NE Corner, is a 2 X 2 WOOD marked SCRIBED ALUMINUM TAG.  
Corner No. 2, the NW Corner, is a 2 X 2 WOOD marked SCRIBED ALUMINUM TAG.  
Corner No. 3, the SW Corner, is a 2 X 2 WOOD marked SCRIBED ALUMINUM TAG.  
Corner No. 4, the SE Corner, is a 2 X 2 WOOD marked SCRIBED ALUMINUM TAG.

HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

By Robley E Berry  
ROBLEY E BERRY, Agent

STATE OF NEVADA )

COUNTY OF WASHOE )  
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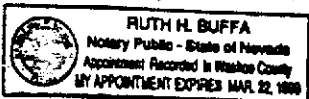
On this 5 day of MARCH, 1997, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for said State, ROBLEY E BERRY, as agent for Homestake Mining Company of California, a California corporation, personally known or proved to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the above instrument, and acknowledged that (s)he executed the forgoing instrument on behalf of said corporation.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Notary Public: Ruth H Buffa

Residing At: RENO, NEVADA

My Commission Expires: 03-22-1999



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**HOMESTAKE MINING CO**  
MAR. 25 1997  
At 30 minutes past 10 o'clock  
Lincoln County Nevada Recorder.  
**YUHIKO SETZER**  
COUNTY RECORDER.

*Lillian Boucher, Deputy*