

**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.# 1280 lode mining claim, more particularly described below.

The date of location is the 1 of JANUARY, 1997.

The number of linear feet claimed in length each way from the point of discovery is, 25 feet in a SOUTHERLY direction and 1475 feet in a NORTHERLY 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:

<u>SW</u>	Quarter Section <u>2</u>	T <u>1</u> N	R <u>66</u> E
<u>NW</u>	Quarter Section <u>2</u>	T <u>1</u> N	R <u>66</u> E
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Mount Diablo Base & Meridian, LINCOLN County, Nevada.

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

1227 on the North; 1278 on the East;  
1281 on the South; 1282 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 )  
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 COUNTY OF WASHOE )

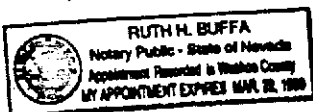
On this 5 day of MARCH, 1997, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for said State, ROBLEY E BERRY as agent for Homestake Mining Company of California, a California corporation, personally known or proved to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the above instrument, and acknowledged 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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For Recorders 108480  
 Filed and recorded at request of  
HOMESTAKE MINING CO.  
MAR 25 1997  
 At 30 minutes past 10 o'clock  
 Lincoln County Nevada Recorder.  
YURIKO SETZER

COUNTY RECORDER

Leslie Boucher, Deputy