RECORDING REQUESTED BY AND RETURN TO: Homestake Mining Company Attn: Tim Wilder 650 California St., 10th Fl. San Francisco, CA 94108-2788

NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT AND RELINQUISHMENT

Homestake Mining Company of California, a California corporation having its principal place of business at 650 California Street, 11th Floor, San Francisco, California 94108-2788 hereby abandons and relinquishes those certain unpatented lode mining claims located in Lincoln County, Nevada, which claims are more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto.

The purpose of this Notice of Abandonment and Relinquishment is to give notice that:

- Homestake Mining Company of California has located a new claim having the same name occupying the ground previously occupied;
- the effective date of the relinquishment is immediately prior to the date of location of the replacement claim; and,
- the replacement claim is valid as against any rights in or under the relinquished claim.

This abandonment and relinquishment is dated effective this _____day of February, 1998.

> HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

Title: Land Manager, U.S

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On 19 $\pm c$ 0. 1998, before me, Ruth H. Buffa, a duly commissioned Notary Public for said State, personally appeared Cy L. Wilsey, personally known to me to be the person who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the entity on behalf of which he acted, executed the instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name and affixed my official seal.



Notary Public in and for said State
Residing at: Reno, Nevada
My Commission Expires: 3-22-1999

Exhibit A

Those certain unpatented lode mining claims located in Sections 5-9, 15-22, Township 1 North, Range 67 East, Lincoln County, Nevada, and being more particularly described as follows:

Claim Name & No.	Location Date	Book/Page	BLM NMC No.
P#1	10/15/96	123/237	760147
P #2	10/15/96	123/238	760148
P #4 through P #8	10/15/96	123/240-244	760150-760154
P#11	10/15/96	123/247	760157
P#17	10/15/96	123/253	760163
P#19	10/15/96	123/255	760165
P #21	10/15/96	123/257	760167
P #23	10/15/96	123/259	760169
P #25	10/15/96	123/261	760171
P #29	10/15/96	123/265	760175
P #32	10/15/96	123/268	760178
P#33	10/15/96	123/269	760179
P #34	11/12/97	131/493	781874
P #35	10/15/96	123/271	760181
P #36	11/12/97	131/494	781875
P #39	6/2/87	130/13	777668
P #259 through P #286	10/16/96	123/495-522	760405-760432
P #369 through P #384	10/16/96	124/5-20	760514-760529
P #385	6/2/97	130/15	777670
#386 through P #400	10/16/96	124/22-36	760531-760545
°#401	6/8/97	130/16	777671
° #402	6/8/97	130/17	777672

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10/16/96	124/153-160	760662-760669
10/21/96	124/161-170	760670-760679
10/21/96	124/284-298	760793-760807
6/2/97	130/20	777675
6/8/97	130/21	777676
11/12/97	131/495	781876
11/12/97	131/496	781877
11/12/97	131/497	781878
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Homestake Mining Co.
February 26, 1998

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