

SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT Occidental Minerals Corporation, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal office in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, does hereby make, constitute and appoint Meriwether A. Mason as its true and lawful representative, agent and attorney-in-fact to act in the name and on behalf of Occidental Minerals Corporation in connection with the execution of any and all option agreements and similar instruments concerning interests in real property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Occidental Minerals Corporation, pursuant to resolutions duly adopted by its Board of Directors on July 15, 1969, has caused this Special Power of Attorney to be made and executed by Paul A. Bailly and Paul C. Hebner, its duly elected, qualified and acting President and Vice President and Secretary, respectively, and its corporate seal to be affixed hereunto, this 15th day of July, 1969.

OCCIDENTAL MINERALS CORPORATION

(Corporate Seal)

By Paul A. Bailly
Paul A. Bailly, President

By Paul C. Hebner
Paul C. Hebner, Vice President
and Secretary

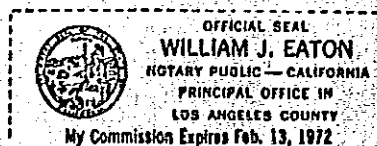
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

On July 15, 1969, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Paul A. Bailly, known to me to be the President, and Paul C. Hebner, known to me to be the Vice President and Secretary of the corporation that executed the within Special Power of Attorney, known to me to be the persons who executed the within Special Power of Attorney on behalf of the corporation therein named, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the within Special Power of Attorney pursuant to resolutions duly adopted by its Board of Directors.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

William J. Eaton
Notary Public in and for said State

(NOTARIAL SEAL)



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Occidental Minerals Corp.
on August 27, 19 70
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OF EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA
William J. Eaton
Recorder
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