

SHORT FORM
OF
PROSPECTING PERMIT WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE

Short Form of Prospecting Permit with Option to Purchase dated as of March 17, 1981
("Effective Date"), between Kathleen A. Bertram

(collectively "Owner") and HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY, a California corporation having its principal place of business at 650 California Street, San Francisco, California 94108 ("Homestake").

1. *Property.* Owner represents that Owner owns those properties described in Exhibit A ("Property").

2. *Term.* (a) This agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and continue for an initial term of two years.

(b) Homestake may extend this agreement, including the Option, for three successive additional terms of one year each.

(c) Homestake may under certain circumstances extend this agreement, but in no event beyond 19

3. *Right to Prospect.* Homestake shall have the exclusive and irrevocable rights to examine, prospect, explore and test the Property for ores and minerals at any time while this agreement is in effect.

4. *Option.* Homestake shall have the exclusive and irrevocable Option to purchase the Property at any time while this agreement is in effect.

5. *Additional and After-Acquired Rights.* While this agreement is in effect, if Owner (or any of them) acquires any right or interest in the Property or within the boundaries of the Property, such right or interest shall automatically become part of the Property for all purposes of this agreement.

6. *Rights of Way.* While this agreement is in effect, Homestake shall have non-exclusive rights of way upon, over, into and through the Property and other property now or hereafter owned, leased or otherwise controlled by Owner (or any of them), with the right to construct, improve and maintain such facilities as Homestake may reasonably require, for Homestake's operations in the vicinity of the Property. Upon exercise of the Option, any rights of way then used by Homestake on such other property shall become irrevocable easements.

7. *Additional Terms.* Additional terms and conditions are contained in the full agreement between the parties. This Short Form shall not affect said agreement or any rights, interests or obligations of the parties thereunder.

HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY

Kathleen A. Bertram
Kathleen A. Bertram

By James A. Anderson
VICE PRESIDENT

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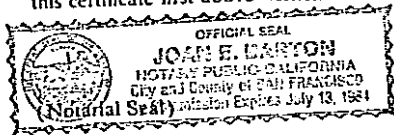
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

ss.:

On March 17, 1931, before me, Joan C. Barton, a Notary Public of said State, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared James A. Anderson, known to me to be a Vice-President of HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY, a California corporation, and known to me to be the person who executed the within instrument on behalf of said corporation, and acknowledged to me that said corporation executed the within instrument as its free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and on said oath stated that he was authorized to execute said instrument on behalf of said corporation by authority of its by-laws or by resolution of its board of directors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.



Joan C. Barton
Notary Public in and for said State
Residing at: San Francisco, Calif.
My commission expires: July 13, 1934

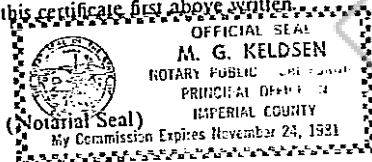
STATE OF California
COUNTY OF Imperial

ss.:

On January 19th, 1931, before me, M. G. Keldsen, a Notary Public of said State, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Kathleen A. Bertram

known to me to be the person(s) whose name(s) is(are) subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same as a free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.



M. G. Keldsen
Notary Public in and for said State
Residing at: 243 West Jones, Brawley, Ca. 92227
My commission expires: 11/24/31

STATE OF
COUNTY OF

ss.:

On _____, 19____, before me, _____, a Notary Public of said State, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared _____

known to me to be the person(s) whose name(s) is(are) subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that _____ executed the same as _____ free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

(Notarial Seal)

Notary Public in and for said State
Residing at:
My commission expires:

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Exhibit A

A parcel of land containing approximately 8.06 acres more or less and described as follows: SE/1/4 of the NW/1/4 of the SE/1/4 of Section 1, Township 29 North, Range 48 East, Eureka County, Nevada. This property is also known as Tract 19 in the Eureka County Assessors office. Said property described in a deed between Cattleman Title Guarantee Co., as Grantor, and Kathleen A. Bertram, as Grantee, and found in Book 62, Page 465 in the Eureka County Records office, Eureka, Nevada.

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Homesake Mining Co.
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EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA
WILLIS A. DEPAOLI, RECORDER
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