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Kennecott

P.O. Box 11248

S.L.C. Utah 84147 ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT

For Ten (\$10.00) Dollars and other valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Kennecott Mining Corporation, a New York corporation, formerly known as Kennecott Corporation ("Assignor"), wereby assigns to Kennecott Explorations (Australia), Ltd., a Delaware corporation ("Kennecott"):

- all of Assignors right, title and interest in and to both the Cortez a) Joint Venture Agreement, dated January 8, 1964, as amended, and the Operating Joint Venture Agreement, dated March 27, 1968, as amended, and the joint ventures created thereby (collectively the "CJV"),
- b) all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to the assets of the CJV.
- all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to the advances to the CJV.
- Assignor hereby transfers, assigns, quitclaims and conveys unto assignee all of Assignor's additional rights, title and interests, legal, beneficial and equitable, in and to all leases, contracts to purchase, options, prospecting permits, operating and regulatory permits and licenses, agreements, contracts, revers onary interests, and all other interests of whatsoever description in any way pertaining to or arising out of the CJV heretofore conducted by Assignor in Eureka and Lander Counties, Nevada. Assignor and Assignee agree to hereafter execute and deliver such documents, undertakings, applications, consents, notices and other acts and filings as may be required or deemed desirable by Assignee to evidence and accomplish the foregoing.

Kennecott hereby agrees to assume all of the obligations and covenants of Assignor with respect to the CJV and to comply with the same in the place and stead of Assignor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement this day of April, 1987.

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KENNECOTT MINING CORPORATION

√ice President

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KENNECOTT EXPLORATIONS (AUSTRALIA) LTD.

STATE OF UTAH COUNTY OF SALT LAKE)

On April 2173, 1987, before me, a notary public, personally appeared who acknowledged that he is the Vice President, of Kennecott Mining Corporation, a New York corporation, and the executed the above instrument on behalf of said corporation as such

My Commission Expires:

STATE OF UTAH

COUNTY OF SALT LAKE)

On April 217, 1987, before me, a notary public, personally appeared who acknowledged that he is the of Kennecott Explorations (Australia) Ltd., a corporation, and that he executed the above instrument on behalf of the corporation as such officers.

said corporation as such officer.

My Commission

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