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MEMORANDUM OF ROBERTS MOUNTAIN MINERAL LEASE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under that certain Mineral Lease (the "Agreement"), to be effective as of the 1st day of August, 1989, between NERCO EXPLORATION COMPANY, an Alaska corporation (herein and therein called "Lessor") and ROBERTS MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATES VENTURE, a joint venture organized under the laws of the State of Arizona composed of Phelps Dodge Mining Company, a division of Phelps Dodge Corporation, a New York corporation, and NERCO Exploration Company, an Alaska corporation (herein and therein called "Lessee"), Lessor has leased, let and demised and does by these presents lease, let and demise unto Lessee, its successors and assigns, those certain unpatented lode mining claims in Eureka County, Nevada, more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto, which claims are herein and therein called the Leased Premises, together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, including without limitation all extralateral rights and water rights and all ores, waste and rock therein or thereon, together with all right, title and interest therein which Lessor may hereafter acquire. Lessor has leased the Leased Premises to Lessee with the exclusive right to explore and develop the Leased Premises all upon and subject to the covenants and conditions of said Agreement, for a term commencing on the date hereof and ending on December 31, 1991. Lessee shall have the right at any time prior to the termination of the Agreement or within 120 days after its expiration to require Lessor to convey to Lessee all of Lessor's right, title and interest in and to all or any part of the Leased Premises.

This memorandum is executed for the purpose of affording notice of the existence of said Mineral Lease and the terms and provisions thereof, which terms and provisions are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

A copy of the Agreement is on file with the Lessee whose address is: ROBERTS MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATES VENTURE, c/o Phelps Dodge Mining Company, 910 Greg Street, Sparks, Nevada 89431 or Phelps Dodge Mining Company, 2600 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

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*See B.K. 218, Pg 58
for Quitclaim Deed &
Refranchisement*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this instrument as of the day, month and year first above written.

MERCO EXPLORATION COMPANY

Robert C. Southauer
LESSOR

ROBERTS MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATES VENTURE, a
Joint Venture

By PHELPS DODGE MINING COMPANY, a
division of Phelps Dodge Corporation,
Manager

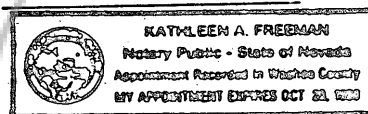
By [Signature]
LESSEE

STATE OF Nevada)
County of Washoe) ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on October 3, 1989, by Robert C. Southauer, President of MERCO Exploration Company, an Alaska corporation, for and on behalf of the corporation.

Kathleen A. Freeman
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



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STATE OF Utah)
County of Wasatch) ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on October 3, 1989, by A. L. LAWRENCE, Vice President-Exploration of PHELPS DODGE MINING COMPANY, a division of Phelps Dodge Corporation, a New York corporation, for and on behalf of the corporation as Manager of Roberts Mountain Associates Venture, a joint venture, for and on behalf of the joint venture.

Kathleen A. Freeman
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

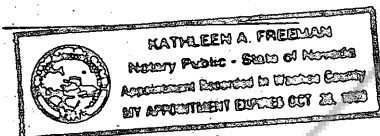


EXHIBIT A - LEASED PREMISES

Unpatented mining claims located in Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23 & 27, Township 22 North, Range 50
East, Eureka County, Nevada.

CLAIMS	BOOK	PAGE	BLM SERIAL NO.
JAM #1	117	090	NMC 288528
JAM #2	117	091	NMC 288529
JAM #3	117	092	NMC 288530
JAM #4	117	093	NMC 288531
JAM #5	117	094	NMC 288532
JAM #6	117	095	NMC 288533
JAM #7	117	096	NMC 288534
JAM #8	117	097	NMC 288535
JAM #9	117	098	NMC 288536
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JAM #11	117	100	NMC 288538
JAM #12	117	101	NMC 288539
JAM #13	117	102	NMC 288540
JAM #14	117	103	NMC 288541
JAM #15	117	104	NMC 288542
JAM #16	117	105	NMC 288543
JAM #17	117	106	NMC 288544
JAM #18	117	107	NMC 288545
JAM #19	117	108	NMC 288546
JAM #20	117	109	NMC 288547
JAM #21	117	110	NMC 288548
JAM #22	117	111	NMC 288549
JAM #23	117	112	NMC 288550
JAM #24	117	113	NMC 288551
JAM #25	117	114	NMC 288552
JAM #26	117	115	NMC 288553
JAM #27	117	116	NMC 288554
JAM #28	117	117	NMC 288555
JAM #29	117	118	NMC 288556
JAM #30	117	119	NMC 288557
JAM #31	117	120	NMC 288558
JAM #32	117	121	NMC 288559
JAM #33	117	122	NMC 288560
JAM #34	117	123	NMC 288561
JAM #35	117	124	NMC 288562
JAM #36	117	125	NMC 288563
JAM #37	117	126	NMC 288564
JAM #38	117	127	NMC 288565
JAM #39	117	128	NMC 288566
JAM #40	117	129	NMC 288567

<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BOOK</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>BLM SERIAL NO.</u>
JAM #41	117	130	NMC 288568
JAM #42	117	131	NMC 288569
JAM #43	117	132	NMC 288570
JAM #44	117	133	NMC 288571
JAM #45	117	134	NMC 288572
JAM #46	117	135	NMC 288573
JAM #47	117	136	NMC 288574
JAM #48	117	137	NMC 288575
JAM #49	117	138	NMC 288576
JAM #50	117	139	NMC 288577
JAM #51	117	140	NMC 288578
JAM #52	117	141	NMC 288579
JAM #53	117	142	NMC 288580
JAM #54	117	143	NMC 288581
JAM #55	117	144	NMC 288582
JAM #56	117	145	NMC 288583
JAM #57	117	146	NMC 288584
JAM #58	117	147	NMC 288585
JAM #59	117	148	NMC 288586
JAM #60	117	149	NMC 288587
JAM #61	117	150	NMC 288588
JAM #62	117	151	NMC 288589
JAM #63	117	152	NMC 288590
JAM #64	117	153	NMC 288591
JAM #65	117	154	NMC 288592
JAM #66	117	155	NMC 288593
JAM #67	117	156	NMC 288594
JAM #68	117	157	NMC 288595
JAM #69	117	158	NMC 288596
JAM #70	117	159	NMC 288597
JAM #71	117	160	NMC 288598
JAM #72	117	161	NMC 288599
JAM #73	117	162	NMC 288600
JAM #74	117	163	NMC 288601
JAM #75	117	164	NMC 288602
JAM #76	117	165	NMC 288603
JAM #77	117	166	NMC 288604
JAM #78	117	167	NMC 288605
JAM #79	117	168	NMC 288606
JAM #80	117	169	NMC 288607
JAM #81	117	170	NMC 288608
JAM #82	117	171	NMC 288609
JAM #83	117	172	NMC 288610
JAM #84	117	173	NMC 288611

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<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BOOK</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>BLM SERIAL NO.</u>
JAM #85	117	174	NMC 288612
JAM #86	117	175	NMC 288613
JAM #87	117	176	NMC 288614
JAM #88	117	177	NMC 288615
JAM #89	117	178	NMC 288616
CRAM #1	124	304	NMC 311504
CRAM #2	124	305	NMC 311505
CRAM #3	124	306	NMC 311506
CRAM #4	124	307	NMC 311507
CRAM #5	124	308	NMC 311508
CRAM #6	124	309	NMC 311509
CRAM #7	124	310	NMC 311510
CRAM #8	124	311	NMC 311511
CRAM #9	124	312	NMC 311512
CRAM #10	124	313	NMC 311513
CRAM #11	124	314	NMC 311514
CRAM #12	124	315	NMC 311515
CRAM #13	124	316	NMC 311516
CRAM #14	124	317	NMC 311517
CRAM #15	124	318	NMC 311518
CRAM #16	124	319	NMC 311519
CRAM #17	124	320	NMC 311520
CRAM #18	124	321	NMC 311521
CRAM #19	124	322	NMC 311522
CRAM #20	124	323	NMC 311523
CRAM #21	124	324	NMC 311524
CRAM #22	124	325	NMC 311525
CRAM #23	124	326	NMC 311526
CRAM #24	124	327	NMC 311527
CRAM #25	124	328	NMC 311528
CRAM #26	124	329	NMC 311529
CRAM #27	124	330	NMC 311530
CRAM #28	124	331	NMC 311531
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CRAM #30	124	333	NMC 311533
CRAM #31	124	334	NMC 311534
CRAM #32	124	335	NMC 311535
CRAM #33	124	336	NMC 311536
CRAM #34	124	337	NMC 311537
CRAM #35	124	338	NMC 311538
CRAM #36	124	339	NMC 311539
CRAM #37	124	340	NMC 311540
CRAM #38	124	341	NMC 311541
CRAM #39	124	342	NMC 311542
CRAM #40	124	343	NMC 311543

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<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BOOK</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>BLM SERIAL NO.</u>
CRAM #41	124	344	NMC 311544
CRAM #42	124	345	NMC 311545
CRAM #43	124	346	NMC 311546
CRAM #44	124	347	NMC 311547
JELLY #1	124	290	NMC 311548
JELLY #2	124	291	NMC 311549
JELLY #3	124	292	NMC 311550
JELLY #4	124	293	NMC 311551
JELLY #5	124	294	NMC 311552
JELLY #6	124	295	NMC 311553
JELLY #7	124	296	NMC 311554
JELLY #8	124	297	NMC 311555
JELLY #9	124	298	NMC 311556
JELLY #10	124	299	NMC 311557
JELLY #11	124	300	NMC 311558
JELLY #12	124	301	NMC 311559
JELLY #13	124	302	NMC 311560
JELLY #14	124	303	NMC 311561

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Unpatented Mining Claims located in Sections 7 & 18,
Township 22 North, Range 50 East; Sections 12 & 13, Township 22
North, Range 49 East, Eureka County, Nevada, as follows:

<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BOOK</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>BLM SERIAL NO.</u>
COTTON #1	118	327	NMC 291906
COTTON #2	118	328	NMC 291907
COTTON #3	118	329	NMC 291908
COTTON #4	118	330	NMC 291909
COTTON #5	118	331	NMC 291910
COTTON #6	118	332	NMC 291911
COTTON #7	118	333	NMC 291912
COTTON #8	118	334	NMC 291913
COTTON #9	118	335	NMC 291914
COTTON #10	118	336	NMC 291915
COTTON #11	118	337	NMC 291916
COTTON #12	118	338	NMC 291917
COTTON #13	118	339	NMC 291918
COTTON #14	118	340	NMC 291919
COTTON #15	118	341	NMC 291920
COTTON #16	118	342	NMC 291921
COTTON #17	118	343	NMC 291922
COTTON #18	118	344	NMC 291923
COTTON #19	118	345	NMC 291924
COTTON #20	118	346	NMC 291925
COTTON #21	118	347	NMC 291926
COTTON #22	118	348	NMC 291927

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Unpatented mining claims located in Sections 12 & 13,
Township 22 North, Range 50 East, and in Sections 7 & 18,
Township 22 North, Range 51 East, Eureka County, Nevada.

<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>DATE OF LOCATION</u>	<u>BOOK</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>BLM SERIAL NO.</u>
Hunter #1		118	215	NMC 291187
Hunter #2		118	216	NMC 291188
Hunter #3		118	217	NMC 291189
Hunter #4		118	218	NMC 291190
Hunter #5		118	219	NMC 291191
Hunter #6		118	220	NMC 291192
Hunter #7		118	221	NMC 291193
Hunter #8		118	222	NMC 291194
Hunter #9		118	223	NMC 291195
Hunter #10		118	224	NMC 291196
Hunter #11		118	225	NMC 291197
Hunter #12		118	226	NMC 291198
Hunter #13		118	227	NMC 291199
Hunter #14		118	228	NMC 291200
Hunter #15		118	229	NMC 291201
Hunter #16		118	230	NMC 291202
Hunter #17		118	231	NMC 291203
Hunter #18		118	232	NMC 291204
Hunter #19		118	233	NMC 291205
Hunter #20		118	234	NMC 291206
Hunter #21		118	235	NMC 291207
Hunter #22		118	236	NMC 291208
Hunter #23		118	237	NMC 291209
Hunter #24		118	238	NMC 291210
Hunter #25		118	239	NMC 291211
Hunter #26		118	240	NMC 291212
Hunter #27		118	241	NMC 291213
Hunter #28		118	242	NMC 291214
Hunter #29		118	243	NMC 291215
Hunter #30		118	244	NMC 291216
Hunter #31		118	245	NMC 291217
Hunter #32		118	246	NMC 291218
Hunter #33		118	247	NMC 291219
Hunter #34		118	248	NMC 291220
Hunter #35		118	249	NMC 291221
Hunter #36		118	250	NMC 291222
Hunter #37		118	251	NMC 291223
Hunter #38		118	252	NMC 291224
Hunter #39		118	253	NMC 291225
Hunter #40		118	254	NMC 291226

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<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>DATE OF LOCATION</u>	<u>BOOK</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>RLM SERIAL NO.</u>
Hunter #41		118	255	NMC 291227
Hunter #42		118	256	NMC 291228
Hunter #43		118	257	NMC 291229
Hunter #44		118	258	NMC 291230
Hunter #45		118	259	NMC 291231
Hunter #46		118	260	NMC 291232
Hunter #47		118	261	NMC 291233
Hunter #48		118	262	NMC 291234
Hunter #49		118	263	NMC 291235
Hunter #50		118	264	NMC 291236
Hunter #51		118	265	NMC 291237
Hunter #52		118	266	NMC 291238
Hunter #53		118	267	NMC 291239
Hunter #54		118	268	NMC 291240
Hunter #55		118	269	NMC 291241
Hunter #56		118	270	NMC 291242
Hunter #57		118	271	NMC 291243
Hunter #58		118	272	NMC 291244
Hunter #59		118	273	NMC 291245
Hunter #60		118	274	NMC 291246
Hunter #61		118	275	NMC 291247
Hunter #62		118	276	NMC 291248
Hunter #63		118	277	NMC 291249
Hunter #64		118	278	NMC 291250
Hunter #65		118	279	NMC 291251
Hunter #66		118	280	NMC 291252
Hunter #67	4/16/86	144	52	NMC 366143
Hunter #68	"	144	53	NMC 366144
Hunter #69	"	144	54	NMC 366145
Hunter #70	"	144	55	NMC 366146
Hunter #71	4/16/86	144	56	NMC 366147
Hunter #72	"	144	57	NMC 366148
Hunter #73	"	144	58	NMC 366149
Hunter #74	"	144	59	NMC 366150
Hunter #75	"	144	60	NMC 366151
Hunter #76	"	144	61	NMC 366152
Hunter #77	"	144	62	NMC 366153
Hunter #78	"	144	63	NMC 366154
Hunter #79	"	144	64	NMC 366155
Hunter #80	"	144	65	NMC 366156
Hunter #81	"	144	66	NMC 366157

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Unpatented mining claims located in Sections 29, 30, 31 &
32, Township 23 North, Range 50 East, Eureka County, Nevada.

CLAIMS	DATE OF LOCATION	BOOK	PAGE	BLM SERIAL NO.
KEPH #1	9/30/83	118	286	NMC 291097
KEPH #2	"	118	287	NMC 291098
KEPH #3	"	118	288	NMC 291099
KEPH #4	"	118	289	NMC 291100
KEPH #5	"	118	290	NMC 291101
KEPH #6	"	118	291	NMC 291102
KEPH #7	"	118	292	NMC 291103
KEPH #8	"	118	293	NMC 291104
KEPH #9	"	118	294	NMC 291105
KEPH #10	"	118	295	NMC 291106
KEPH #11	"	118	296	NMC 291107
KEPH #12	"	118	297	NMC 291108
KEPH #13	"	118	298	NMC 291109
KEPH #14	"	118	299	NMC 291110
KEPH #15	"	118	300	NMC 291111
KEPH #16	"	118	301	NMC 291112
KEPH #17	"	118	302	NMC 291113
KEPH #18	"	118	303	NMC 291114
KEPH #19	"	118	304	NMC 291115
KEPH #20	"	118	305	NMC 291116
KEPH #22	"	118	306	NMC 291117
KEPH #23	"	118	307	NMC 291118
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KEPH #25	"	118	309	NMC 291120
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KEPH #27	"	118	311	NMC 291122
KEPH #28	"	118	312	NMC 291123
KEPH #29	"	118	313	NMC 291124
KEPH #30	"	118	314	NMC 291125
KEPH #31	"	118	315	NMC 291126
KEPH #32	"	118	316	NMC 291127
KEPH #33	"	118	317	NMC 291128
KEPH #34	"	118	318	NMC 291129
KEPH #35	"	118	319	NMC 291130
KEPH #36	"	118	320	NMC 291131
KEPH #37	"	118	321	NMC 291132
KEPH #38	4/17/86	144	67	NMC 366158
KEPH #39	"	144	68	NMC 366159
KEPH #40	"	144	69	NMC 366160
KEPH #41	"	144	70	NMC 366161

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CLAIMS	DATE OF LOCATION	BOOK	PAGE	BLM SERIAL NO.
KEPH #42	4/17/86	144	71	NMC 366162
KEPH #43	"	144	72	NMC 366163
KEPH #44	"	144	73	NMC 366164
KEPH #45	"	144	74	NMC 366165
Amended	"	160	505	
KEPH #46	"	144	75	NMC 366166
KEPH #47	"	144	76	NMC 366167
KEPH #48	"	144	77	NMC 366168
KEPH #49	"	144	78	NMC 366169
KEPH #50	"	144	79	NMC 366170
KEPH #51	"	144	80	NMC 366171
KEPH #52	4/17/86	144	81	NMC 366172
KEPH #53	"	144	82	NMC 366173
KEPH #54	4/18/86	144	83	NMC 366174
KEPH #55	"	144	84	NMC 366175
KEPH #56	"	144	85	NMC 366176
KEPH #57	"	144	86	NMC 366177
KEPH #58	"	144	87	NMC 366178
KEPH #59	"	144	88	NMC 366179
KEPH #60	"	144	89	NMC 366180
KEPH #61	"	144	90	NMC 366181
KEPH #62	"	144	91	NMC 366182
KEPH #63	4/18/86	144	92	NMC 366183
KEPH #64	"	144	93	NMC 366184
KEPH #65	"	144	94	NMC 366185
KEPH #66	"	144	95	NMC 366186
KEPH #67	"	144	96	NMC 366187

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The following described unpatented lode mining claims,
situated in Townships 22 and 23 North, Range 50 East, Eureka
County, Nevada:

<u>CLAIM NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF LOCATION</u>	<u>LOC. CERT. BOOK-PAGE</u>	<u>BLM SERIAL NO.</u>
Si Si 1	2/6/87	155 - 1	396998
Si Si 2	2/6/87	155 - 2	396999
Si Si 3	2/6/87	155 - 3	397000
Si Si 4	2/6/87	155 - 4	397001
Si Si 5	2/6/87	155 - 5	397002
Si Si 6	2/6/87	155 - 6	397003
Si Si 7	2/6/87	155 - 7	397004
Si Si 8	2/6/87	155 - 8	397005
Si Si 9	2/6/87	155 - 9	397006
Si Si 10	2/6/87	155 - 10	397007
Si Si 11	2/6/87	155 - 11	397008
Si Si 12	2/6/87	155 - 12	397009
Si Si 13	2/6/87	155 - 13	397010
Si Si 14	2/6/87	155 - 14	397011
Si Si 15	2/6/87	155 - 15	397012
Si Si 16	2/6/87	155 - 16	397013
Si Si 17	2/6/87	155 - 17	397014
Si Si 18	2/6/87	155 - 18	397015
Si Si 19	2/6/87	155 - 19	397016
Si Si 20	2/6/87	155 - 20	397017
Si Si 21	2/7/87	155 - 21	397018
Si Si 22	2/7/87	155 - 22	397019
Si Si 23	2/7/87	155 - 23	397020
Si Si 24	2/7/87	155 - 24	397021
Si Si 25	2/7/87	155 - 25	397022
Si Si 26	2/7/87	155 - 26	397023
Si Si 27	2/7/87	155 - 27	397024
Si Si 28	2/7/87	155 - 28	397025
Si Si 29	2/7/87	155 - 29	397026
Si Si 30	2/7/87	155 - 30	397027
Si Si 31	2/7/87	155 - 31	397028
Si Si 32	2/7/87	155 - 32	397029
Si Si 33	2/7/87	155 - 33	397030
Si Si 34	2/7/87	155 - 34	397031
Si Si 35	2/8/87	155 - 35	397032
Si Si 36	2/8/87	155 - 36	397033
Si Si 37	2/9/87	155 - 37	397034
Si Si 38	2/9/87	155 - 38	397035

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OFFICIAL RECORDS
EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA
M.M. HEBBALATI, RECORDER
FILE NO. 8/7/00

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