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CONFIRMATION OF ABANDONMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF INTEREST

THIS CONFIRMATION OF ABANDONMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF INTEREST is made this 16th day of May, 1991, by NERCO Exploration Company, an Alaska corporation (formerly known as Resource Associates of Alaska, Inc.), NERCO DeLamar Company, an Oregon corporation, and American Copper & Nickel Company, a Delaware corporation.

1. On May 21 and 22, 1986, Resource Associates of Alaska, Inc. ("RAA"), located the CC Nos. 79-112 unpatented lode mining claims, NMC 372295-372328, (the "CC Claims"), situated in Sections 2 and 11, Township 22 South, Range 50 East, Eureka County, Nevada. RAA changed its name to NERCO Exploration Company ("NERCO") on August 10, 1988. A Certificate of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of RAA, reflecting such name change, was recorded in the official records of Eureka County, Nevada on December 13, 1988, in Book 192 at Page 601.

2. NERCO DeLamar Company ("NDCO"), which is an affiliate of NERCO, and American Copper & Nickel Company ("ACNC") entered into a Joint Venture Agreement dated effective February 1, 1985 (the "RM Joint Venture Agreement"), pursuant to which NDCO and ACNC agreed to the joint exploration, evaluation and development of certain unpatented mining claims situated in Elko, White Pine and Eureka Counties, Nevada.

3. On February 6 and 7, 1987, ACNC located the Si Si Nos. 1-38 unpatented lode mining claims, NMC 396998-397035, (the "Si Si Claims"), situated in Sections 2 and 11, Township 22 North, Range 50 East, and Section 35, Township 23 North, Range 50 East, and substantially overlapping the CC Claims.

4. By Agreement dated June 26, 1987, NDCO and ACNC added the Si Si Claims to the RM Joint Venture Agreement.

5. A Notice of Abandonment recorded in the official records of Eureka County, Nevada on December 26, 1989, in Book 206 at Page 403, inadvertently recited that NERCO (rather than NDCO) and ACNC were the parties to the RM Joint Venture Agreement, and that ACNC abandoned the CC Claims on behalf of the joint venture simultaneously with its location of the Si Si Claims.

6. NERCO, NDCO and ACNC desire hereby to confirm that the CC Claims were abandoned prior to February 6, 1987. All such parties hereby confirm that they neither have nor claim any interest in the CC Claims. Further, ACNC and NDCO hereby confirm that the RM Joint Venture has been terminated, and such venture

neither has nor claims any interest in the CC Claims, the Si Si Claims, or the ground covered by either of those groups of claims.

7. This instrument shall be effective and binding upon any party who has executed it in the space provided below, regardless of whether all the parties have so executed the instrument. This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same agreement.

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

NERCO Exploration Company

By _____

_____ (name)
_____ (title)

NERCO DeLamar Company, individually
and on behalf of the RM Joint
Venture

By _____

_____ (name)
_____ (title)

American Copper & Nickel Company,
individually and on behalf of the
RM Joint Venture

By Jack Moseley
Jack Moseley (name)
Assistant Secretary (title)

