

PARTIAL TERMINATION AND RELEASE
OF EXPLORATION AGREEMENT

For valuable consideration, Noranda Exploration, Inc. ("Noranda"), effective as of the 28th day of July, 1993, hereby releases, conveys and quitclaims to Brancote U.S., Inc. all of its right, title and interest in certain unpatented mining claims located in Eureka County, Nevada, to wit:

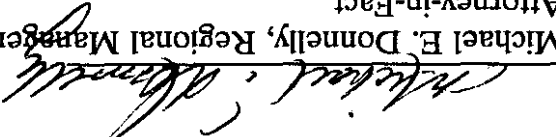
See Exhibit A attached hereto

THIS PARTIAL TERMINATION AND RELEASE OF EXPLORATION AGREEMENT acknowledges the termination of all of Noranda's rights, title and interest in the unpatented mining claims specifically described on Exhibit "A" as granted to Noranda Exploration, Inc., as a result of the Mining Lease dated effective February 15, 1992 by and between Noranda Exploration, Inc. and Brancote U.S., Inc. (hereinafter called "Mining Lease"), as amended on April 2, 1993, a Memorandum of which has not been recorded in the official records of Eureka County, Nevada.

THIS PARTIAL TERMINATION AND RELEASE OF EXPLORATION AGREEMENT affects Noranda's right, title and interest only in those unpatented mining claims and leasehold interests specifically described on the attached Exhibit "A". With respect to the unpatented mining claims and/or leasehold interests subject to the Mining Lease but not specifically described on Exhibit "A" hereof, the Mining Lease shall continue in full force and effect. For clarification, the unpatented mining claims and/or leasehold interests remaining subject to the Mining Lease are more particularly described on Exhibit "B", attached hereto. In the event an unpatented mining claim (s) or a leasehold interest is/are subject to the Mining Lease but by omission is/are not listed on either Exhibit "A" or Exhibit "B" hereof, it is the intent of Noranda that such unpatented mining claim(s) or leasehold interest be released and terminated by these presents.

Dated the 28th day of July, 1993.

NORANDA EXPLORATION, INC.


Michael E. Donnelly, Regional Manager
Attorney-in-Fact

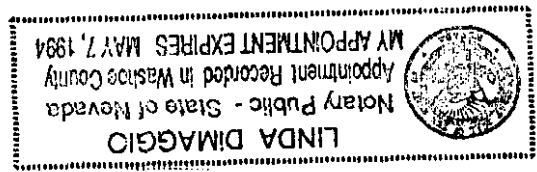
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My commission expires: May 7, 1994



Notary Public
for the State of Nevada
Residing at Reno, Nevada 89506

Linda Dimaggio

On this 28th day of July, 1993 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Michael E. Donnelly, Attorney-in-Fact, for Noranda Exploration, Inc., known to me or proved to me to be the person who acknowledged to me that he and Noranda Exploration, Inc. executed the above PARTIAL RELEASE AND TERMINATION OF MINING LEASE freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

COUNTY OF WASHOE

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STATE OF NEVADA

Exhibit "A"
 to that certain
 Partial Termination and Release
 of Mining Lease dated July 28, 1993

Claims subject to PARTIAL TERMINATION AND RELEASE OF MINING
 LEASE, to wit:

Unpatented Mining Claims in Eureka County, Nevada (Hand-Me-Down)

CLAIM	COUNTY RECORDATION	BLM SERIAL NUMBER
DD 17-21	214:368-372	NMC 608554-608558
CF 1-24	214:344-367	NMC 608530-608553
DD 99-133	234:588-622	NMC 650705-650739
DD 134-160	234:539-565	NMC 650740-650766

A total of 91 unpatented mining claims located in Sections 1-5, 8-9, 15, 17-19, 21, 33-36, T28-29N, R43E, Eureka County, Nevada

Exhibit "B"

to that certain
Partial Termination and Release
of Mining Lease dated July 28, 1993

Claims remaining subject to that certain Mining Lease by and between Noranda
Exploration, Inc. and Brancote U.S., Inc. dated effective February 15, 1993.

Unpatented Mining Claims in Eureka County, Nevada (Hand-Me-Down)

CLAIM	COUNTY RECORDATION	BLM SERIAL NUMBER
CC 1-3	214:376-378	NMC 608527-608529
DD 180-185	234:582-587	NMC 650786-650791
DD 26-28	214:373-375	NMC 608559-608561
DD 176	235:001	NMC 650782
DD 33-34	214:379-380	NMC 608562-608563
DD 35-53	214:381-399	NMC 608564-608582
DD 177	235:002	NMC 650783
DD 178	235:003	NMC 650784
DD 179	234:581	NMC 650785
DD 161-175	234:566-580	NMC 650767-650781

A total of 52 unpatented mining claims located in Sections 10, 16, 18, and 20, T28N, R43E, Eureka County, Nevada

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OFFICIAL RECORDS
RECORDED AT THE REQUEST OF
Noranda Exploration
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EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA
M.N. REBAL EATL. RECORDER
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