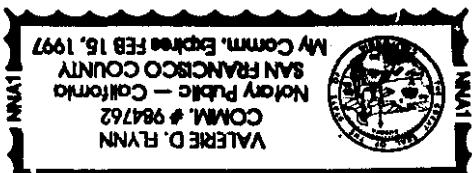


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Corporate Officer, Vice President, Exploration
Title: HomeStake Mining Company of California
Company:

CAPACITY CLAIMED BY SIGNER.

[SEAL]

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

On December 13, 1994, before me, Valerie D. Flynn, a Notary Public in and for said state, personally appeared A.H. Ransom, person ally known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the instrument, the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, he intended to bind the person named in the instrument to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the instrument, the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, he intended to bind the person named in the instrument to the instrument.

COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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By

A.H. Ransom
Vice President, Exploration

HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY
OF CALIFORNIA

This abandonment is dated effective this last day of September, 1994.

Homestake Mining Company of California, a California corporation, having its principal place of business at 650 California Street, 10th Floor, San Francisco, California 94108-2788 hereby abandons and relinquishes those certain unpatented lode mining claims located in Humboldt County, Nevada, and being more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT AND RELINQUISHMENT

RECORDING REQUESTED BY
AND RETURN TO:
Homestake Mining Company
Attn: Val Flynn
650 California St., 10th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94108-2788

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All those unpatented land mining claims located in Sections 5, 6, 7, 12 and 13, Township 20 North, Range 52 East, and Sections 17 and 18, Township 20 North, Range 53 East, Eureka County, Nevada, being more Township 21 North, Range 53 East, and Section 31 and 32, Township 21 North, Range 53 East, and Section 31 and 32, and 18, Township 20 North, Range 52 East, and Sections 17 and 18, Township 21 North, Range 53 East, and Section 31 and 32, being more particularly described as follows:

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