

WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:

Noranda Exploration, Inc.
P. O. Box 7176
Reno, NV 89510

AFFIDAVIT OF PAYMENT OF RENTAL FEES
AND MAINTENANCE FEES AND OF INTENTION TO HOLD

STATE OF NEVADA)
COUNTY OF WASHOE)
§)
)

The undersigned Affiant, being first duly sworn, under penalty of perjury, states as follows:

1. Affiant is the agent for purposes of this Affidavit and the rental and maintenance fee payments referenced herein, of Hemlo Gold Mines (USA) Inc., the owners (the "Owners"), of the mining claims (the "Claims") more particularly described in the list set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof and Affiant is duly authorized to execute this Affidavit.

2. The names of the Claims, the United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and county recording information are more particularly set forth in Exhibit "A".

3. Hemlo, at the instance and on behalf of the Owners, paid to the BLM on or before August 31, 1993, an advance rental fee in the amount of \$100 for each Claim, pursuant to Pub. L. 102-381, 106 Stat. 1374, 1378-1379 (October 5, 1992) (the "1992 Act"). Such payment was made to hold the Claims for the assessment year ending at noon on September 1, 1994, as required by the 1992 Act.

4. Hemlo, at the instance and on behalf of the Owners, has paid to the BLM on or before August 31, 1994, a maintenance fee in the amount of \$100 for each Claim, pursuant to Sections 10101-10106 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of August 10, 1993 (Pub. L. 103-66, 107 Stat. 312, 30 U.S.C. §§ 28f et seq.) (the "1993 Act"). Such payment was made to hold the Claims for the assessment year ending at noon on September 1, 1995 as required by the 1993 Act.

5. By such payments, by the Owners' compliance with applicable federal and state mining laws and regulations, and by this Affidavit, the Owners intend and hereby provide notification of their intention to hold and maintain all of their right, title and interest in and to each of the Claims through the end of the assessment year ending at noon on September 1, 1995.

6. Affiant executes this Affidavit on the 14th day of September, 1994

Daniel W. Schneider as Authorized Agent on behalf of the Owners

This instrument was signed, sworn to and acknowledged before me on September 14th, 1994.

Linda DiMaggio
Notary Public for the State of Nevada

Residing at Reno, Nevada
My commission expires May 7, 1998

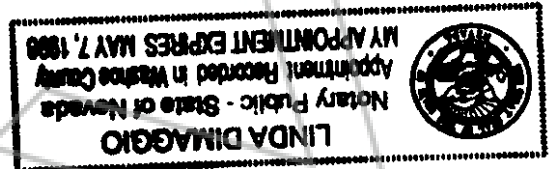


Exhibit A
to that certain
Notice of Payment of Mining Claim Maintenance Fees
for the year ending August 31, 1995

Claim Name

County
Book:Page

BLM
Serial Number

DG #1-28
DG #32-45

263:540-567
263:568-581

NMC 693741-693768
NMC 693769-693782

located in Eureka County, Nevada.

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RECORDED AT THE REQUEST OF
Woranda Exploration
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EUREKA COUNTY NEVADA
M.M. REBALEATI, RECORDER
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