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DECLARATION OF MERGER OF MINERALS LEASE

Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation hereby declares the following to be true:

1. On August 3, 1987 a Minerals Lease ("Lease") was entered into between the Southern Pacific Land Company ("SPL") and SFP Minerals Corporation ("SFP") a Memorandum of which is recorded in book 169, Page 160, in the official records of Eureka County, Nevada.

2. The real property described in Schedule I hereto was described on Annex A to the Lease.

3. On September 29, 1988, SPL merged into Santa Fe Pacific Realty Corporation ("SFP").

4. By Deed dated December 29, 1989, SFP conveyed its interest in the property described in Schedule I attached hereto, to The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company ("AT&SF").

5. On March 24, 1993, SFP merged into Western Rock Products, Inc. which on April 13, 1993 merged into Santa Fe Pacific Minerals Corporation, which on June 30, 1993, changed its name to Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation ("SFP").

6. By Special Warranty Deed dated February 7, 1995, from AT&SF, SFP became the owner of the real property described in Schedule I attached hereto and successor in interest and title to AT&SF.

7. By operation of the doctrine of merger, SFP succeeded to all right, title, and interest in the Lease as it effects the real property described in Schedule I attached hereto.

8. That SFP declares the Lease to be of no further effect and validity as it pertains to the real property in Schedule I attached hereto.

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**SCHEDULE I
to Declaration of Merger
of Minerals Lease**

Township 35 North, Range 49 East
Section 1: All 644.00 acres

Township 36 North, Range 49 East
Section 35: SE/4 160.00 acres

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