

RECORD AT THE REQUEST OF
AND WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:
Cominco American Resources Incorporated
15120 East Euclid Avenue
Spokane, Washington 99216

MINING CLAIM MAINTENANCE FEE AFFIDAVIT
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO HOLD
FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1996

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
)
) ss.)
) County of Spokane)

George Cole, first being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the Vice President, Exploration, of Cominco American Resources Incorporated, a Delaware corporation, with an address at 15120 East Euclid Avenue, Spokane, Washington 99216, and am personally acquainted with the matters set forth in this affidavit.

2. Cominco American Resources Incorporated claims, owns or controls the unpatented lode mining claims (the "Claims"), located in Eureka County, Nevada, described in the BLM Mining Claim Maintenance Fee Filing and Notice of Intent to Hold (the "BLM Filing") attached hereto as Attachment I. The name and address of the claim owner are:

Cominco American Resources Incorporated
15120 East Euclid Avenue
Spokane, Washington 99216

3. Cominco American Resources Incorporated has paid, with the BLM Filing, the Federal claim maintenance fee required by Public Law 103-66, 107 Stat. 312, and 43 C.F.R. Part 3830 and, to the extent applicable to the lands covered by any of the Claims, required by the statutes and regulations of the Act of August 11, 1955, 69 Stat. 681, and 43 C.F.R. Part 3730 (public lands withdrawn or reserved for power development), and the Act of April 8, 1948 (O&C lands), 62 Stat. 162, and 43 C.F.R. Subpart 3821.

4. The Federal claim maintenance fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) has been paid for each of the Claims for the assessment year September 1, 1996, for a total of Eight Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400.00), in lieu of the assessment work and filing requirements of 30 U.S.C. § 28-28e and 43 U.S.C. § 1744(a) and (c) suspended by Public Law 103-66.

5. The Federal claim maintenance fees were paid for the assessment year ending on September 1, 1995, and have been paid for the assessment year ending on September 1, 1996, by Cominco American Resources Incorporated on its own behalf as owner of the Claims. Notice is hereby given that Cominco American Resources Incorporated intends to hold the Claims in good standing for the assessment years ending September 1, 1995, and September 1, 1996.

6. A copy of the evidence of payment of the Federal claim maintenance fees for the Claims for the assessment year ending September 1, 1996, is attached hereto as Attachment II.

7. This document is made and recorded pursuant to NRS 517.230(3).

COMINCO AMERICAN RESOURCES INCORPORATED,
a Delaware corporation

By: _____
Name: George Cole
Title: Vice President, Exploration

Signed and sworn to before me on January 22, 1996, by George Cole.

Dawn R. Phillips
Notary Public for the State of Washington
Residing at Spokane
My Commission Expires: May 19, 1997



[SEAL]

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss:)
) County of Spokane)

On this 22 day of January, 1996, before me personally appeared George Cole, to me known to be the Vice President, Exploration of the corporation that executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the said instrument to be free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and on oath stated that he was authorized to execute said instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year first above written.

Dawn R. Phillips
Notary Public for the State of Washington
Residing at Spokane
My Commission Expires: May 19, 1997



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BLM MINING CLAIM MAINTENANCE FEE FILING
FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1996

ATTACHMENT I

BLM MINING CLAIM MAINTENANCE FEE FILING

AND

NOTICE OF INTENT TO HOLD

FOR THE ASSESSMENT YEAR ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1996

Mining Claims Recordation
Nevada State Office
U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Department of the Interior
P.O. Box 12000
Reno, Nevada 89520-0006

Cominco American Resources Incorporated, a Delaware corporation, with an address at 15120 East Euclid Avenue, Spokane, Washington 99216, claims, owns or controls the unpatented lode mining claims, located in Eureka County, State of Nevada, described in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Claims").

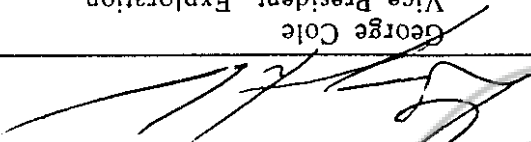
Cominco American Resources Incorporated submits, with this filing, the Federal claim maintenance fee required by Public Law 103-66, 107 Stat. 312 and 43 C.F.R. Part 3830 and, to the extent applicable to the lands covered by any of the Claims, required by the statutes and regulations of the Act of August 11, 1955, 69 Stat. 681, and 43 C.F.R. Part 3730 (public lands withdrawn or reserved for power development), and the Act of April 8, 1948 (O&C lands), 62 Stat. 162, and 43 C.F.R. Subpart 3821.

The Federal claim maintenance fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), is submitted for each of the Claims for the assessment year ending on September 1, 1996, for a total of Eight Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400.00), in lieu of the assessment work and filing requirements of 30 U.S.C. § 28-28e and 43 U.S.C. § 1744(a) and (c) suspended by Public Law 103-66 and Public Law 102-381.

The Federal claim maintenance fees were paid for the assessment year ending on September 1, 1995, and the Federal claim maintenance fees are herewith paid for the assessment year ending on September 1, 1996, by Cominco American Resources Incorporated on its own behalf as owner of the Claims. Notice is hereby given that Cominco American Resources Incorporated intends to hold the Claims in good standing for the assessment years ending on September 1, 1995, and September 1, 1996.

Dated this 14th day of August, 1995.

COMINCO AMERICAN RESOURCES INCORPORATED,
a Delaware corporation

By: 
Name: George Cole
Title: Vice President, Exploration

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**EXHIBIT A
TO
BLM MINING CLAIM MAINTENANCE FEE FILING
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO HOLD
FOR THE ASSESSMENT YEAR ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1996**

This Exhibit A is attached to and made a part of that certain BLM Mining Claim Maintenance Fee Filing and Notice of Intent to Hold dated August 14, 1995, for the assessment year ending on September 1, 1996. The BLM Mining Claim Maintenance Fee Filing and Notice of Intent to Hold pertains to the following described contiguous group comprised of eighty-four (84) unpatented lode mining claims of the FC properties described herein below, all under the common control or ownership of Cominco American Resources Incorporated, and all of said contiguous group being located in portions or all of Sections 13, 24, Township 16 North, Range 52 East, and Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, Township 16 North, Range 53 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Eureka County, State of Nevada, and more particularly described below.

The name and address of the claim owner are:

Cominco American Resources Incorporated
15120 East Euclid Avenue
Spokane, Washington 99216

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FC 19	NMC-703365		274	111
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FC 22	NMC-703368		274	114
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FC 37	NMC-703383		274	129
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FC - 104	NMCG-703602	274	246
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BLM ACCOUNTING ADVICE
EVIDENCING PAYMENT OF THE MINING CLAIM MAINTENANCE FEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1996

ATTACHMENT II

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

RECEIPT AND ACCOUNTING ADVICE

CB/NVNO. **2183883**

Subject: MAINT FEES - 1996
FC 19-96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108

8,400.00

Applicant:

COMINCO AMERICAN INC.
15120 EAST EUCLID AVE.
SPOKANE, WA 99216

Remitter:

Assignor:

SERIAL NO.
NMC 703365 ET AL

REFER TO THE ABOVE CASE SERIAL NUMBER IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE. PLEASE INFORM THIS OFFICE OF ANY CHANGE IN ADDRESS.

NOTE: This notice is a receipt for monies paid the United States. If these monies are for required fees in connection with application to lease, purchase, enter, or otherwise acquire an interest in public lands or resources, this receipt is not an authorization to utilize the land applied for and it does not convey any right, title, or interest in the land for which application is made.

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EUREKA COUNTY NEVADA
M.N. REBALLET, RECORDER
FILE NO.

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