

CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION  
LODE MINING CLAIM

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Battle Mountain Exploration Company, a Texas corporation, whose address is 2700 E. Executive Drive, Suite 150, Tucson, Arizona 85706, did on this 29th day of February, 1996, locate and claim and does hereby locate and claim, in compliance with all applicable law and regulation, the LMS #196 lode mining claim. Said claim is located in the following quarter section(s):

|     |           |    |          |         |        |          |
|-----|-----------|----|----------|---------|--------|----------|
| 1/4 | Southwest | 31 | 20 North | 51 East | M.D.M. | Meridian |
|     |           |    | Township | Range   |        |          |
|     |           |    | North    | 51 East | M.D.M. |          |
|     |           |    | North    | 51 East | M.D.M. |          |
|     |           |    | North    | 51 East | M.D.M. |          |
|     |           |    | North    | 51 East | M.D.M. |          |

situated in an Unknown Mining District, Eureka County, Nevada

The lode mining claim is approximately 1500 feet long and 600 feet wide, such that 1,490 feet are claimed in a Westerly direction and 10 feet in an Easterly direction from the point of discovery (monument of location), at which the Notice of Location was posted, together with 300 feet on each side of the monument of location and center line of the Claim. The general course of the lode or vein is from the East to the West direction.

The location of each corner monument is shown on the mining claim map recorded herewith. The position and markings of each monument are as follows:

Monument No. 1 is a post marked Discovery Monument  
Monument No. 2 is a post marked Northeast Corner  
Monument No. 3 is a post marked Northwest Corner  
Monument No. 4 is a post marked Southwest Corner  
Monument No. 5 is a post marked Southeast Corner

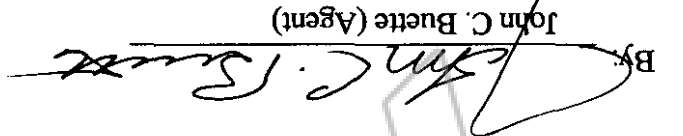
The lode mining claim is more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast Corner of the claim which is situated 750 feet North, and 2,120 feet East from the Southwest Corner of Section 31, Township 20 North, Range 51 East, MDB&M, a permanent monument, thence West a distance of 1,500 feet to the Northwest Corner, thence South a distance of 600 feet to the Southwest Corner, thence East a distance of 1,500 feet to the Southeast Corner, thence North a distance of 600 feet to the Northeast Corner, the place of beginning.

All corner monuments consist of a wooden post at least 1.5" x 1.5" in diameter and 4' in length set at least one foot in the ground and marked as described above on an aluminum tag or on the post. The monumentation and marking of the above-described lode claim was completed within 60 days from the date of posting the Notice of Location/Certificate of Location pursuant to NRS 517.030, as amended.

The work of location consisted of making duplicate claim maps prescribed by NRS 517.040 as amended

SIGNATURE OF LOCATOR:

Battle Mountain Exploration Company

By:  John C. Buette (Agent)

When Recorded Return To:

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