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HECLA MINING COMPANY
Land Department
6500 Mineral Drive
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814-8788

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PARTIAL RELEASE OF MINERAL LEASE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that HECLA MINING COMPANY ("HECLA") and COMINCO AMERICAN INCORPORATED ("CAI"), as successors in interest to Bethlehem Copper Corporation, entered into an Agreement dated effective December 6, 1979 ("Agreement"), with Bar Resources Limited and Bar Resources Inc., succeeded in interest by TEXAS GULF PETROLEUM CORPORATION, by which HECLA and CAI were granted a lease or sublease of the real property comprised of unpatented mining claims situated in Eureka County, State of Nevada, more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.

HECLA and CAI hereby forever cancel, release, revoke and surrender all of their rights and privileges, of every kind and nature granted to them under the above-referenced Agreement with respect to the real property described herein. Said Agreement with respect to said real property shall be null and void and of no further force and effect. The undersigned hereby confirm that said Agreement remains in full force and effect as to the remainder of the real property subject thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, CAI and HECLA have caused this Partial Release to be effective August 2, 1996.

HECLA MINING COMPANY

By: Mrs. J. B. Clark
Title: Vice President

COMINCO AMERICAN INCORPORATED

By: [Signature]
Title: Vice President

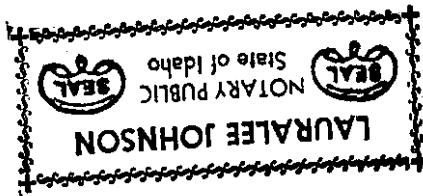
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

STATE OF IDAHO)
(ss.)
County of Kootenai)

On this 5th day of August, 1996, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Idaho, personally appeared Michael B. White, known or identified to me to be the Vice President of HECLA MINING COMPANY, the corporation that executed the instrument on behalf of said corporation, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.



Lauralee Johnson
Notary Public
Residing at Post Falls
My Commission Expires: March 17, 1999

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

On this 14th day of August, 1996, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, personally appeared George Cole known to me to be the Vice President, Expl. of COMINCO AMERICAN INCORPORATED, the corporation that executed the within instrument on behalf of said corporation, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Dawn R. Willig
Notary Public
Residing at Spokane, WA
My Commission Expires: 5/19/97



**EXHIBIT A
to the Partial Release of Mineral Lease
dated effective August 2, 1996**

The following 122 unpatented lode mining claims situated in Sections 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15 and 16, Township 27 North, Range 48 East, and Sections 24, 25, 26, 27, 34 and 35, Township 28 North, Range 48 East, and Section 19, Township 27 North, Range 49 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Eureka County, State of Nevada, are hereby released from that certain Agreement dated December 6, 1979, by and between Bethlehem Copper Corporation and Bar Resources Limited (and Bar Resources Inc.):

<u>CLAIM NAME</u>	<u>BLM SERIAL NO.</u>
Horn 4224	NMC-517396
Horn 4225	NMC-517397
Horn 4226	NMC-517398
Horn 4227	NMC-517399
Horn 4228	NMC-517400
Horn 4229	NMC-517401
Horn 4230	NMC-517402
Horn 4231	NMC-517403
Horn 4232	NMC-517404
Horn 4324	NMC-517407
Horn 4325	NMC-517408
Horn 4326	NMC-517409
Horn 4327	NMC-517410
Horn 4328	NMC-517411
Horn 4329	NMC-517412
Horn 4330	NMC-517413
Horn 4331	NMC-517414
Horn 4332	NMC-517415
Horn 4333	NMC-517416
Horn 4334	NMC-517417
Horn 4424	NMC-441878
Horn 4425	NMC-441879
Horn 4426	NMC-441880
Horn 4427	NMC-441881
Horn 4428	NMC-441882
Horn 4429	NMC-441883
Horn 4430	NMC-441884
Horn 4431	NMC-441885
Horn 4432	NMC-441886

CLAIM NAME

BLM SERIAL NO.

Horn 4433	NMC-441887
Horn 4434	NMC-441888
Horn 4435	NMC-441889
Horn 4436	NMC-441890
Horn 4437	NMC-441891
Horn 4443	NMC-441897
Horn 4444	NMC-441898
Horn 4445	NMC-441899
Horn 4446	NMC-441900
Horn 4447	NMC-441901
Horn 4448	NMC-441902
Horn 4449	NMC-441903
Horn 4524	NMC-441908
Horn 4525	NMC-441909
Horn 4526	NMC-441910
Horn 4527	NMC-441911
Horn 4528	NMC-441912
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Horn 4530	NMC-441914
Horn 4531	NMC-441915
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Horn 4544	NMC-441928
Horn 4545	NMC-441929
Horn 4546	NMC-441930
Horn 4547	NMC-441931
Horn 4548	NMC-441932
Horn 4549	NMC-441933
Horn 4550	NMC-441934
Horn 4551	NMC-441935
Horn 4552	NMC-441936
Horn 4553	NMC-441937
Horn 4554	NMC-441938

CLAIM NAME SERIAL NO.

Horn 4555 NMC-441939
Horn 4556 NMC-441940

Horn 4652 NMC-441973
Horn 4653 NMC-441974
Horn 4654 NMC-441975
Horn 4655 NMC-441976
Horn 4656 NMC-441977

Horn 4755 NMC-442013
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Horn 5064 NMC-442147

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Horn 5168 NMC-442161

Horn 5264 NMC-442175
Horn 5265 NMC-442176
Horn 5266 NMC-442177

CLAIM NAME SERIAL NO.

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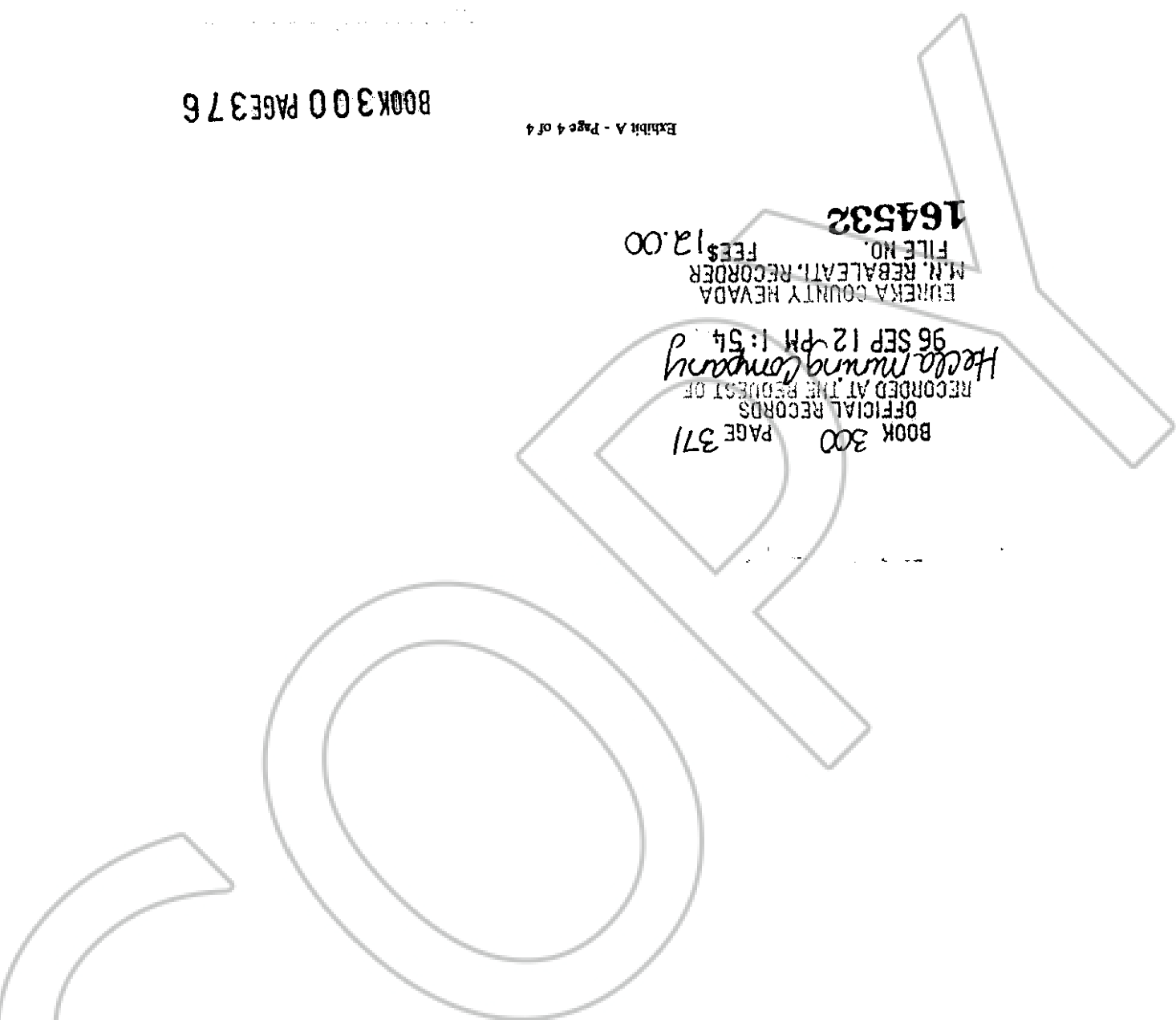
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