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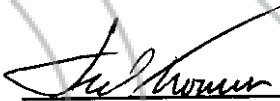
**AFFIDAVIT OF PAYMENT OF ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FEES &
NOTICE OF INTENT TO HOLD UNPATENTED MINING CLAIMS
COUNTY OF EUREKA, STATE OF NEVADA
(BUCKHORN PROJECT - 25 UNPATENTED CLAIMS & MILLSITES)**

State of Idaho)
) ss.
County of Kootenai)

The Undersigned, Jed M. Thomas, certifies that the annual maintenance fees in lieu of annual assessment work for the 1995-1996 assessment year, in the amount of \$2,500.00, were paid to the U.S. Department of the Interior, State of Nevada Office of the Bureau of Land Management, pursuant to the Interior Department and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1993, Public Law 103-66 of August 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 312, for each of the 25 unpatented mining claims or millsites further described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, which claims are located in the County of Eureka, State of Nevada.

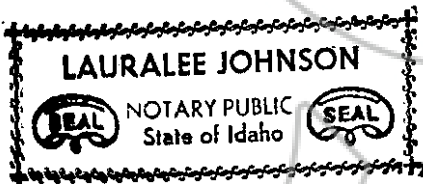
These fees were paid by Equinox Resources, Inc. (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hecla Mining Company) on behalf of Cominco American Resources Incorporated, whose address is E. 15120 Euclid Avenue, Spokane, Washington 99216-1896, and Buckhorn Mines Co., whose address is 875 Cherry Terrace, Susanville, California 96130, the owners of said claims as listed in Exhibit "A", for the purpose of complying with the laws of the United States and the State of Nevada, and for the purpose of holding said claims.


HECLA MINING COMPANY



Jed M. Thomas, Agent

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of OCTOBER, 1996.





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

EXHIBIT A

Buckhorn Group of Unpatented Millsites & Placer Mining Claims

The following unpatented placer claim and 24 millsite claims are situated in Section 14, Township 26 North, Range 49 East, and Sections 31 and 32, Township 27 North, Range 49 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Eureka County, State of Nevada.

<u>Claim Name</u>	<u>BLM Serial Number</u>
Jughead Placer	NMC-116475
Rim 1 Millsite	NMC-280831
Rim 2 Millsite	NMC-280832
Rim 3 Millsite	NMC-280833
Rim 4 Millsite	NMC-280834
Buckhorn 1 Millsite	NMC-293862
Buckhorn 2 Millsite	NMC-293863
Buckhorn 3 Millsite	NMC-293864
Buckhorn 4 Millsite	NMC-293865
Buckhorn 5 Millsite	NMC-293866
Buckhorn 6 Millsite	NMC-293867
Buckhorn 7 Millsite	NMC-293868
Buckhorn 8 Millsite	NMC-293869
Buckhorn 9 Millsite	NMC-293870
Buckhorn 10 Millsite	NMC-293871
Buckhorn 11 Millsite	NMC-293872
Buckhorn 12 Millsite	NMC-293873
Buckhorn 13 Millsite	NMC-293874
Buckhorn 14 Millsite	NMC-293875
Buckhorn 15 Millsite	NMC-293876
Buckhorn 16 Millsite	NMC-293877
Buckhorn 17 Millsite	NMC-293878
Buckhorn 18 Millsite	NMC-293879
Buckhorn 19 Millsite	NMC-293880
Buckhorn 20 Millsite	NMC-293881

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