

WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:
Hemlo Gold Mines (USA) Inc.
P. O. Box 7176
Reno, Nevada 89510

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AMENDED AFFIDAVIT OF PAYMENT OF RENTAL FEES
AND MAINTENANCE FEES AND OF INTENTION TO HOLD

STATE OF NEVADA)
)§
COUNTY OF WASHOE)

The undersigned Affiant, being first duly sworn, under penalty of perjury, states as follows:

1. Affiant is the agent for purposes of this Amended Affidavit of Edward L. Devenyns and David R. Ernst, the owners (Owners) of the mining claims (the "Claims") more particularly described in the list set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof and Affiant is duly authorized to execute this Amended Affidavit.


2. The names of the Claims, the United States Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") and county recording information are more particularly set forth in Exhibit "A".

3. Hemlo Gold Mines (USA) Inc. has paid to the BLM on or before August 31, 1996, a maintenance fee in the amount of \$100.00 for each claim, pursuant to Sections 10101-10106 of the 1993 Act. Such payment was made to hold the Claims described on this Amended Affidavit together with other claims for the assessment year ending at noon on September 1, 1997 as required by the 1993 Act.

4. By such payments and by Owners' compliance with applicable federal and state mining laws and regulations, and by this Amended Affidavit, Owners intend and hereby provide notification of its intention to hold and maintain all of its right, title and interest in and to each of the Claims through the end of the assessment year ending at noon on September 1, 1997.

5. This Amended Affidavit of Payment of Rental Fees and Maintenance Fees and of Intention to Hold (hereinafter "Amended Affidavit") evidences the amendment of an existing Affidavit of Payment of Rental Fees and Maintenance Fees and of Intention to Hold (hereinafter the "Affidavit") which is recorded in the official records of Eureka County, Nevada in Book 300 at Page 325. In the original Affidavit, Exhibit A thereto erroneously described the Certificates of Location for the Ice #142 through Ice #171 as being recorded in Eureka County records in Book 147. In fact, Certificates of Location for the Ice #142 through Ice #171 claims are recorded in Eureka County Records in Book 146 and as further described on Exhibit A of this Amended Affidavit. This Amended Affidavit is being filed for the express purpose of correcting the error described in the preceding two sentences and without prejudice to or waiver or abandonment of existing rights maintained by the original Affidavit.

6. Affiant executes this Amended Affidavit on the 4th day of February, 1997.


Daniel W. Schneider, as Authorized
Agent on behalf of Owners

This instrument was signed, sworn to and before me on February 4th, 1997.





Notary Public for the State of Nevada
Residing at Reno, Nevada
My commission expires May 7, 1998

Exhibit A
to that certain Amended Affidavit of Payment of Rental Fees
and Maintenance Fees and of Intention to Hold

<u>Claim Name</u>	<u>County Recordation</u>	<u>BLM Serial Nos.</u>
Ice 142	146:476	NMC 371945
Ice 143	146:477	NMC 371946
Ice 144	146:478	NMC 371947
Ice 145	146:479	NMC 371948
Ice 146	146:480	NMC 371949
Ice 147	146:481	NMC 371950
Ice 148	146:482	NMC 371951
Ice 149	146:483	NMC 371952
Ice 150	146:484	NMC 371953
Ice 151	146:485	NMC 371954
Ice 152	146:486	NMC 371955
Ice 153	146:487	NMC 371956
Ice 154	146:488	NMC 371957
Ice 155	146:489	NMC 371958
Ice 156	146:490	NMC 371959
Ice 157	146:491	NMC 371960
Ice 158	146:492	NMC 371961
Ice 159	146:493	NMC 371962
Ice 160	146:494	NMC 371963
Ice 161	146:495	NMC 371964
Ice 162	146:496	NMC 371965
Ice 163	146:497	NMC 371966
Ice 164	146:498	NMC 371967
Ice 165	146:499	NMC 371968
Ice 166	146:500	NMC 371969
Ice 167	146:501	NMC 371970
Ice 168	146:502	NMC 371971
Ice 169	146:503	NMC 371972
Ice 170	146:504	NMC 371973
Ice 171	146:505	NMC 371974

The above listed claims are located in Sections 1 & 2, T23.5N R49E; Section 6, T23.5N R50E; and Sections 25 & 26; T24N R49E, Eureka County, Nevada.