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*Bill Jones*  
Secretary of State

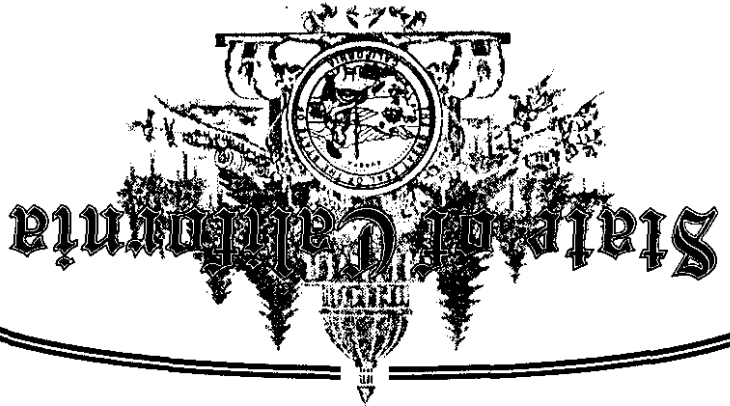
28th day of April, 1997

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute  
this certificate and affix the Great  
Seal of the State of California this*



I, BILL JONES, Secretary of State of the State of California, hereby  
certify:  
That on the 16th day of November, 1953, AMERICAN EXPLORATION & MINING  
CO. became incorporated under the laws of the State of California by  
filing its Articles of Incorporation in this office.  
That on the 1st day of May, 1973, there was filed an Amendment whereby  
Article 1 of the Articles of Incorporation of AMERICAN EXPLORATION &  
MINING CO. was amended to set forth a change of corporate name to:  
PLACER AMEX INC.  
That on the 16th day of November, 1983, there was filed an Amendment  
whereby Article 1 of PLACER AMEX INC. was amended to set forth a change  
of corporate name to: PLACER U.S. INC.  
That on the 1st day of October, 1987, there was filed an Amendment whereby  
Article 1 of PLACER U.S. INC. was amended to set forth a change of  
corporate name to: PLACER DOME U.S. INC.  
That said Certificate of Amendment, filed on October 1, 1987, is the last  
amendment for a change of corporate name regarding the above corporation  
on file in this office.

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M.N. REBALATI, RECORDER  
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*Blair, Don USA Inc*  
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