

APPOINTMENT OF AGENT AND ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

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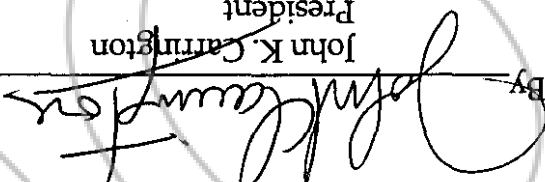
BARRICK GOLD EXPLORATION INC.

Barrick Gold Exploration Inc. (the "Corporation"), an Ohio corporation, having an office at 293 Spruce Road, Elko, Nevada 89801, does hereby constitute and appoint Brad L. Doores of Toronto, Ontario, as Agent and Attorney-in-Fact of the Corporation, to execute and deliver for and on behalf of the Corporation an asset purchase agreement (the "Agreement") dated June 3, 1997 among the Corporation, Atlas Corporation, Atlas Gold Mining Inc. and Atlas Precious Metals Inc. relating to the acquisition (the "Acquisition") by the Corporation of certain lands located in Eureka County, Nevada on the terms and conditions set out in the Agreement.

Said Agent and Attorney-in-Fact is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all such other documents, papers and affidavits necessary or required in connection with the Transaction and to take such other steps as may be legally required in connection with the Transaction. Barrick Gold Exploration Inc. does hereby ratify and confirm any and all proper acts pertaining to the Agreement or the Transaction as said Agent may undertake on behalf of the Corporation.

DATED this 2nd day of June, 1997.

BARRICK GOLD EXPLORATION INC.

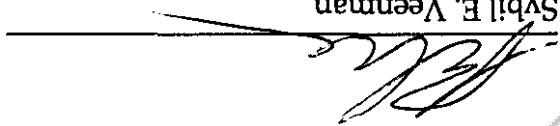
By 
John K. Carrington
President

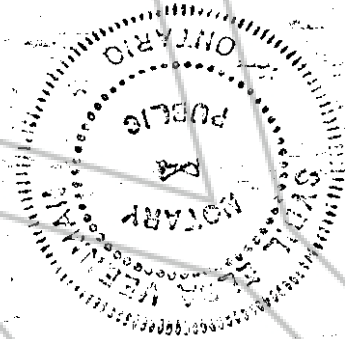
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On June 2, 1997, personally appeared before me, a notary public, John K. Carrington, President of Barrick Gold Exploration Inc., an Ohio corporation, and personally known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the above instrument who acknowledged that he executed the instrument.


Sybil E. Veenman
Notary Public
Resident at Toronto, Ontario



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