

WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:

Battle Mountain Gold Company
P. O. Box 7176
Reno, Nevada 89510

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

STATE OF NEVADA)
COUNTY OF WASHOE)
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The undersigned Affiant, being first duly sworn, under penalty of perjury, states as follows:

1. Affiant is the agent for purposes of this Affidavit and the rental and maintenance fee payments referred herein, of Battle Mountain Exploration Company and Edward L. Devenys 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 Affidavit.

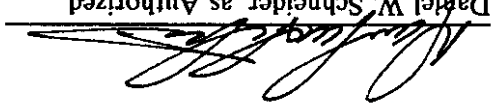
2. The names of the Claims, the United States Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") and county recording information are more particularly set forth in Exhibit "A".

3. Hemlo Gold Mines (USA) Inc. (predecessor in interest to Battle Mountain Exploration Company) has paid to the BLM on or before August 31, 1996, a maintenance fee in the amount of \$100 for each Claim, pursuant to Sections 10101-10106 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of August 10, 1993 (Pub. L. 103-66, 107 Stat. 312, 30 U.S.C. §§ 281 et seq.) (the "1993 Act"). Such payment was made to hold the Claims for the Assessment year ending at noon on September 1, 1997 as required by the 1993 Act.

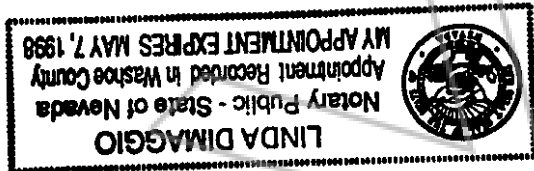
4. Battle Mountain Exploration Company has paid to the BLM on or before August 31, 1997, a maintenance fee in the amount of \$100.00 for each claim, pursuant to Sections 10101-10106 of the 1993 Act. Such payment was made to hold the Claims for the assessment year ending at noon on September 1, 1998 as required by the 1993 Act.

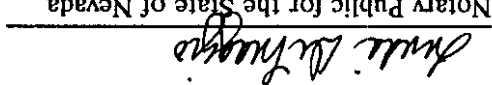
5. By such payments and by Battle Mountain Exploration Company's and Owners' compliance with applicable federal and state mining laws and regulations, and by this Affidavit, Battle Mountain Exploration Company and Owners intend and hereby provide notification of its intention to hold and maintain all 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, 1998.

6. Affiant executes this Affidavit on the 2nd day of September, 1997.


Daniel W. Schneider, as Authorized
Agent on behalf of Battle Mountain
Exploration Company

This instrument was signed, sworn to and before me on September 2, 1997.




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

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

BLM Serial Nos.

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