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Atlas Corporation
370 Seventeenth St., Suite 3050
Denver, CO 80202-5610

**AFFIDAVIT OF PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO HOLD MINING CLAIMS AND/OR MILL SITES**

STATE OF COLORADO)
)
COUNTY OF DENVER)

The undersigned Affiant, being first duly sworn, under penalty of perjury, states as follows:
1. Affiant is the agent of Atlas Corporation ("Atlas"), whose address is 370 Seventeenth Street, Suite 3050, Denver, CO 80202-5610, who owns, leases or otherwise controls the unpatented mining claims more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto ("the Claims").

2. The Owner(s) of the Claims and the Owner's address is/are:

Atlas Precious Metals Inc.
370 Seventeenth Street, Suite 3050
Denver, CO 80202-5610

3. Atlas hereby certifies that, on its own behalf or on behalf of the Owner, it timely paid the required Federal claim maintenance fees to maintain the Claims in good standing for the assessment year ending September 1, 1997.

4. Pursuant to and in compliance with Federal mining laws and regulations, Atlas has paid to the appropriate state office of the United States Bureau of Land Management on or before August 31, 1996, a maintenance fee in the amount of \$100.00 for each of the Claims, and Atlas (or Atlas on behalf of the Owner) intends to hold the Claims in good standing through the assessment year ending September 1, 1998.

5. There are 4 Claims listed on Exhibit A.

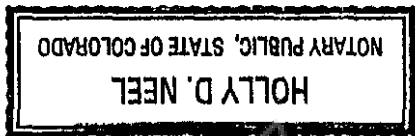
Affiant executes this Affidavit on the 14th day of August, 1997.

Gregg B. Shafter
Gregg B. Shafter
As Agent on behalf of Atlas Corporation and Owner

Signed and sworn to before me on August 14th, 1997, by Gregg B. Shafter as Agent for Atlas Corporation and Owner.

Holly D. Neel
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: Dec 8, 1997



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EXHIBIT A

The following unpatented lode mining claims situated in Sections 27, 28 & 33, T 22 N - R 49 E, MDM, in Eureka County, Nevada:

CLAIM NAME	NMC #	BLM	BOOK	PAGE
Tail 8	684355		255	222
Tail 9	684356		255	223
Tail 10	684357		255	224
Tail 11	684358		255	225

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