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**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 12 Claims listed on Exhibit A.

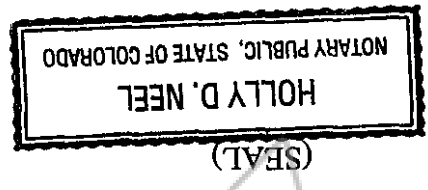
Affiant executes this Affidavit on the 14th day of August, 1997.

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.

Ally A. Neel
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: Dec 8, 1997



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EXHIBIT A

The following unpatented lode mining claims situated in Sections 26, 27, and 35, T 22 N - R 49 E, MDM, in Eureka County, Nevada:

CLAIM NAME	BLM	NMC#	BOOK	PAGE
WAH 24, as amended		293572	143	159
WAH 25, as amended		293573	143	160
WAH 26, as amended		293574	128	301
WAH 27, as amended		293575	143	161
WAH 28, as amended		293576	128	303
WAH 30, as amended		293578	128	305
WAH 32, as amended		293580	128	307
WAH 34, as amended		293582	128	309
WAH 36, as amended		293584	128	311
WAH 38, as amended		293586	128	313
WAH 40, as amended		293588	128	315
WAH 41, as amended		293589	128	316

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