



My Commission Expires:

Notary Public

Kara S. Porter

Corporation.

1997, by Thomas M. Roesch, Regional Landman and agent for Santa Fe Pacific Gold

ACKNOWLEDGED, SUBSCRIBED and SWORN TO before me on July 16

STATE OF NEVADA)
COUNTY OF WASHOE)
ss.

Agent for Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation

[Signature]

Santa Fe has paid a maintenance fee of \$100 and met the federal fee requirements for each of the Claims for the year beginning September 1, 1997 through September 1, 1998 as required by Public Law 103-66, 107 Stat. 312 and 43 C.F.R. Part 3830 (and, to the extent applicable to any of the Claims, the Act of August 11, 1955, 69 Stat. 681 and 43 C.F.R. Part 3730, and the Act of April 8, 1948, 62 Stat. 162 and 43 C.F.R. Subpart 3821), in lieu of the suspended assessment work and filing requirements of 30 U.S.C. § 28-28e and 43 U.S.C. § 1744 (a) and (c). This affidavit is made pursuant to N.R.S. § 517.230.

It is the intention of Santa Fe and the owners of the Claims leased or otherwise controlled by Santa Fe to maintain and develop the Claims as is provided for by law, and to hold the same to and through 11:59 a.m., September 1, 1997.

Elwood Wright
P. O. Box 25
Crescent Valley, NV 89821

Duane L. Smith
167 Summit Drive
Smithfield, UT 84335

owner/owners of the Claims is/are:

Santa Fe, whose address is 555 Fifth Street, Elko, Nevada 89801 leases the unpatented mining claims described and listed on EXHIBIT A, attached hereto (the "Claims"). The

I, Thomas M. Roesch, Regional Landman and agent of Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Santa Fe"), being first duly sworn, verifies and states as follows:

**AFFIDAVIT/NOTICE OF INTENTION TO HOLD
MINING CLAIMS AND SITES.
NOTICE OF PAYMENT OF ANNUAL FEES**

STATE OF NEVADA)
COUNTY OF EUREKA)
ss.

AND RETURN TO:
Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation
Land Department
555 Fifth Street
Elko, Nevada 89801

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168705

Mill Canyon
29-142-0002

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EXHIBIT A
EUREKA County, Nevada
MILL CANYON Project

29-142-0002

RECORDING DATA

BLM SERIAL
NUMBERS

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CLAIM NAMES

N MC 551457-551478
N MC 567630-567652

196 423-444
201 234-256

FAN 1-22
FORTUNE 1-23
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Located in Sec. 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 27N-48E, Sec. 33 28N-48E

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Doris A. Page, M.D.

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EUREKA COUNTY NEVADA

M.N. REBALANCE, RECORDER

FILE NO. 168705
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