

RECORDED AT THE REQUEST OF
AND RETURN TO:

Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation
Land Department
555 Fifth Street
Elko, Nevada 89801

STATE OF NEVADA
COUNTY OF EUREKA

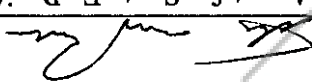
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**AFFIDAVIT/NOTICE OF INTENTION TO HOLD
MINING CLAIMS AND SITES,
NOTICE OF PAYMENT OF ANNUAL FEES**

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:

Santa Fe, whose address is 555 Fifth Street, Elko, Nevada 89801 owns or controls the unpatented mining claims described and listed on EXHIBIT A, attached hereto (the "Claims"). It is the intention of 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.

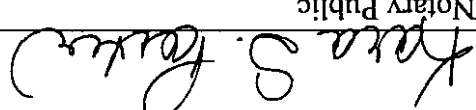
Santa Fe has paid a maintenance fee of \$100 and met the federal fee requirements for each of the Claims for the year beginning September 1, 1997 through September 1, 1998 as required by Public Law 103-66, 107 Stat. 312 and 43 C.F.R. Part 3830 (and, to the extent applicable to any of the Claims, the 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.


Agent for Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation

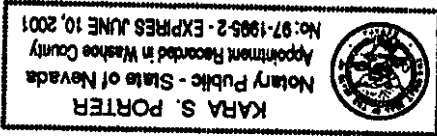
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ACKNOWLEDGED, SUBSCRIBED and SWORN TO before me on August 19, 1997, by Thomas M. Roesch, Regional Landman and agent for Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation.


Kara S. Porter
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
June 10, 2001



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RECORDING DATA

CLAIM NAMES	BOOK	PAGE	INSTRUMENT	BLM SERIAL NUMBERS
MLC 1-13 /	224	436-448	N MC 629993-630005	
SCHOOL 1-55 /	237	65-119	N MC 655464-655518	
(Claims on page: 68 / Cumulative claims: 68)				
Located in Sec. 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 16 27N-48E, Sec. 33, 34 28N-48E				

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