

AFFIDAVIT AND NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO HOLD MINING CLAIMS AND SITES

State of Nevada )  
County of Elko )  
ss. )

Richard J. Moorhead, first being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am the Manager of Lands, U.S., of NEWMONT EXPLORATION LIMITED, a Delaware corporation ("Newmont"), and am personally acquainted with the matters described herein.

Newmont, whose address is 555 Fifth Street, Elko, Nevada 89801, owns the unpatented mining claims described in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Claims").

It is the intention of Newmont 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.

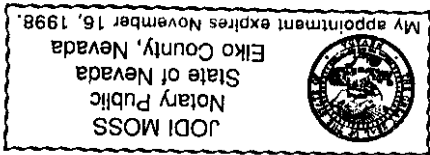
Newmont has paid a maintenance fee of \$100 and met the federal fee requirements for each of the claims for the assessment year ending September 1, 1997, as required by Public Law 103-66, 107 Stat. 312 and 43 C.F.R. Part 3830 (and, to the extent applicable to any of the claims, the Act of August 11, 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.

*[Signature]*  
Richard J. Moorhead

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 13 day of October, 1997, by Richard J. Moorhead.

*[Signature]*

Notary Public



REPORT : EXHIBITA

Company Name : NEWMONT EXPLORATION LIMITED  
State : NEVADA  
Project : TS - TNA

EXHIBIT A

Block Name : BOOK 1-10

Lead File

| BLM Serial # | Claim Name | County | Book & Page Or Document # | Amended Book & Page or Document # | TWP | RGE | SEC | QTR | Meridian |
|--------------|------------|--------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| NMC 674481   | BOOK 1     | EUREKA | 244                       | 93                                | 36N | 50E | 21  | NW  | MDM      |
| NMC 674482   | BOOK 2     | EUREKA | 244                       | 94                                | 36N | 50E | 21  | SW  | MDM      |
| NMC 674483   | BOOK 3     | EUREKA | 244                       | 95                                | 36N | 50E | 21  | NE  | MDM      |
| NMC 674484   | BOOK 4     | EUREKA | 244                       | 96                                | 36N | 50E | 21  | SE  | MDM      |
| NMC 674485   | BOOK 5     | EUREKA | 244                       | 97                                | 36N | 50E | 21  | SW  | MDM      |
| NMC 674486   | BOOK 6     | EUREKA | 244                       | 98                                | 36N | 50E | 21  | NW  | MDM      |
| NMC 674487   | BOOK 7     | EUREKA | 244                       | 99                                | 36N | 50E | 21  | SW  | MDM      |
| NMC 674488   | BOOK 8     | EUREKA | 244                       | 100                               | 36N | 50E | 21  | SE  | MDM      |
| NMC 674489   | BOOK 9     | EUREKA | 244                       | 101                               | 36N | 50E | 21  | SW  | MDM      |
| NMC 674490   | BOOK 10    | EUREKA | 244                       | 102                               | 36N | 50E | 21  | SW  | MDM      |

Total Count for Claim Block : 10

Count of Claims by County

EUREKA

10

REPORT : EXHIBITA

| Total County | Count |
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| EUREKA       | 10    |

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OFFICIAL RECORDS  
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*Thurmont Corporation Ltd*  
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