

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.

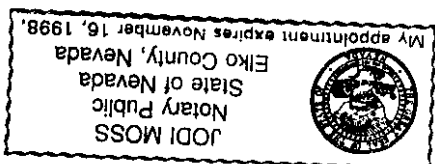
Newmont, whose address is 555 Fifth Street, Elko, Nevada
89801, leases the unpatented mining claims described in Exhibit A
attached hereto (the "Claims"). The owner of the Claims is AU
Properties, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, whose
address is 3120 Osprey Road, Eagle, Idaho 83616.

It is the intention of Newmont and the owner of the Claims
leased or otherwise controlled by 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.

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

Notary Public



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Company Name : NEWMONT EXPLORATION LIMITED
State : NEVADA
Project : RICHMOND DISTRICT-NEL

Block Name : IB 1-36

Lead File

BLM Serial #	Claim Name	County	Book & Page Or Document #	Amended Book & Page or Document #	TWP	RGE	SEC	QTR	Meridian
NMC 343409	IB # 1	EUREKA	137	39	34N	50E	16	SE	MDM
NMC 343410	IB # 2	EUREKA	137	40	34N	50E	16	NE	MDM
NMC 343411	IB # 3	EUREKA	137	41	34N	50E	16	SE	MDM
NMC 343412	IB # 4	EUREKA	137	42	34N	50E	16	NE	MDM
NMC 343413	IB # 5	EUREKA	137	43	34N	50E	16	SE	MDM
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NMC 343415	IB # 7	EUREKA	137	45	34N	50E	16	SE	MDM
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NMC 343418	IB # 10	EUREKA	137	48	34N	50E	16	SW	MDM
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NMC 343424	IB # 16	EUREKA	137	54	34N	50E	16	NW	MDM
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NMC 343439	IB # 31	EUREKA	137	69	34N	50E	16	NW	MDM		

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NMC 343440	IB # 32	EUREKA		137	70	34N	50E	09	SW	MDM
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Total Count for Claim Block : 36

Count of Claims by County
EUREKA 36

Total County Count
EUREKA 36

Total Claim count for this Exhibit : 36

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OFFICIAL RECORDS
RECORDED AT THE REQUEST OF
Newmont Exploration
97 OCT 14 PM 2:04
EUREKA COUNTY NEVADA
M.M. REBALEATI, RECORDER
FILE NO. 168752
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