

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.

[Signature]
Richard J. Moorhead

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

Notary Public

JODI MOSS
Notary Public
State of Nevada
Elko County, Nevada
My appointment expires November 16, 1998.

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REPORT : EXHIBITA

Company Name : NEWMONT EXPLORATION LIMITED
 State : NEVADA
 Project : TS - MAGGIE CREEK

EXHIBIT A

Block Name : OS (DAVIS)

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Lead File	BLM Serial #	Claim Name	County	Book & Page Or Document #	Amended Book & Page Or Document #	TMP	RGE	SEC	QTR	Meridian
	NMC 346693	OS #1	EUREKA	137 486		34N	51E	28	SW	MDM
	NMC 346694	OS #2	EUREKA	137 487		34N	51E	28	SW	MDM
	NMC 346695	OS #3	EUREKA	137 488		34N	51E	28	NW	MDM
	NMC 346696	OS #4	EUREKA	137 489		34N	51E	28	NW	MDM
	NMC 346697	OS FRACTION	EUREKA	137 490		34N	51E	28	SW	MDM
	NMC 702849	OS 3A	EUREKA	273 183		34N	51E	21	SW	MDM

Total Count for Claim Block : 6

Count of Claims by County

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Total County Count

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