

Recording requested by and return to:

Buckhorn South Project
Eureka County, Nevada

INDEPENDENCE MINING COMPANY INC.
Attention: Land Assistant
5251 DTC Parkway, Suite 700
Englewood, Colorado 80111

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**AFFIDAVIT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO HOLD
UNPATENTED LODGE MINING CLAIMS**

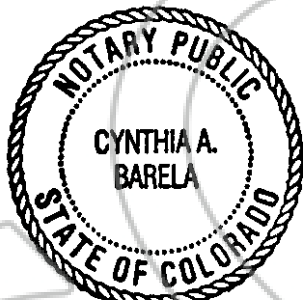
STATE OF COLORADO)
) SS.
COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE)

INDEPENDENCE MINING COMPANY INC., by and through its agent, Jerry W. Bateman, certifies that as the owner of the unpatented lode mining claims situated in Eureka County, Nevada which are listed in Exhibit A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, it intends to hold such mining claims from 12 p.m. on September 1, 1998 until 11:59 a.m. on September 1, 1999. The required federal maintenance fees were paid on or before August 31, 1998 in order to hold the mining claims for the assessment year ending at noon on September 1, 1999.

The owner of the 265 unpatented lode mining claims listed in Exhibit A is:

Independence Mining Company Inc.
5251 DTC Parkway, Suite 700
Englewood, Colorado 80111

DATED this 5th day of August, 1998.



INDEPENDENCE MINING COMPANY INC.

By Jerry W. Bateman
Agent

SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE
ME THIS 5th DAY OF AUGUST, 1998
BY JERRY W. BATEMAN.

Cynthia A. Barela
NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires December 23, 1998.

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**EXHIBIT A
TO
AFFIDAVIT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO HOLD
UNPATENTED LODE MINING CLAIMS**

<u>CLAIM NAME</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT YEAR TO WHICH PAYMENT APPLIES</u>	<u>FEDERAL MAINTENANCE FEES PAID (\$)</u>	<u>BLM SERIAL NO.</u>
OWNER: IMC			
ZEKE 1 - 18	1999	1,800.00	NMC - 140112-140129
ZEKE 21 - 23	1999	300.00	NMC - 140130-140132
ZEKE 25, 26	1999	200.00	NMC - 140133, 140134
ZEKE 29 - 78	1999	5,000.00	NMC - 303126-303175
ZEKE 80 - 90	1999	1,100.00	NMC - 303177-303187
ZEKE 103 - 136	1999	3,400.00	NMC - 400781-400814
ZEKE 139	1999	100.00	NMC - 419628
ZEKE 140 - 142	1999	300.00	NMC - 419629-419631
ZEKE 143 - 148	1999	600.00	NMC - 419632-419637
ZEKE 15A, 17A, 18A	1999	300.00	NMC - 563812-563814
ZEKE 301 - 345	1999	4,500.00	NMC - 697311-697355
ZEKE 346 - 374	1999	2,900.00	NMC - 702340-702368
ZEKE 375 - 434	1999	<u>6,000.00</u>	NMC - 717212-717271
		\$26,500.00	TOTAL

All of the herein-identified claims are situated in Sections 1 and 12, Township 26 North, Range 48 East; Sections 5 - 7 and 18, Township 27 North, Range 49 East; Sections 5 - 8, and 16 - 21, Township 26 North, Range 49 East; and Section 36, Township 27 North, Range 48 East, all in Eureka County, Nevada.

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EUREKA COUNTY NEVADA
M.N. REBALEATI, RECORDER
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