

State of Nevada)                ss.  
County of Elko )

I am the Manager of Lands, U.S., of NEWMONT GOLD COMPANY, 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 owners of the Claims are Drury J. Thiercof and Frances Mae Thiercof, whose address is P.O. Box 818, Carlin, Nevada 89822.

It is the intention of Newmont and the owners 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, 1999.

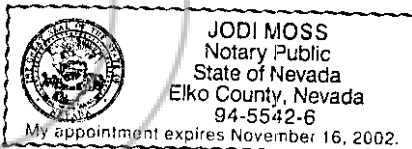
Newmont has paid a maintenance fee of \$100 and met the federal fee requirements for each of the Claims for the assessment year ending September 1, 1999, as required by Public Law 103-66, 107 Stat. 312 and 43 C.F.R. Part 3830 (and, to the extent applicable to any of the Claims, the Act of August 11, 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. Moorh

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 20 day of October 1999, by Richard J. Moorhead.

Jodi Moss  
Notary Public

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Company Name : NEWMONT GOLD COMPANY  
State : NEVADA  
Project : NEWMONT/BARRICK HD VENTURE  
Block Name : DIXIE LEA/BACK PAY

BLM Serial #	Claim Name	County	Book & Page or Document #	Amended Book & Page or Document #	TWP	RGE	SEC	QTR	Meridian
NMC 27470	DIXIE LEA	EUREKA	29	200	35N	51E	18	NW	MDM
NMC 27471	DIXIE LEA NO. 1	EUREKA	29	201	35N	50E	07	SW	MDM
NMC 27472	BACK PAY	EUREKA	29	187	35N	51E	18	NW	MDM
NMC 27473	BACK PAY NO. 1	EUREKA	29	188	35N	50E	12	NE	MDM
Total Count for Claim Block : 4					35N	51E	18	NW	MDM
Count of Claims by County									
EUREKA					4				

Total County Count  
EUREKA 4  
Total Claim count for this Exhibit : 4

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OFFICIAL RECORDS  
RECORDED AT THE REQUEST OF  
*Newmont Gold Company*  
99 OCT 22 PM 1:23  
EUREKA COUNTY NEVADA  
M.N. REBALEATI, RECORDER  
FILE NO. FEES \$22.00

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