

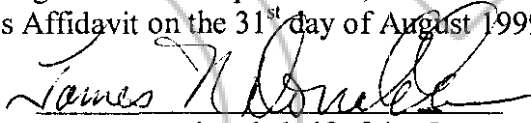
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AFFIDAVIT OF PAYMENT OF  
ADVANCE RENTAL FEES  
AND INTENTION TO HOLD MINING CLAIMS  
ASSESSMENT YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 2000

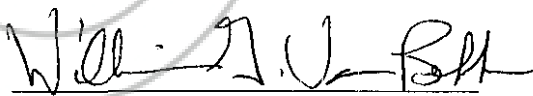
STATE OF COLORADO     )  
                                      ) ss.  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON    )

The undersigned Affiant, first being duly sworn, under penalty of perjury, states as follows:

1. Affiant is the agent of Lexam Explorations (U.S.A.) Inc., formerly known as Challenger Gold, Inc., the owner or claimant ("Owner") of the unpatented mining claims more particularly described in the list set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated by this reference (the "Claims") and is duly authorized to execute this Affidavit.
2. The address of the owner is:  
Lexam Explorations (U.S.A.) Inc.  
P.O. Box 150158  
Lakewood, Colorado 80215
3. The names of the claims, The United States Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") serial numbers and recording information in the Counties of Elko and Eureka, State of Nevada are more particularly set forth in Exhibit A hereto.
4. Owner has paid to the BLM on or before the end of the Assessment year ending September 1, 1999, an advance rental fee in the amount of \$100.00 for each claim, pursuant to Pub. L. 102-381, 106 Stat. 1374, 1378-79 ("October 5, 1992) (the "Act"). Such payment was made to hold the claims for the assessment year ending at noon on September 1, 2000, as required by the Act.
5. By such payments, by the Owner's compliance with applicable mining laws, and by this Affidavit, Owner intends to hold and maintain all of its right, title and interest in and to each of the claims through the end of the assessment year ending at noon on September 1, 2000.
6. Affiant executes this Affidavit on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1999.

  
As agent and on behalf of the Owner

Subscribed and sworn to me this 31st day of August 1999 by James N. Donaldson.

  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 7/10/2000.

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to  
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LX CLAIMS

CLAIM NAMES	DATE RECORDED	BOOK	PAGES	BLM SERIAL NOS.
LX 1 – 87	January 22, 1999	325	008-094	171767 – 171853

All of the above claims are located in T25N, R49E, M.D.B. & M., in Eureka County, Nevada.

Total LX Claims – 87

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OFFICIAL RECORDS  
RECORDED AT THE REQUEST OF  
*Lexam Exploration*  
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EUREKA COUNTY NEVADA  
M.N. REBALEATI, RECORDER  
FILE NO. FEES *478.50*

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