

SHORT FORM OF MINING LEASE

SHORT FORM MINING LEASE is made this 28th day of September, 2000, by and between J. NORMAN REBALEATI and MAXINE P. REBALEATI, husband and wife, and MICHAEL N. REBALEATI a married man dealing with his sole and separate property, (collectively "Owner") and HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, a California corporation having its principal place of business at 1600 Riviera Avenue, Suite 200, Walnut Creek, California 94596-3568 ("Homestake").

1. Lease and term. (a) Owner leases to Homestake all of the property described in Exhibit A, together with, (i) tailings, dumps and mine wastes, (ii) surface rights, easements and rights-of-way appurtenant incident thereto, and (iii) mining and mineral appurtenant or incident thereto useful or convenient for mining and related uses ("Mining Property").

(b) This Lease shall commence on the Effective Date and continue for an initial term of ten years.

(c) Homestake may extend this Lease for an additional ten-year term, and (ii) thereafter, if exploration, development or mining is then being conducted in connection with the Mining Property, for additional successive terms of ten years each.

2. Exclusive possession. Homestake shall have exclusive possession and quiet enjoyment of the Mining Property while this Lease is in effect.

3. Additional terms. Additional terms and conditions are contained in the full agreement between the parties. This Short Form of Mining Lease shall not modify said agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Lease as of the date first above written.

HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

By: [Signature]
Title: Vice President - Exploration
Print Name: William Lindqvist

[Signature]
J. Norman Rebale

[Signature]
Maxine P. Rebale

[Signature]
Michael N. Rebale

Exhibit A

The Mining Property that is the subject of this Short Form of Mining Lease are the following described lode mining claims and millsite located in Sections 27, 28, 33 and 34, Township 19 North, Range 53 East, D.B.&M., Eureka County, Nevada:

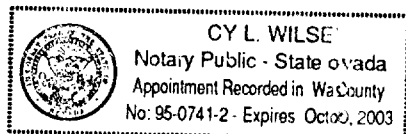
an undivided 11.6% interest in and to:

| <u>Mining Claim</u> | <u>Mineral Survey No.</u> | <u>Patent No.</u> | <u>Patented Acreage</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Cosmos | MS 227 | 11058 | 6.89 |
| Jones & Kyle | MS 278 | 18512 | 4.51 |
| Mary Ann | MS 272 | 17513 | 4.26 |
| Silver Brick | MS 226 | 17272 | 5.70 |
| Wolverine Lode | MS 277A | 15572 | 5.65 |
| Wolverine Mill S | MS 277B | 15572 | 5.00 |

STATE OF NEVADA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF WASIE)

On Sept. 28, 2000, before me, C. H. Wilsey, a duly commissioned Notary Public for said State, personally appeared, Wm. F. Lindquist, personally known to me to be the Vice President - Exploration of Homestake Mining Company of California, a California corporation, and personally known to me to be the person who executed the within instrument and on said oath stated that he was authorized to do so on behalf of said corporation

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name and affixed my official seal.



[SEAL]

C. H. Wilsey
Notary Public in and for said State
Residing at: Reno, NV

My Commission Expires: 10-10-03

STATE OF Nevada)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Eureka)

On Sept., 2000, before me, Glady Goicoechea, a duly commissioned Notary Public for said State, personally appeared, J. Norman Rebaleati and Maxine P. Rebaleati, husband and wife, personally known to me to be the persons who executed the within instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name and affixed my official seal.

[SEAL]

Glady Goicoechea
Notary Public in and for said State
Residing at: 580 S. Monroe St.
Eureka, Nevada
My Commission Expires: 10/28/2002

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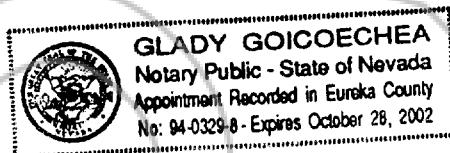
STATE OF Nevada)
COUNTY OF Eureka) ss.

On August 8, 2000, before me, Glady Goicoechea, a duly
commissioned Notary Public for said State, personally appeared, Michael N. Rebaleati, personally
known to me to be the person who executed the within instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name and affixed my official seal.

[SIL]

Glady Goicoechea
Notary Public in and for said State
Residing at: 580 S. Monroe St.
Eureka, NV 89316
My Commission Expires: 10/28/2002



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Honestake Mining
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EUREKA COUNTY NEVADA
M.N. REBALEATI, RECORDER
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