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ASSIGNMENT

This Assignment made effective this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1999 by and between **Oro Nevada Mining Company, Inc.**, Nevada corporation, Assignor, and **Placer Dome U.S., Inc.**, a Nevada corporation, Assignee.

RECITALS

1. On or about July 9, 1998, Oro Nevada Mining Company, Inc. (hereinafter "Oro Nevada") entered into an Amended Mineral Rights Lease (the "Lease") with Patricia Suzanne Primeaux. Such Lease is in full force and effect and is attached hereto as Exhibit "1."

2. On or about May 18, 1999, Oro Nevada and Placer Dome U.S., Inc. (hereinafter Placer Dome") entered into a Letter of Intent whereby Placer Dome agreed to purchase certain property from Oro Nevada including the tracts wherein Oro Nevada obtained interests in mineral rights on property within what is commonly called the Dean Ranch located in Lander and Eureka Counties, Nevada.

AGREEMENT

1. The parties hereto confirm that the Recitals set out above are true and correct.
2. For valuable consideration, Oro Nevada hereby assigns to Placer Dome all of its right, title and interest of whatsoever kind and character in and to the Lease. Placer Dome agrees to assume and hold Oro Nevada harmless in all obligations imposed upon lessee, sublessee or optionee, as the case may be from and after the date of this Assignment.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1999.

ORO NEVADA MINING COMPANY, INC.

PLACER DOME U.S., INC.

By [Signature]  
Its Vice President - Nevada CFO

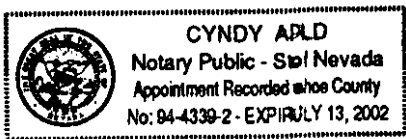
By [Signature]  
Its Director - Land/Legal Dept.

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COUNTY OF Washoe )  
 ) ss.  
STATE OF NEVADA, )

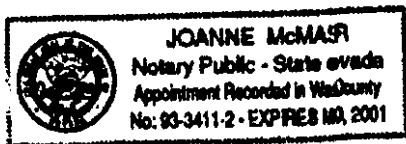
This instrument is acknowledged before me on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1999, by Felice Cavallera, as VP Finance & CFO of Oro Nevada Mining Company, Inc.



Cyndy Auld  
NOTARY PUBLIC

COUNTY OF WASHOE )  
 ) ss.  
STATE OF NEVADA, )

This instrument is acknowledged before me on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1999, by DENNIS LEE, as DIRECTOR - LAND/LEGAL DEPT. of Placer Dome U.S., Inc.



Joanne McMaster  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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Exhibit "1"

[The text of Lease, or than the description of the lands covered thereby, is intentionally omitted from this document, since the Lease provides for recording of a memorandum rather than the Lease itself.]

COPY

20. EXHIBIT

Property Description, Maynard Alves Ranch, Parcel Three

Parcel Three contains 27,981.88 acres

Ownership Minerals & Coal

• Filip Heirs	25.00%
Maynard Alves	12.50%
Ted Frome	12.50%
Ante & Ellen Primeaux	25.00%
Newan & Grace Robear	16.67%
Patricia Suzanne Primeaux	8.33%

1 of Parcel #3 except:

28N, R49E, Sec. 1, 3, 9, 15, 23,

28N, R50E, Sec. 1

29N, R50E, Sec. 21(copper Only), 27

Patricia Suzanne Primeaux 8.33%

the following segments of Parcel #3:

28N, R49E, Sec. 1, 3, 9, 15, 23,

28N, R50E, Sec. 1

29N, R50E, Sec. 21(copper Only), 27

Parcel Description:

<u>Township/Range</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Approx.</u> <u>Acres</u>
28N-49E	1	all	640.80
	3	all	640.68
	9	all	640.00
	11	all	640.00
	13	all	640.00
	15	all	640.00
	21	N1/2l	320.00
	23	all	640.00
	28N-50E	1	Lots 1, 2
3		Lots 1, 2	17.00
5		Lots 1, 2	15.99
7		all	625.57
9		all	640.00
11		all	640.00
13		all	640.00
15		all	640.00
17		all	640.00
19		all	628.28
21		all	640.00
23		all	640.00
28N-51E		5	all
	7	all	623.40
	9	all	640.00
29N-49E	11	all	640.00
	13	all	640.00

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<u>Township/Range</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Approx.</u> <u>Acres</u>
	23	all	640.00
	25	all	640.00
	27	all	640.00
	35	all	640.00
29N-50E	3	all	817.16
	5	all	816.20
	7	all	621.00
	9	all	640.00
	11	all	640.00
	13	E1/2, N1/2NW1/4, N1/2S1/2NW1/4, S1/2SW1/4, S1/2N1/2SW1/4	560.00
	15	all	640.00
	17	all	640.00
	19	all	624.00
	21	all	640.00
	23	all	640.00
	25	all	640.00
	27	all	640.00
	29	all	640.00
	31	all	625.80
	33	all	640.00
	35	all	640.00
29N-51E	31	all	590.40
	Total		<u>27,981.88</u>

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OFFICIAL RECORDS  
RECORDED AT THE REQUEST OF  
*Placer Dome U.S. Inc*  
01 JUN 13 PM 2:30  
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EUREKA COUNTY NEVADA  
M.N. REBALEATI, RECORDER  
FILE NO. FEE 2.00

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