

176704**ASSNMENT OF MINERAL RIGHTS LEASE**

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, **Placer Dome U.S. Inc.** California corporation, whose address is P.O. Box 2706, Elko, Nevada 89803 ("signor"), hereby assigns and conveys to the **Cortez Joint Venture**, a Nevada joiventure comprised of Placer Cortez Inc. and Kennecott Explorations (Australia) Ltd., whose address is HC66, Box 1250, Crescent Valley, Nevada 89821-1250 ("signee"), all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and under the following:

Amended Restated Mineral Rights Lease dated effective November 1998 by and between John Filippini, individual and as Agent for the Filippini heirs set out on Exhibit "A" hereto, as Lessor, and Oro Nevada Mining Company, Inc., a Nevada corporation, as Lessee, covering the property in Eureka and Lander Counties, Nevada more particularly described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

This assignment made without warranties, either express or implied.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Assignor has executed this assignment effective as of the 30th day of April 2001.

ASSIGNOR:

PLACER DOME U.S. INC.

By:

Brian G. Johnson

Its:

Manager of Land Affairs

STATE OF Nevada)
) ss.
 COUNTY OF White Pine

On the 1 day of July, 2001, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Brian G. Iversen, known to me to be the Manager of Land Affairs of PLACER DOME U.S. INC., a California corporation. A person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and, being authorized so to do, acknowledged that he executed the same on behalf of said corporation.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL.

Margaret Giez
 NOTARY PUBLIC

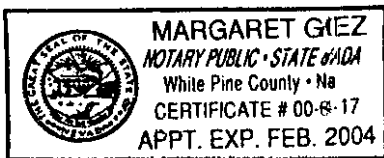


EXHIBIT "A"

Filippini Heirs:

John Filippini

Angela Joline Start

Janice E. Lomba

Josephine H. Fibini

Alison E. Itza

Joseph A. Elquist

Amy L. Elquist

Jay M. Elquist

Angela M. Elquist

Henry A. Filippi Jr. & Marian Filippini

Marty Ann Echerria

Daniel Edward Filippini

Kathi Diane Marshall

Jill Marie Paris

Angela Gale March

EXHIBIT "B"**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY
LOCATED IN
EURA AND LANDER COUNTIES, NEVADA****PARCEL 2:**

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH RANGE 49 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

Section 20: NW1/4NE1/4; NE1/4NW1/4;

TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH RANGE 48 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

Section 33: NW1/4SW1/4;

TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH RANGE 47 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

Section 5: Lots 2, 3 and 4;

Section 6: NE1/4;

TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH RANGE 48 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

Section 1: All;

Section 3: All;

Section 5: All;

Section 7: All;

Section 8: NE1/4NE1/4; S1/2S1/2;

Section 9: All;

Section 11: All;

Section 12: S1/2SW1/4; SW1/4SE1/4;

Section 13: All;

Section 14: N1/2; SW1/4; W1/2SE1/4;

Section 15: All;

Section 16: W1/2NE1/4; NW1/4;

Section 17: All;

Section 18: E1/2E1/2; W1/4NE1/4; NE1/4NW1/4;

Lot 1 (NW1/4NW1/4);

Section 19: NW1/4SE1/4;

Section 21: S1/2SE1/4;

Section 22: SW1/4SW1/4;

Section 23: N1/2NW1/4;

Section 24: NE1/4NE1/4;

(Description continued)

TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH RANGE 48 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

- Section 27: SW1/4NW4;
 Section 28: NE1/4; E1/4NW1/4; SE1/4SW1/4; SW1/4SE1/4;
 NE1/4SE1/4;
 Section 32: SE1/4NE1/4; SW1/4SW1/4; NE1/4SW1/4;
 NW1/4SE1/4;
 Section 33: NW1/4NW4;

TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH RANGE 49 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

- Section 2: S1/2NE1/4;
 Section 7: All;
 Section 19: N1/2;
 Section 24: NW1/4NW4;
 Section 26: NE1/4NW4;
 Section 28: NW1/4NE1/4; NE1/4SE1/4;
 Section 30: NE1/4NW4;
 Section 32: SE1/4NW1/4;
 Section 34: NW1/4NW4;
 Section 35: NW1/4SE1/4;
 Section 36: NW1/4NE1/4; N1/2SW1/4;

TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH RANGE 47 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

- Section 18: Lots 10, and 12;
 Section 32: Lots 2, 3 and 4; NE1/4SE1/4;

TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH RANGE 48 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

- Section 3: All;

TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH RANGE 49 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

- Section 36: W1/2NE1/4;

TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH RANGE 50 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

- Section 10: SW1/4SE1/4;
 Section 30: S1/2NE1/4; NE1/4SE1/4;

PARCEL 3:

TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH RANGE 50 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

Section 15: All

Section 21: All;

Section 23: All;

EXCEPTING THEREFROM ninety percent (90%) of the coal, oil, gas and other minerals of every kind and nature whatsoever as reserved by STRATHEARN CATTLE COMPANY in Deeds recorded May 25, 1959, in Book 25 of Deeds at Page 297, Eureka County, Nevada and recorded June 10, 1959, in Book 25 of Deeds at Page 310, Eureka County, Nevada records

FURTHER EXCEPTING THEREFROM a strip of land 400 feet in width reserved by SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY, in Deed recorded June 20, 1958, in Book 25 of Deeds at Page 240, Eureka County, Nevada records.

PARCEL 4:

TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH RANGE 50 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

Section 10: N1/2; SW1/4; N1/2SE1/4; SE1/4SE1/4;

TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH RANGE 50 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

Section 10: NE1/4NW1/4; S1/2NE1/4; SE1/4; SE1/4SW1/4;

Section 14: W1/2NW1/4; SW1/4; S1/2SE1/4;

Section 16: NE1/4NW1/4; S1/2NE1/4; SE1/4; SE1/4SW1/4;

Section 22: All;

EXCEPTING FROM all Parcel 4, except SE1/4SW1/4, Section 14, TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 50 EAST, all minerals in and under said land as reserved by UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN Patents recorded September 23, 1964, in Book 6 of Official Records at Page 34, Eureka County, Nevada records and recorded August 16, 1963, in Book 27 of Deeds at Page 9, Eureka County, Nevada records.

FURTHER EXCEPTING FROM Parcels 1, 2, 3 and 4, and undivided one-half interest in and to all oil, gas and mineral rights in and to all the rights of DAN FILIPPINI as reserved by DAN FILIPPINI in Deed recorded January 6, 1966, in Book 9 of Official Records, at Page 442, Eureka County, Nevada records and in Book 10 of Official Records at Page 266, Lander County, Nevada records.

FURTHER EXCEPTING FROM Parcels 1, 2, 3 and 4, one-fourth of all brine, steam and geothermal rights in and under said land as reserved by DOYLE F. CHILD by Deed recorded April 2, 1975, Book 131 of Official Records at Page 147, Lander County,

Nevada and recorded Mch 27, 1975, in Book 51 of Official Records at Page 202,
Eureka County, Nevada records.

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