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**AFFIDAV OF SECRETARY OF PLACER DOME U.S. INC.
REGARDING CORPORATE IDENTITY**

STATE OF Colorado)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Arapahoe)

The undersigned John W. Godell, Secretary of PLACER DOME U.S. INC., being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. That in an instrument titled Special Warranty Deed, dated as of June 6, 1999 and recorded in Book 491 at Page 60 of the Lander County, Nevada records and in Book 341 at Page 351 of the Eureka County, Nevada records, O NEVADA MINING COMPANY, INC. ("ORO NEVADA"), as Grantor, conveyed to "PLACER DOME U.S. INC., a Nevada corporation," as Grantee, all of Grantor's right, title and interest in and to the real property in Eureka and Lander Counties, Nevada more particularly described in said deed;

2. That in an instrument titled Special Warranty Deed, dated as of June 6, 1999 and recorded in Book 491 at Page 57 of the Lander County, Nevada records and in Book 341 at Page 348 of the Eureka County, Nevada records, O NEVADA, as Grantor, conveyed to "PLACER DOME U.S. INC., a Nevada corporation," as Grantee, all of Grantor's title and interest in and to the unpatented mining claims located in Eureka and Lander Counties, Nevada more particularly described in said deed;

3. That in an instrument titled Assignment, dated effective June 6, 1999 and recorded in Book 489 at Page 539 of the Lander County, Nevada records and in Book 341 at Page 371 of the Eureka County, Nevada records, O NEVADA, as Assignor, assigned to "PLACER DOME U.S. INC., a Nevada corporation," as Assignee, all of Assignor's title and interest in and to the Mineral Lease dated August 22, 1996 from Ted Frome, covering the real property in Eureka and Lander Counties, Nevada more particularly described in said assignment;

4. That in an instrument titled Assignment, dated effective June 6, 1999 and recorded in Book 489 at Page 548 of the Lander County, Nevada records and in Book 341 at Page 380 of the Eureka County, Nevada records, O NEVADA, as Assignor, assigned to "PLACER DOME U.S. INC., a Nevada corporation," as Assignee, all of Assignor's title and interest in and to the Amended Mineral Rights Lease dated July 9, 1998 from Patricia Suzanne Primeaux, covering the real property in Eureka and Lander Counties, Nevada more particularly described in said assignment;

5. That in an instrument titled Assignment, dated effective June 6, 1999 and recorded in Book 489 at Page 554 of the Lander County, Nevada records and in Book 341 at Page 386 of the Eureka County, Nevada records, O NEVADA, as Assignor, assigned to "PLACER DOME U.S. INC., a Nevada corporation," as Assignee, all of Assignor's title and interest in and to the Amended Mineral Rights Lease dated July 7, 1998 from Sally Knudson, covering the real property in Eureka and Lander Counties, Nevada more particularly described in said assignment;

6. That in an instrument titled Assignment, dated effective June 6, 1999 and recorded in Book 489 at Page 561 of the Lander County, Nevada records and in Book 341 at Page 392 of the Eureka County, Nevada records, O NEVADA, as Assignor, assigned to "PLACER DOME U.S. INC., a Nevada corporation," as Assignee, all of Assignor's title and interest in and to the Amended Mineral Rights Lease dated July 1, 1998 from Antoine Primeaux and Ellen Primeaux, covering the real property in Eureka and Lander Counties, Nevada more particularly described in said assignment;

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7. That in an instrument titled Assignment, dated effective June 6, 1999 and recorded in Book 489 at Page 571 of the Lander County, Nevada records and in Book 341 at Page 409 of the Eureka County, Nevada records, O NEVADA, as Assignor, assigned to "PLACER DOME U.S. INC., a Nevada corporation," as Assignee, all of Assignor's title and interest in and to the Amended Mineral Rights Lease dated July 7, 1998 from Linda Lou Stout, covering the real property in Eureka and Lander Counties, Nevada more particularly described in said assignment;

8. That in an instrument titled Assignment, dated effective June 6, 1999 and recorded in Book 489 at Page 567 of the Lander County, Nevada records and in Book 341 at Page 398 of the Eureka County, Nevada records, O NEVADA, as Assignor, assigned to "PLACER DOME U.S. INC., a Nevada corporation," as Assignee, all of Assignor's title and interest in and to the Amended and Restated Mineral Rights Lease dated November 1, 1998 from John Filippini, et al., covering the real property in Eureka and Lander County Nevada more particularly described in said assignment;

9. That notwithstanding the listing in the aforementioned deeds and assignments of PLACER DOME U.S. INC. as a Nevada corporation, said corporation is and was at the time of execution of said deeds a California corporation, as evidenced by that certain Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation dated September 2, 1987 and effective October 1, 1987, which is recorded in Book 167 at Page 513 of the records of Eureka County, Nevada and in Book 301 at Page 633 of the records of Lander County, Nevada, wherein corporate name of PLACER U.S. INC., a California corporation, was changed to PLACER DOME U.S. INC., a California corporation; and

10. That the references to the Grantee in the aforementioned deeds and to the Assignee in the aforementioned assignment are intended to be references to PLACER DOME U.S. INC., a California corporation.

Affiant further saith.

Ralph W. Godell
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Secretary of PLACER DOME U.S. INC.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of July, 2001.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My commission expires: 03/29/05



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