

**TERMINATION AND SURRENDER OF
AMENDED MINERAL RIGHTS LEASE**

WHEREAS Sally Knudson, as Lessor, and Oro Nevada Mining Company, Inc., as Lessee, entered into an Amended Mineral Rights Lease dated effective July 7, 1998 (the "Mineral Lease"), a memorandum regarding extension of which is recorded in Book 92 at Page 460 of the Lander County, Nevada records and in Book 342 at Page 3 of the Eureka County, Nevada records, which covers an undivided 8.335% mineral interest in the land described in Exhibit A hereto (the "Property");

WHEREAS the Cortez Joint Venture ("Cortez") is the successor in interest to the original Lessee; and

WHEREAS Cortez has exercised its right to terminate and surrender Mineral Lease in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the rights granted in Section 8.c. of the Mineral Lease, Cortez does hereby terminate the Mineral Lease in its entirety, and does hereby surrender possession of the Property to Lessor, and quitclaim to Lessor and her successors and assigns any and all interest that Cortez may have in the Property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Termination and Surrender of Amended Mineral Rights Lease is executed effective as of May 1, 2002.

**Cortez Joint Venture,
a Nevada joint venture**

By: Placer Dome U.S. Inc.,
Manager

By: [Signature]
Name: TONY A. JENSEN
Title: MINE GEOPHYSICAL MANAGER

STATE OF NEVADA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF LAMER)

This Termination and Surrender of Amended Mineral Rights Lease was acknowledged before me, a notary public, on this 10 day of April, 2002, by Ray A. Jensen as Mineral General Mgr of Placer Dome U.S.A., the Manager of the Cortez Joint Venture, a Nevada joint venture, who is personally known or has been identified to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the above instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Robin A. McMicken
Notary Public

My commission expires: April 2, 2004

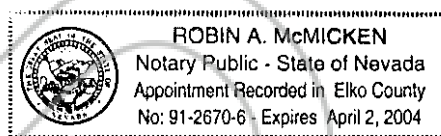


EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY EUKA AND LANDER COUNTIES, NEVADA

<u>Township/Range</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Approx. Acres</u>
28N-49E		all	640.80
		all	640.68
		all	640.00
	1	all	640.00
	3	all	640.00
	5	all	640.00
	7	N1/2	320.00
	8	all	640.00
28N-50E		Lots 1, 2	14.52
		Lots 1, 2	17.00
		Lots 1, 2	15.99
		all	625.57
		all	640.00
	1	all	640.00
	3	all	640.00
	5	all	640.00
	7	all	640.00
	9	all	628.28
	11	all	640.00
	12	all	640.00
28N-51E		all	601.08
		all	623.40
		all	640.00
29N-49E	1	all	640.00
	3	all	640.00
	5	all	640.00
	7	all	640.00
	9	all	640.00
	12	all	640.00
29N-50E		all	817.16
		all	816.20
		all	621.00

<u>Township/Range</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Approx. Acres</u>
29N-50E, continued	1	all	640.00
	3	all	640.00
	3	E1/2, N1/2NW1/4, N1/2S1/2NW1/4, S1/2SW1/4, S1/2N1/2SW1/4	560.00
	5	all	640.00
	7	all	640.00
	9	all	624.00
	1	all	640.00
	3	all	640.00
	5	all	640.00
	7	all	640.00
	9	all	640.00
	1	all	625.80
	3	all	640.00
	5	all	640.00
29N-51E		all	<u>590.40</u>
TOTAL:			<u><u>27,981.88</u></u>

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