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**TERMINATION AND SURRENDER OF
MINERAL RIGHTS LEASE**

WHEREAS Ted C. Frome and his wife, Betty B. Frome, as Lessor, and Oro Nevada Mining Company, Inc., as Lessee, entered into a Mineral Rights Lease dated effective August 22, 1996 (the "Mineral Lease"), a memorandum and correction of legal description of which is recorded in Book 492 at Page 476 of the Lander County Nevada records and in Book 342 at Page 366 of the Eureka County, Nevada records as amended, which covers an various percentage mineral interests in the land described in Exhibit A hereto (collectively, 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 their successors and assigns any and all interest that Cortez may have in the Property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Termination and Surrender of Mineral Rights Lease is executed effective as of August 2, 2002.

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

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

By: 
Name: Tony A. Jensen
Title: Mine General Manager

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STATE OF NEVADA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF LADDER)

This Termination and Surrender of Mineral Rights Lease was acknowledged before me, a notary public, on this 3rd day of July, 2002, by Tony A. Jensen as Mineral Manager of Placer Dome U.S. Inc., the Manager of the Cortez Joint Venture, a Nevada joint venture, who is personally known or has been identified 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

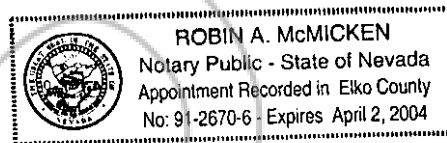


EXHIBIT A

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY
EUEKA AND LANDER COUNTIES, NEVADA**

Parcel #1:

<u>Township/Range</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Acres</u>
28N-47E	13	NE1/4	160.00
TOTAL:			160.00

Parcel #2:

<u>Township/Range</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Acres</u>
26N-49E	20	NW1/4NE1/4, NE1/4NW1/4	80.00
27N-48E	33	NW1/4SW1/4	40.00
28N-47E	5	Lots 2, 3, 4	122.73
	6	NE1/4	161.96
28N-48E	1	all	637.92
	3	all	637.92
	5	all	640.18
	7	all	625.46
	8	NE1/4NE1/4, S1/2S1/2	200.00
	9	all	649.00
	11	all	640.00
	12	S1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4	120.00
	13	all	640.00
	14	W1/2, NE1/4, W1/2SE1/4	560.00
	15	all	640.00
	16	NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4	240.00
	17	all	640.00
	18	Lot 1, NE1/4NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4	276.53
19	NW1/4SE1/4	40.00	
21	S1/2SE1/4	80.00	
22	SW1/4SW1/4	60.00	
23	N1/2NW1/4	80.00	
24	NE1/4NE1/4	40.00	
27	SW1/4NW1/4	40.00	

<u>Township/Range</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Acres</u>
28N-48E, continued	28	NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SE1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4	360.00
	32	SE1/4NE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4	160.00
	33	NW1/4NW1/4	40.00
28N-49E	2	S1/2NE1/4	80.00
	7	all	619.00
	19	N1/2	314.63
	24	NW1/4NW1/4	40.00
	26	NE1/4NW1/4	40.00
	28	NW1/4NE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4	80.00
	30	NE1/4NW1/4	40.00
	32	SE1/4NW1/4	40.00
	34	NW1/4NW1/4	40.00
	35	NW1/4SE1/4	40.00
	36	NW1/4NE1/4, N1/2SW1/4	120.00
	29N-47E	18	Lots 10, 11, 12
32		Lots 2, 3, 4, NE1/4SE1/4	130.83
29N-48E	3	all	639.72
29N-49E	1	all	819.20
	3	all	819.12
	9	all	640.00
	15	all	640.00
	21	all	640.00
	36	W1/2NE1/4	80.00
29N-50E	1	all	615.80
	10	SW1/4SE1/4	49.00
	30	S1/2NE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4	120.00
30N-50E	14	SE1/4SW1/4	40.00
	35	all	640.00
	36	N1/2SW1/4, S1/2NE1/4	<u>160.00</u>
TOTAL:			16,215.11

Parcel #3:

<u>Township/Range</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Subdivision</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	N1/2	320.00
	23	all	640.00
28N-50E	1	Lots 1, 2	14.52
	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
	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

<u>Township/Range</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Acres</u>
29N-50E, continued	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	<u>590.40</u>
TOTAL:			27,981.88

Parcel #4:

<u>Township/Range</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Acres</u>
30N-50E	15	all	640.00
	21	all	640.00
	23	all	<u>640.00</u>
TOTAL:			1,920.00

Parcel #5:

<u>Township/Range</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Acres</u>
29N-50E	10	all except SW1/4SE1/4	600.00
30N-50E	10	SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, NE1/4NE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4	320.00
	14	W1/2W1/2, NE1/4SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4	280.00
	16	SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, NE1/4NE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4	320.00
	22	all	<u>640.00</u>
TOTAL:			<u>2,160.00</u>

**TOTAL ALL
PARCELS:**

48,436.99

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