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

WHEREAS John Filippini, individually and as agent for the Filippini heirs as set out on Exhibit A hereto, as Lessors, and the Cortez Joint Venture ("Cortez"), as Lessee, entered into an Amended and Restated Mineral Rights Lease dated effective May 1, 2001 (the "Mineral Lease"), a memorandum of which is recorded Book 491 at Page 437 of the Lander County, Nevada records and in Book 342 Page 97 of the Eureka County, Nevada records, which covers various percentage mineral interests in the land described in Exhibit B hereto (the "Property"); and

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Termination and Surrender of Amended and Restated Mineral Rights Lease is executed effective as of September 22, 2002.

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

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

By: *T. A. Jensen*
Tony A. Jensen
Mine General Manager

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STATE OF NEVADA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF LAMER)

This Termination and Surrender of Amended and Restated Mineral Rights Lease was acknowledged before me, a notary public, on this 9th day of April, 2003, by Tony A. Jensen as Mine General Manager of Placer Dome U.S. Inc., the Manager of the Cez 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

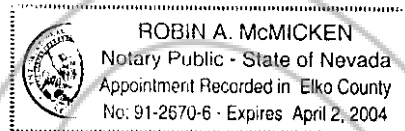


EXHIBIT A

Filippini Heirs

John Filippini
Angela Joline Swart
Janice E. Lombdi
Josephine H. Popini
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 Mel
Jill Marie Pari
Angela Gale Niluch

EXHIBIT B

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

PARCEL 2:

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

Section 20: NW NE¹/₄; NE¹/₄NW¹/₄;

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

Section 33: NW SW¹/₄;

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

Section 5: Lots 3 and 4;

Section 6: NE¹/₄

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

Section 1: All;

Section 3: All;

Section 5: All;

Section 7: All;

Section 8: NE NE¹/₄; S¹/₂S¹/₂;

Section 9: All;

Section 11: All;

Section 12: S¹/₂E¹/₄; SW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Section 13: All;

Section 14: NE¹/₄SW¹/₄; W¹/₂SE¹/₄;

Section 15: All;

Section 16: W NE¹/₄; NW¹/₄;

Section 17: All;

Section 18: E¹/₂;
NW¹/₄NE¹/₄; NE¹/₄NW¹/₄;
Lot NW¹/₄NW¹/₄);

Section 19: NW SE¹/₄;

Section 21: S¹/₂E¹/₄;

Section 22: SW SW¹/₄;

Section 23: NE W¹/₄;

Section 24: NE NE¹/₄;

(Description continued)

TOWNSHIP 28 NTH, RANGE 48 EAST, M.D.B.&M.Section 27: SW¹/₄NW¹/₄;Section 28: NE¹/₄E¹/₂NW¹/₄; 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: NW¹/₄NW¹/₄;TOWNSHIP 28 NTH, RANGE 49 EAST, M.D.B.&M.Section 2: S¹/₂E¹/₄;

Section 7: All;

Section 19: N¹/₂;Section 24: NW¹/₄NW¹/₄;Section 26: NE¹/₄NW¹/₄;Section 28: NW¹/₄NE¹/₄; NE¹/₄SE¹/₄;Section 30: NE¹/₄NW¹/₄;Section 32: SE¹/₄NW¹/₄;Section 34: NW¹/₄NW¹/₄;Section 35: NW¹/₄SE¹/₄;Section 36: NW¹/₄NE¹/₄; N¹/₂SW¹/₄;TOWNSHIP 29 NTH, RANGE 47 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

Section 18: Lots 11 and 12;

Section 32: Lots 3 and 4; NE¹/₄SE¹/₄;TOWNSHIP 29 NTH, RANGE 48 EAST, M.D.B.&M.

Section 3: All;

TOWNSHIP 29 NTH, RANGE 49 EAST, M.D.B.&M.Section 36: W¹/₂E¹/₄;TOWNSHIP 29 NTH, RANGE 50 EAST, M.D.B.&M.Section 10: SW¹/₄SE¹/₄;Section 30: S¹/₂E¹/₄; NE¹/₄SE¹/₄;

PARCEL 3:

TOWNSHIP 30 NTH, 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 316 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 Page 240, Eureka County, Nevada records.

PARCEL 4:

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

Section 10: N1/3W1/4; N1/2SE1/4; SE1/4SE1/4;

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

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

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

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

Section 22: All;

EXCEPTING FROM all of Parcel 4, except SE1/4SW1/4, Section 14, TOWNSHIP 30 NTH, RANGE 50 EAST, all minerals in and under said land as reserved by UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in Patents recorded September 23, 1961 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 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 EXCEING 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 rrded April 2, 1975, in Book 131 of Official Records at Page 147, Lander unty, Nevada and recorded March 27, 1975, in Book 51 of Official Records Page 202, Eureka County, Nevada records.

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