FILED APR 2 2004 Eureka County Clerk CASE NO. CV 03-12-036 1 2 DEPT. 2 186217 3 6 IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF EUREKA 7 8 OUITO GOLD CORPORATION, a Nev-9 ada corporation, 10 Plaintiff. 11 FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS 12 OF LAW, AND JUDGMENT QUIET-VS. ING TITLE TO PATENTED MINING 13 ATLAS PRECIOUS METALS INC., a **CLAIMS** 14 Nevada corporation, successor by merger to the assets of ATLAS GOLD MINING 15 INC., a Nevada corporation; ABC CORPORATIONS 1 through 10, 16 inclusive; DOES 1 through 10, inclusive; 17 also any other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in 18 the real property described in this Com-19 plaint adverse to Plaintiff's ownership or asserting any cloud upon Plaintiff's title 20 thereto. 21 Defendants. 22 23 **CASE PROCEEDINGS** 24 This quiet title action was filed by Quito Gold Corporation, a Nevada corpora-25 tion (hereinafter referred to as "Quito"), on December 29, 2003 in the Seventh Judicial

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District Court, Eureka County, Nevada. The action seeks to quiet title to ten (10) patented lode mining claims (the "Patented Claims") situated in Eureka County, which are more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto.

- 2. A Notice of Pending Litigation was recorded in Eureka County on January 6, 2004 in Book 373, Pages 179-181 (Document No. 184795) and filed with the Court on January 6, 2004.
- 3. An Affidavit for Publication of Summons was filed with the Court on January 6, 2004. The Order for Publication of Summons was issued by the Court on January 8, 2004. The Summons by Publication was published during the period January 29 through February 19, 2004 in the <u>Eureka Sentinel</u>, a weekly newspaper published in Eureka County, Nevada. An Affidavit of Publication was filed with the Court on March 1, 2004.
- 4. On February 14, 2004 a Summons for Posting was posted on the contiguous group of Patented Claims. An Affidavit of Posting Summons on Property was filed with the Court on February 23, 2004.
- 5. Atlas Precious Metals Inc., a Nevada corporation, successor by merger to the assets of Atlas Gold Mining Inc., a Nevada corporation ("Atlas") executed an Appearance and Waiver in this matter on January 29, 2004, stating that:

The undersigned consents specifically to an Order of the Court extinguishing all of Atlas' right, title, and interest, if any, in and to the "WI" group of patented lode mining claims situated in Eureka County, Nevada, which are more specifically described on Exhibit A attached hereto.

The Appearance and Waiver was filed with the Court on February 9, 2004.

6. Defendants ABC Corporations 1-10, DOES 1-10, and "any other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in [the] Complaint adverse to Plaintiff's ownership or asserting any cloud upon Plaintiff's title thereto" failed to respond to the Summons by Publication within twenty days of the final

date of publication. On March 16, 2004 the Court Clerk entered a Default against Atlas and the non-answering Defendants.

- 7. The mineral patents from the United States to Atlas Gold Mining Inc. were not recorded in Eureka County until November 6, 2003 (Book 369, Page 5), and there have been no property taxes paid to the County with respect to the Patented Claims. The Eureka County Assessor has enrolled Plaintiff as the owner of record, and the first tax statements will be sent to Plaintiff for the 2004-2005 tax year.
- 8. Plaintiff acquired color of title to the Patented Claims by means of a "Disclaimer of Interest" executed by Atlas Precious Metals Inc. on August 11, 2003 and recorded in Eureka County on August 21, 2003 in Book 364, Pages 290-292 (Document No. 182349). However, Plaintiff had earlier asserted its dominion over the Patented Claims by way of geologic mapping, geochemical sampling, and other exploration activities commencing in September 2001. The extent of Plaintiff's activities is more particularly described in the Affidavit of Robert G. Cuffney, which was filed with the Court on March 16, 2004.

Based upon the pleadings and evidence described above, the Court makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and enters the following Judgment.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The subject matter of this action consists of ten (10) patented lode mining claims situated in Eureka County, Nevada and more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto
- 2. Plaintiff has openly and notoriously asserted dominion over the Patented Claims for a period of two (2) years or more prior to initiation of this action.
- 3. Plaintiff has complied with all actions required by Nevada law with respect to initiating and prosecuting an action to quiet title based on adverse possession for two years or more with respect to the Patented Claims (NRS 11.060).

4. Defendant Atlas Precious Metals Inc., successor by merger to the assets of Atlas Gold Mining Inc., has consented to a Judgment extinguishing its interest in the Patented Claims as described in Paragraph 5 of the Case Proceedings. The remaining Defendants failed to file a responsive pleading to Plaintiff's Complaint within the period allowed by law following publication of Summons.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Court makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. The Court has jurisdiction over the Defendants named herein and over the subject matter of this litigation, consisting of the Patented Claims.
- 2. Plaintiff has established its right to exclusive ownership and possession of the Patented Claims based upon open (a) the Disclaimer of Atlas Precious Metals Inc., (b) the Appearance and Waiver of Atlas Precious Metals allowing judgment to be taken against it, and (c) open and notorious adverse possession of the Patented Claims for two years or more prior to the initiation of this action.
  - 3. Defendants have no right, title, estate, liens, or interest in the Claims.

## JUDGMENT QUIETING TITLE

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and good cause appearing therefore,

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Plaintiff Quito Gold Corporation, a Nevada corporation, is adjudged to be, and is hereby declared to be, the sole and exclusive owner of the Patented Claims situated in Eureka County, Nevada which are more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto.
- 2. The rights of all Defendants in this action with respect to the Patented Claims are hereby declared to be null and void.

DATED this 2nd day of April

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SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR COUNTY OF EUREICA STATE OF NEVADA

i, the Understoned COUNTY CLERK and Ex-Officio CLERK of the SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNT do hereby CERTIFY that the torogoing is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file in m; office and that I have carefully compared the same with the original.

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