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**AFFIDAVIT OF ANNUAL RENTAL PAID
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO HOLD MINING CLAIMS**

STATE OF NEVADA)
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COUNTY OF LANDER)

The undersigned, first being duly sworn, deposes and says:

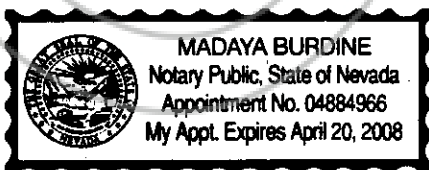
1. The owner intends to hold the 277 mining claims listed below for the assessment year ending September 1, 2004, which mining claims are situated in Eureka County, Nevada.

<u>CLAIM NAME</u>	<u>BOOK PAGE</u>	<u>BLM SERIAL NO.</u>
Patch 1-277	Pending	Pending

2. That \$125.00 is being paid for each mining claim listed above for the assessment year beginning noon September 1, 2003 and ending noon September 1, 2004.
3. That said payment was made by the Cortez Joint Venture, with an address of HC 66 Box 1250, Crescent Valley, Nevada 89821-1250, the owner of said mining claims.

By: *Brian G. Iverson*
Brian G. Iverson
Regional Manager, Land Affairs

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of July, 2004.



Madaya Burdine
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: *April 20, 2008*