

NOTICE AND CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION
OF LODE MINING CLAIM, NEVADA

KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that PLACER
DOME U.S. INC., having an address of HC 66 BOX 1250, CRESCENT
VALLEY, NEVADA 89821 has located the PATCH 553 lode mining
claim, in Eureka County, in the State of Nevada, on the 5th day
of July, 2004.

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OFFICIAL RECORDS
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PLACER DOME U.S. INC.
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EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA
M.N. REBALEATI, RECORDER
FILE NO. 191168 FEES 20.50

The claim is located in the:

SE 1/4 Section 2, Township 27N, Range 50E, M.D.M.
SW 1/4 Section 2, Township 27N, Range 50E, M.D.M.
NE 1/4 Section 11, Township 27N, Range 50E, M.D.M.
NW 1/4 Section 11, Township 27N, Range 50E, M.D.M.

The claim is 1500 feet long and 600 feet wide and 1490 feet is claimed in a
North direction along the length of the claim and 10 feet is claimed in a South
direction along the length of the claim from the Location Monument at which a Notice of Location is posted,
together with 300 feet in width on each side of the center of the claim. The general course of the lode
deposit, as can be determined at this time is in a North and South direction. The
description of the claim is as follows:

Beginning at Corner No. 1, the Northeast Corner of the claim;

Thence South, 1500 feet to Corner No. 2, the Southeast Corner;

Thence West, 600 feet to Corner No. 3, the Southwest Corner;

Thence North, 1500 feet to Corner No. 4, the Northwest Corner;

Thence East, 600 feet to Corner No. 1, the Northeast Corner;
the place of beginning.

The location of each corner of the claim is shown on the claim map that is filed herewith. The number,
location and markings on each boundary or corner monument is as follows:

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Markings</u>	<u>Description</u>
No. 1:	<u>Corner No. 1</u>	<u>NE Cor. PATCH 553</u>	<u>1½" x 1½" Wood Post, 4' Long</u>
No. 2:	<u>Corner No. 2</u>	<u>SE Cor. PATCH 553</u>	<u>1½" x 1½" Wood Post, 4' Long</u>
No. 3:	<u>Corner No. 3</u>	<u>SW Cor. PATCH 553</u>	<u>1½" x 1½" Wood Post, 4' Long</u>
No. 4:	<u>Corner No. 4</u>	<u>NW Cor. PATCH 553</u>	<u>1½" x 1½" Wood Post, 4' Long</u>

As erected on the ground, each boundary or corner is marked as described above by an aluminum tag
attached to the monument.

The monumentation and markings of the above mentioned corners on the ground was completed on this
date, and the location work consisted of making a claim map as provided in NRS 517.040. Two copies of this map
have been filed with the Eureka County Recorder, and the lode claim filing fee has been paid to the County
Recorder.

BY:

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