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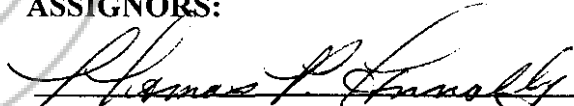
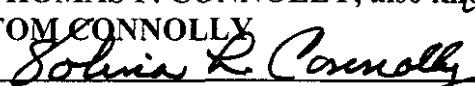
EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA  
M.N. REBALANCE RECORDER  
FILE NO. **194194** FEES 7500

**ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION AGREEMENT**

The undersigned hereby grants, assigns, transfers and conveys to **THOMAS P. CONNOLLY** and **VOLINA L. CONNOLLY**, as Co-Trustees of **THE THOMAS AND VOLINA CONNOLLY FAMILY TRUST** and their successors, and assigns, all of their right, title and interest in and to that certain Mining Lease dated October 16, 2002, executed by Tom Connolly and Volina Connolly, (together with JAMES E. BAUMANN and JEANETTE E. BAUMANN, as Trustees) collectively as "Lessor," and by Placer Dome U.S. Inc., a California corporation, as Lessee, for the period and upon the terms, covenants and conditions therein contained, a notice of which was recorded on November 6, 2002, in Book 353, Page 263, Official Records, Eureka County, Nevada, to the full extent said Lease in any way affects or pertains to those lands described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, together with all rentals and royalties subject thereto.

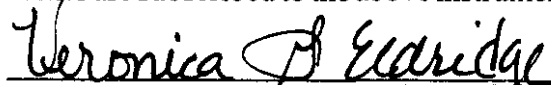
DATED the 2nd day of November, 2004.

**ASSIGNORS:**

  
THOMAS P. CONNOLLY, also known as  
TOM CONNOLLY  
  
VOLINA L. CONNOLLY, also known as  
VOLINA CONNOLLY

STATE OF NEVADA    )  
                                  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF ELKO    )

On November 2 2004, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, **THOMAS P. CONNOLLY** and **VOLINA L. CONNOLLY**, personally known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the above instrument who acknowledged that they executed said instrument.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC **BOOK 401 PAGE 68**


  
Veronica G. Eldridge  
Notary Public  
State of Nevada  
Elko County, Nevada  
94-1858-6  
My appointment expires August 6, 2006

EXHIBIT A

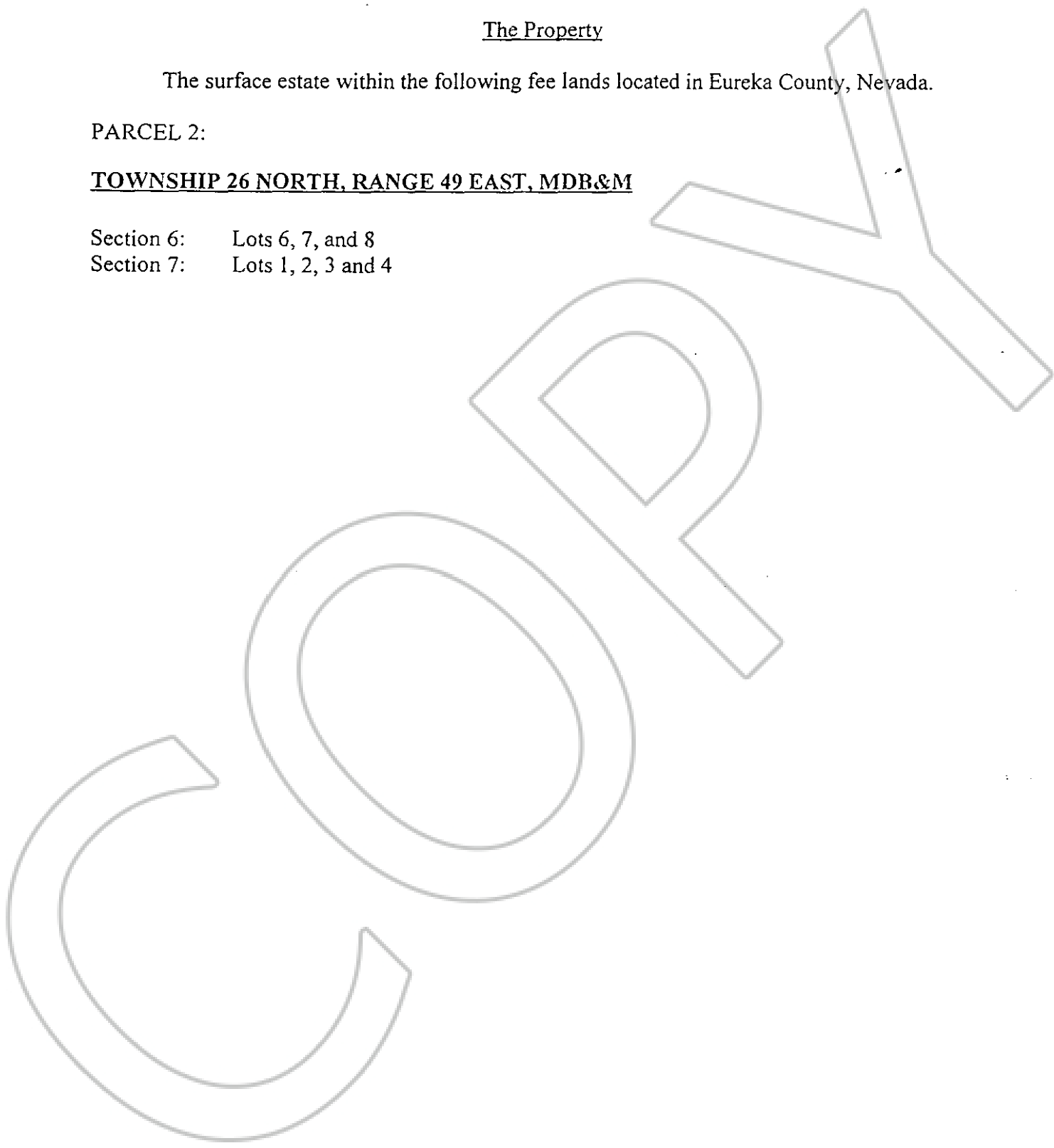
The Property

The surface estate within the following fee lands located in Eureka County, Nevada.

PARCEL 2:

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 49 EAST, MDB&M

Section 6: Lots 6, 7, and 8  
Section 7: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4



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