

WHEN RECORDED, RETURN TO:  
BARRICK GOLD OF NORTH AMERICA, INC.  
ATTN: TASHA LIEBSACK  
293 SPRUCE ROAD  
ELKO, NV 89801

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OFFICIAL RECORDS  
RECORDED AT THE REQUEST OF  
*Barrick Gold*  
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EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA  
M.N. REBALEATI, RECORDER  
FILE NO. FEES \$930.50

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**AFFIDAVIT OF MAINTENANCE FEE PAYMENT  
AND  
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO HOLD CLAIMS**

STATE OF NEVADA       )  
                                      : ss.  
COUNTY OF ELKO       )

Robert Brock, being duly sworn, says:

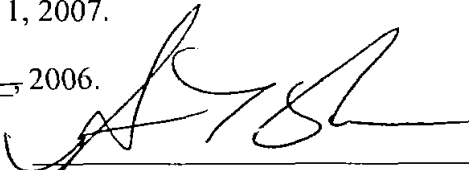
Being duly authorized, I make this affidavit on behalf of Quicksilver Phenomenon, LLC, 2017 E. 3/4 Rd., Grand Junction, CO 81503.

1. Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. §§ 28f-k and 43 C.F.R. §§ 3834.10 to -23, a claim maintenance fee of \$125.00 is to be paid to the Bureau of Land Management for each non-exempt mining claim, mill site, or tunnel site for the assessment year ending September 1, 2006, in lieu of the requirement to perform and record affidavits of proof of annual assessment work for mining claims and to record a notice of intent to hold mill sites under 30 U.S.C. §§ 28-28e and 43 U.S.C. § 1744.
2. On August 14, 2006, Cortez Gold Mines timely paid the federal claim maintenance fee of \$125.00 for each of the claims and/or mill sites identified in the attached Exhibit A ("Claims and Mill Sites"), in accordance with federal law.
3. The name and current mailing address of the owner of the Claims and Mill Sites is Quicksilver Phenomenon, LLC, 2017 E. 3/4 Rd., Grand Junction, CO 81503.
4. The serial number assigned to each Claim and Mill Site by the Bureau of Land Management is shown on Exhibit A.
5. Notwithstanding any defect of deficiency in the foregoing affidavit, the undersigned states that it is not her intention, nor the intention of the owner of the Claims and Mill Sites, to abandon or otherwise relinquish their interest in any of the Claims and Mill

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Sites. It is the owner's intention to hold each of the Claims and Mill Sites through the assessment year ending September 1, 2007.

DATED this 13 day of October, 2006.

  
Robert Brock  
Senior Landman

STATE OF NEVADA       )  
                                  : ss.  
COUNTY OF ELKO       )

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 13 day of October, 2006.



  
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My Commission Expires:

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## EXHIBIT A

## CORTEZ EXPLORATION

Date: 07/05/2006

Property: POWDER KEG

PRN: 1336

Owner: QUICKSILVER PHENOMENON LLC

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| POWDER KEG 2  | NMC        | 854599 | 09/16/2003    | 26N | 50E   | 4       | Eureka | NV    | 371  | 118  |       |                |
| POWDER KEG 4  | NMC        | 854601 | 09/16/2003    | 26N | 50E   | 4       | Eureka | NV    | 371  | 120  |       |                |
| POWDER KEG 6  | NMC        | 854603 | 09/16/2003    | 26N | 50E   | 4       | Eureka | NV    | 371  | 122  |       |                |
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| POWDER KEG 12 | NMC        | 854609 | 09/16/2003    | 26N | 50E   | 4       | Eureka | NV    | 371  | 128  |       |                |
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| POWDER KEG 16 | NMC        | 854613 | 09/16/2003    | 26N | 50E   | 4       | Eureka | NV    | 371  | 132  |       |                |
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| POWDER KEG 19 | NMC        | 854616 | 09/16/2003    | 26N | 50E   | 8       | Eureka | NV    | 371  | 135  |       |                |
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| POWDER KEG 28 | NMC        | 854625 | 09/16/2003    | 26N | 50E   | 9       | Eureka | NV    | 371  | 144  |       |                |
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| POWDER KEG 121 | NMC        | 854712 | 09/01/2003    | 27N | 50E   | 34      | Eureka | NV    | 371  | 231  |       |                   |
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| POWDER KEG 131 | NMC        | 854722 | 09/01/2003    | 27N | 50E   | 33      | Eureka | NV    | 371  | 241  |       |                   |
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| POWDER KEG 159 | NMC        | 854739 | 09/01/2003    | 26N | 50E   | 9       | Eureka | NV    | 371  | 258  |       |                   |
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| POWDER KEG 167                            | NMC        | 854746 | 09/01/2003    | 26N | 50E   | 16      | Eureka | NV    | 371  | 265  |       |                |
| POWDER KEG 169                            | NMC        | 854747 | 09/01/2003    | 26N | 50E   | 16      | Eureka | NV    | 371  | 266  |       |                |
| POWDER KEG 170                            | NMC        | 854748 | 09/01/2003    | 26N | 50E   | 17      | Eureka | NV    | 371  | 267  |       |                |
| POWDER KEG 171                            | NMC        | 854749 | 09/01/2003    | 26N | 50E   | 16      | Eureka | NV    | 371  | 268  |       |                |
| POWDER KEG 172                            | NMC        | 854750 | 09/01/2003    | 26N | 50E   | 17      | Eureka | NV    | 371  | 269  |       |                |
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| POWDER KEG 176                            | NMC        | 854754 | 09/01/2003    | 26N | 50E   | 17      | Eureka | NV    | 371  | 273  |       |                |
| POWDER KEG 177                            | NMC        | 854755 | 09/01/2003    | 26N | 50E   | 16      | Eureka | NV    | 371  | 274  |       |                |
| POWDER KEG 178                            | NMC        | 854756 | 09/01/2003    | 26N | 50E   | 17      | Eureka | NV    | 371  | 275  |       |                |
| POWDER KEG 179                            | NMC        | 854757 | 09/01/2003    | 26N | 50E   | 16      | Eureka | NV    | 371  | 276  |       |                |
| Number of Claims for this PRN (Property): |            |        | 109           |     |       |         |        |       |      |      |       |                |
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