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

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EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA
M.N. REBAL EATL RECORDER
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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:

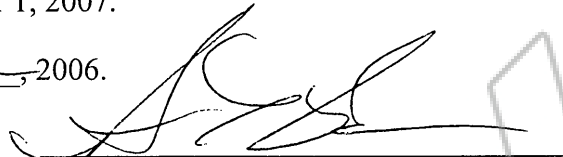
Being duly authorized, I make this affidavit on behalf of Cortez Joint Venture, HC 66 Box 1250, Crescent Valley, NV 89821.

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 Cortez Joint Venture, HC 66 Box 1250, Crescent Valley, NV 89821.
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.

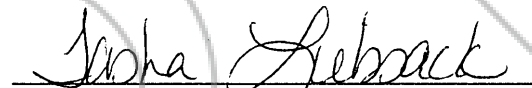
DATED this 13 day of October, 2006.


Robert Brock
Senior Landman

STATE OF NEVADA)
 : ss.
COUNTY OF ELKO)

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




NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

Feb. 25, 2009

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**EXHIBIT A
CORTEZ MINE**

Date: 07/05/2006

Property: GAVEL CLAIMS

PRN: 1315

Owner: CORTEZ JOINT VENTURE

Claim Name	BLM Prefix	BLM #	Location Date	Twn	Range	Section	County	State	Book	Page	Doc #	Amended? Y=Yes
GAVEL 25	NMC	716827	03/31/1995 26N	48E	29	Eureka	NV	283	129			
GAVEL 26	NMC	716828	03/31/1995 26N	48E	29	Eureka	NV	283	130			
GAVEL 27	NMC	716829	03/31/1995 26N	48E	29	Eureka	NV	283	131			
GAVEL 28	NMC	716830	03/31/1995 26N	48E	29	Eureka	NV	283	132			
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GAVEL 32	NMC	716834	03/31/1995 26N	48E	29	Eureka	NV	283	136			
GAVEL 33	NMC	716835	03/31/1995 26N	48E	29	Eureka	NV	283	137			
GAVEL 34	NMC	716836	03/31/1995 26N	48E	29	Eureka	NV	283	138			
GAVEL 35	NMC	714789	03/31/1995 26N	48E	29	Eureka	NV	282	12			
			26N	48E	29	Eureka	NV	282	12			
GAVEL 36	NMC	714790	03/31/1995 26N	48E	20	Eureka	NV	282	13			
			26N	48E	29	Eureka	NV	282	13			
GAVEL 37	NMC	714791	03/31/1995 26N	48E	20	Eureka	NV	282	14			
GAVEL 38	NMC	714792	03/31/1995 26N	48E	20	Eureka	NV	282	15			
GAVEL 39	NMC	714793	03/31/1995 26N	48E	20	Eureka	NV	282	16			
GAVEL 40	NMC	714794	03/31/1995 26N	48E	20	Eureka	NV	282	17			
GAVEL 41	NMC	714795	03/31/1995 26N	48E	20	Eureka	NV	282	18			
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GAVEL 48	NMC	714802	03/31/1995 26N	48E	20	Eureka	NV	282	25			
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GAVEL 50	NMC	714804	03/31/1995 26N	48E	20	Eureka	NV	282	27			
GAVEL 51	NMC	714805	03/31/1995 26N	48E	20	Eureka	NV	282	28			

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GAVEL 102	NMC	716861	03/31/1995	26N	48E	29	Eureka	NV	283	152		
Number of Claims for this PRN (Property):			58									
Number of Claims for this Project:			58									
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