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AND WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:**

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Teck Cominco American Incorporated  
P.O. Box 3087  
Spokane, Washington 99220

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**MINING CLAIM MAINTENANCE FEE AFFIDAVIT  
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO HOLD  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 2007**

STATE OF WASHINGTON    )  
                                      ) ss.  
County of Spokane        )

C. Bruce DiLuzio, first being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the Vice President, Law and Administration, of Teck Cominco American Incorporated, a Washington corporation with an address at P.O. Box 3087, Spokane, Washington 99220, and am personally acquainted with the matters set forth in this affidavit.
2. Teck Cominco American Incorporated, claims, owns and controls the 75 unpatented lode mining claims of the **Bark** Group (the "Claims"), located in Eureka County, Nevada, described in the BLM Mining Claim Maintenance Fee Filing and Notice of Intent to Hold (the "BLM Filing") attached hereto as Attachment I. The name and address of the claim owner are:

Teck Cominco American Incorporated  
P.O. Box 3087  
Spokane, Washington 99220
3. Teck Cominco American Incorporated has paid, with the BLM Filing, the Federal claim maintenance fee required by Public Law 105-277, 112 Stat. 2681-232, 2681-235 and 43 C.F.R. Part 3833 and, to the extent applicable to the lands covered by any of the Claims, required by the statutes and regulations of the Act of August 11, 1955, 69 Stat. 681, and 43 C.F.R. Part 3730 (public lands withdrawn or reserved for power development), and the Act of April 8, 1948 (O&C lands), 62 Stat. 162, and 43 C.F.R. Subpart 3821.
4. The Federal claim maintenance fee of One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00) has been paid for each of the Claims for the assessment year ending September 1, 2007, for a total of Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$9,375.00), in lieu of the assessment work and filing requirements of 30 U.S.C. § 28-28e and 43 U.S.C. § 1744(a) and (c) which have been suspended by Public Law 102-381, Public Law 103-66, Public Law 105-240 and Public Law 105-277.

5. The Federal claim maintenance fees have been paid for the assessment year ending September 1, 2007, by Teck Cominco American Incorporated on its own behalf as owner of the Claims. Notice is hereby given that Teck Cominco American Incorporated intended and intends to hold the Claims in good standing from 12:00 p.m. on September 1 of the year before this affidavit was made and recorded until 11:59 a.m. on September 1 of the year this affidavit was made and recorded.
6. A copy of the evidence of payment of the Federal claim maintenance fees for the Claims for the assessment year ending September 1, 2007, is attached hereto as Attachment II.

By: C. Bruce DiLuzio  
Name: C. Bruce DiLuzio  
Title: Vice President, Law and Administration

A circular notary seal for Deborah Frost, a Notary Public in the State of Washington. The seal features a central graphic of a notary gavel. The text around the gavel reads "DEBORAH FROST" at the top, "COMMISSION EXPIRES" on the left, "NOTARY PUBLIC" on the right, and "5-11-07" at the bottom. The outer ring of the seal contains the text "STATE OF WASHINGTON".

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**ATTACHMENT I**

**BLM MINING CLAIM MAINTENANCE FEE FILING  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 2007**

**BLM MINING CLAIM MAINTENANCE FEE FILING  
AND  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO HOLD  
FOR THE ASSESSMENT YEAR ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2007**

Mining Claims Recordation  
Nevada State Office  
Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
P.O. Box 12000  
Reno, Nevada 89520-0006

Teck Cominco American Incorporated, a Washington corporation, with an address at 15918 East Euclid Avenue, Spokane, Washington 99216-1815, owns the **Bark** unpatented lode mining claims, located in Eureka County, State of Nevada, described in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Claims").

Teck Cominco American Incorporated submits, with this filing, the Federal claim maintenance fee required by Public Law 105-277, 112 Stat. 2681-232, 2681-235 and 43 C.F.R. Part 3834 and, to the extent applicable to the lands covered by any of the Claims, required by the statutes and regulations of the Act of August 11, 1955, 69 Stat. 681, and 43 C.F.R. Part 3730 (public lands withdrawn or reserved for power development), and the Act of April 8, 1948 (O&C lands), 62 Stat. 162, and 43 C.F.R. Subpart 3821.

The Federal claim maintenance fee of One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$125.00), is submitted for each of the 75 Claims for the assessment year ending on September 1, 2007, for a total of Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$9,375.00), in lieu of the assessment work and filing requirements of 30 U.S.C. §28-28e and 43 U.S.C. §1744(a) and (c) which have been suspended by Public Law 102-381, Public Law 103-66, Public Law 105-240 and Public Law 105-277.

The Federal claim maintenance fees are herewith paid for the assessment year ending on September 1, 2007, by Teck Cominco American Incorporated on its own behalf. Notice is hereby given that Teck Cominco American Incorporated intends to hold the Claims in good standing for the assessment year ending September 1, 2006.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

TECK COMINCO AMERICAN INCORPORATED,  
a Washington corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Bruce DiLuzio

Vice President, Law and Administration

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**EXHIBIT A  
TO  
BLM MINING CLAIM MAINTENANCE FEE FILING  
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO HOLD**

**FOR THE ASSESSMENT YEAR ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2007**

This Exhibit A is attached to and made a part of that certain BLM Mining Claim Maintenance Fee Filing and Notice of Intent to Hold dated August 7, 2006, for the assessment year ending on September 1, 2007. The BLM Mining Claim Maintenance Fee Filing and Notice of Intent to Hold pertains to the following described group comprised of Seventy-five (75) unpatented lode mining claims of the properties described herein below, all under the common control of Teck Cominco American Incorporated, and all of said group being located in portions or all of Section 20, Township 26 North, Range 48 East; Sections 25, 26, 27, 34 and 35, Township 26 North, Range 49 East; and portions or all of Sections 17, 20, and 30, Township 26 North, Range 50 East; Mount Diablo Meridian, Eureka County, State of Nevada, and more particularly described below.

BLM	Claim Name	Bk/Pg	QtrSec	Twp	Rng	QtrSec2	Twp2	Rng2
875921	Bark 1	393/199	NE27	26N	49E	NW26	26N	49E
875922	Bark 2	393/200	NE,SE27	26N	49E	NW,SW26	26N	49E
875923	Bark 3	393/201	SE27	26N	49E	SW26	26N	49E
875924	Bark 4	393/202	SE27	26N	49E	SW26	26N	49E
875925	Bark 5	393/203	SE27	26N	49E	SW26	26N	49E
875926	Bark 6	393/204	SE27	26N	49E	SW26	26N	49E
875927	Bark 7	393/205	SE27,SW26	26N	49E	NE34,NW35	26N	49E
875928	Bark 8	393/206	NW26	26N	49E			
875929	Bark 9	393/207	NW,SW26	26N	49E			
875930	Bark 10	393/208	SW26	26N	49E			
875931	Bark 11	393/209	SW26	26N	49E			
875932	Bark 12	393/210	SW26	26N	49E	SE,SW20	26N	48E
875933	Bark 13	393/211	SW26	26N	49E			
875934	Bark 14	393/212	NW,NE26	26N	49E			
875935	Bark 15	393/213	CENTER26	26N	49E			
875936	Bark 16	393/214	SW,SE26	26N	49E			
875937	Bark 17	393/215	SW,SE26	26N	49E			
875938	Bark 18	393/216	SW,SE26	26N	49E			
875939	Bark 19	393/217	SW,SE26	26N	49E			
875940	Bark 20	393/218	NE26	26N	49E			
875941	Bark 21	393/219	NE,SE26	26N	49E			
875942	Bark 22	393/220	SE26	26N	49E			
875943	Bark 23	393/221	SE26	26N	49E			
875944	Bark 24	393/222	SE26	26N	49E			
875945	Bark 25	393/223	SE26	26N	49E			
875946	Bark 26	393/224	NE26	26N	49E	NW25	26N	49E
875947	Bark 27	393/225	NE,SE26	26N	49E	NW,SW25	26N	49E
875948	Bark 28	393/226	SE26	26N	49E	SW25	26N	49E
875949	Bark 29	393/227	SE26	26N	49E	SW25	26N	49E
875950	Bark 30	393/228	SE26	26N	49E	SW25	26N	49E

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BLM	Claim Name	Bk/Pg	QtrSec	Twp	Rng	QtrSec2	Twp2	Rng2
875951	Bark 31	393/229	SE26	26N	49E	SW25	26N	49E
875952	Bark 32	393/230	NW25	26N	49E			
875953	Bark 33	393/231	NW,SW25	26N	49E			
875954	Bark 34	393/232	SW25	26N	49E			
875955	Bark 35	393/233	NW,NE25	26N	49E			
875956	Bark 36	393/234	CENTER25	26N	49E			
875957	Bark 37	393/235	SW,SW25	26N	49E			
875958	Bark 38	393/236	NE25	26N	49E	NW30	26N	50E
875959	Bark 39	393/237	NE25	26N	49E	NW30	26N	50E
875960	Bark 40	393/238	NE25	26N	49E	NW30	26N	50E
875961	Bark 41	393/239	NE25	26N	49E	NW30	26N	50E
875962	Bark 42	393/240	NE,SE25	26N	49E	NW,SW30	26N	50E
875963	Bark 43	393/241	SW17	26N	50E			
875964	Bark 44	393/242	SW17	26N	50E	NW20	26N	50E
875965	Bark 45	393/243	NW20	26N	50E			
875966	Bark 46	393/244	NW20	26N	50E			
875967	Bark 47	393/245	NW20	26N	50E			
875968	Bark 48	393/246	NW20	26N	50E			
875969	Bark 49	393/247	NW,SW20	26N	50E			
875970	Bark 50	393/248	SW20	26N	50E			
875971	Bark 51	393/249	SW20	26N	50E			
875972	Bark 52	393/250	SW20	26N	50E			
875973	Bark 53	393/251	SW20	26N	50E			
875974	Bark 54	393/252	SW,SE17	26N	50E			
875975	Bark 55	393/253	SW,SE17	26N	50E	NW,NE20	26N	50E
875976	Bark 56	393/254	NW,NE20	26N	50E			
875977	Bark 57	393/255	NW,NE20	26N	50E			
875978	Bark 58	393/256	NW,NE20	26N	50E			
875979	Bark 59	393/257	NE,NW20	26N	50E			
875980	Bark 60	393/258	CENTER 20	26N	50E			
875981	Bark 61	393/259	SW,SE20	26N	50E			
875982	Bark 62	393/260	SW,SE20	26N	50E			
875983	Bark 63	393/261	SW,SE20	26N	50E			
875984	Bark 64	393/262	SW,SE20	26N	50E			
875985	Bark 65	393/263	SE17	26N	50E			
875986	Bark 66	393/264	SE17	26N	50E	NE20	26N	50E
875987	Bark 67	393/265	NE20	26N	50E			
875988	Bark 68	393/266	NE20	26N	50E			
875989	Bark 69	393/267	NE20	26N	50E			
875990	Bark 70	393/268	NE20	26N	50E			
875991	Bark 71	393/269	NE,SE20	26N	50E			
875992	Bark 72	393/270	SE20	26N	50E			
875993	Bark 73	393/271	SE20	26N	50E			
875994	Bark 74	393/272	SE20	26N	50E			
875995	Bark 75	393/273	SE20	26N	50E			

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**ATTACHMENT II**

**BLM ACCOUNTING ADVICE  
EVIDENCING PAYMENT OF THE MINING CLAIM MAINTENANCE FEE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 2007**

United States Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
DIV OF SUPPORT SERVICES  
P.O. BOX 12000  
RENO, NV 89520  
Phone: (775) 861-6400

Receipt

No: 1334705

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Date of Transaction: 08/15/2006	
CUSTOMER:	TECK COMINCO AMERICAN INC PO BOX 3087 SPOKANE, WA 99220

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TOTAL:					\$9,375.00

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