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WHEN RECORDED, RETURN TO:  
NEVADA GOLD MINES LLC  
ATTN: TASHA CAPLE  
1655 MOUNTAIN CITY HIGHWAY  
ELKO, NV 89801

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

STATE OF NEVADA         )  
  : ss.  
COUNTY OF ELKO        )

Tasha Caple, being duly sworn, says:

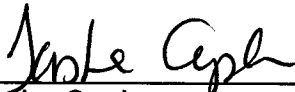
Being duly authorized, I make this affidavit on behalf of VEK Associates, ATTN: Andrew Gubbels, 1030 West Georgia Street, Suite 1830, Vancouver, BC, V6E 2Y3, Canada.

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 \$165.00 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, 2024, 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 June 28, 2023, VEK Associates timely paid the federal claim maintenance fee of \$165.00 for each of the 84 claims and/or mill sites situated in Eureka County, State of Nevada identified in the attached Exhibit A ("Claims and Mill Sites"), in accordance with federal law.

VEK (VEK Lease)

3. The names and current mailing addresses of the owners of the Claims and Mill Sites are: VEK Associates, ATTN: Andrew Gubbels, 1030 West Georgia Street, Suite 1830, Vancouver, BC, V6E 2Y3, Canada
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 Sites. It is the owner's intention to hold each of the Claims and Mill Sites through the assessment year ending September 1, 2024.

DATED this 24 day of August, 2023.

  
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Tasha Caple  
Land Manager

STATE OF NEVADA        )  
                                  : ss.  
COUNTY OF ELKO        )

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 24 day of August, 2023  
by Tasha Caple

  
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Notary Public



**Exhibit A**  
**Project: Vek**

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**Affidavit Group: AF1129 - VEK (VEK Lease)**

**Owner: VEK Associates**

**Claim Group: 29-440-0001/VEK-ANDRUS NVJV**

Claim Name	BLM #	Location Date	County	Tw	Range	Section	Book & Page/Doc	Amended
EHP #1	NMC111194	Dec/20/1973	Eureka County	35N	50E	28	EUREKA: Bk 47 / Pg 155	
				35N	50E	33		
EHP #2	NMC111195	May/23/1974	Eureka County	35N	50E	28	EUREKA: Bk 48 / Pg 050	
				35N	50E	33		
ROD #1	NMC273079	May/16/1983	Eureka County	35N	49E	24	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 259	
				35N	49E	25		
				35N	50E	20		
ROD #2	NMC273080	May/16/1983	Eureka County	35N	49E	24	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 260	
				35N	50E	20		
ROD #3	NMC273081	May/16/1983	Eureka County	35N	49E	24	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 261	
				35N	50E	20		
ROD #4	NMC273082	May/16/1983	Eureka County	35N	49E	24	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 262	
				35N	50E	20		
ROD #5	NMC273083	May/16/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	20	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 263	
ROD #79	NMC273138	May/20/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	20	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 264	
				35N	50E	21		
				35N	50E	28		
				35N	50E	29		
ROD #80	NMC273139	May/20/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	20	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 265	
				35N	50E	29		
ROD #81	NMC273140	May/20/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	20	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 266	
				35N	50E	29		
ROD #83	NMC273141	May/20/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	20	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 267	
				35N	50E	29		
ROD #84	NMC273142	May/20/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	20	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 268	
				35N	50E	29		

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ROD #200	NMC273384	Jun/18/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	21	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 465	
				35N	50E	28		
				35N	50E	29		
ROD #201	NMC273385	Jun/18/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	21	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 466	
				35N	50E	28		
ROD #202	NMC273386	Jun/18/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	28	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 467	
ROD #203	NMC273387	Jun/18/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	28	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 468	
ROD #204	NMC273388	Jun/18/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	28	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 469	
ROD #205	NMC273389	Jun/18/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	28	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 470	
ROD #206	NMC273390	Jun/18/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	28	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 471	
ROD #207	NMC273391	Jun/18/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	28	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 472	
ROD #208	NMC273392	Jun/18/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	28	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 473	
ROD #209	NMC273393	Jun/18/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	28	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 474	
ROD #210	NMC273394	Jun/18/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	28	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 475	
ROD #211	NMC273395	Jun/18/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	28	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 476	
ROD #212	NMC273396	Jun/18/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	28	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 477	
ROD #213	NMC273397	Jun/18/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	28	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 478	
ROD #214	NMC273398	Jun/18/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	28	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 479	
ROD #215	NMC273399	Jun/18/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	28	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 480	
ROD #216	NMC273400	Jun/18/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	28	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 481	
				35N	50E	33		
ROD #217	NMC273401	Jun/18/1983	Eureka County	35N	50E	28	EUREKA: Bk 111 / Pg 482	
				35N	50E	33		
RC 1	NMC371773	May/13/1986	Eureka County	35N	50E	20	EUREKA: Bk 146 / Pg 579	
				35N	50E	29		
RC 2	NMC371774	May/13/1986	Eureka County	35N	50E	20	EUREKA: Bk 146 / Pg 580	

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RC 3	NMC371775	May/13/1986	Eureka County	35N	50E	20	EUREKA: Bk 146 / Pg 581	
						21		
RC 4	NMC371776	May/13/1986	Eureka County	35N	50E	20	EUREKA: Bk 146 / Pg 582	
RC 5	NMC371777	May/14/1986	Eureka County	35N	50E	20	EUREKA: Bk 146 / Pg 583	
						21		
RC 6	NMC371778	May/14/1986	Eureka County	35N	50E	20	EUREKA: Bk 146 / Pg 584	
RC 8	NMC371780	May/14/1986	Eureka County	35N	50E	20	EUREKA: Bk 146 / Pg 586	
RC 9	NMC371781	May/15/1986	Eureka County	35N	50E	20	EUREKA: Bk 146 / Pg 587	
						21		
RC 10	NMC371782	May/15/1986	Eureka County	35N	50E	20	EUREKA: Bk 146 / Pg 588	
RC 11	NMC371783	May/15/1986	Eureka County	35N	50E	20	EUREKA: Bk 146 / Pg 589	
						21		
RC 12	NMC371784	May/15/1986	Eureka County	35N	50E	20	EUREKA: Bk 146 / Pg 590	
RC 13	NMC371785	May/15/1986	Eureka County	35N	50E	20	EUREKA: Bk 146 / Pg 591	
RC 14	NMC371786	May/20/1986	Eureka County	35N	50E	20	EUREKA: Bk 146 / Pg 592	
CT # 264	NMC482714	Mar/08/1988	Eureka County	35N	50E	27	EUREKA: Bk 177 / Pg 235	
						28		
						33		
						34		
CT # 265	NMC482715	Mar/08/1988	Eureka County	35N	50E	28	EUREKA: Bk 177 / Pg 236	
						33		
CT # 266	NMC482716	Mar/08/1988	Eureka County	35N	50E	28	EUREKA: Bk 177 / Pg 237	
VA 1	NMC707777	Sep/01/1994	Eureka County	35N	50E	27	EUREKA: Bk 278 / Pg 474	
						34		
RC 7A	NMC718436	May/08/1995	Eureka County	35N	50E	20	EUREKA: Bk 284 / Pg 287	
						21		

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Claim Name	BLM #	Location Date	County	Tw	Range	Section	Book & Page/Doc	Amended
ROD 25R	NMC933202	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 30	
				35N	49E	11		
ROD 26R	NMC933203	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	01	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 31	
				35N	49E	02		
				35N	49E	11		
				35N	49E	12		
ROD 27R	NMC933204	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 32	
ROD 28R	NMC933205	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	01	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 33	
				35N	49E	02		
ROD 29R	NMC933206	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 34	
ROD 30R	NMC933207	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	01	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 35	
				35N	49E	02		
ROD 31R	NMC933208	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 36	
ROD 32R	NMC933209	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	01	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 37	
				35N	49E	02		
ROD 33R	NMC933210	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 38	
ROD 34R	NMC933211	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	01	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 39	
				35N	49E	02		
ROD 35R	NMC933212	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 40	
ROD 36R	NMC933213	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	01	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 41	
				35N	49E	02		
ROD 37R	NMC933214	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 42	
ROD 38R	NMC933215	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	01	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 43	
				35N	49E	02		
ROD 39R	NMC933216	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 44	
ROD 40R	NMC933217	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	01	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 45	
				35N	49E	02		

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ROD 41R	NMC933218	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 46	
				36N	49E	34		
				36N	49E	35		
ROD 42R	NMC933219	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	01	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 47	
				35N	49E	02		
ROD 43R	NMC933220	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 48	
				35N	49E	03		
				35N	49E	10		
				35N	49E	11		
ROD 44R	NMC933221	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 49	
				35N	49E	11		
ROD 45R	NMC933222	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 50	
				35N	49E	03		
ROD 46R	NMC933223	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 51	
ROD 47R	NMC933224	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 52	
				35N	49E	03		
ROD 48R	NMC933225	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 53	
ROD 49R	NMC933226	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 54	
				35N	49E	03		
ROD 50R	NMC933227	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 55	
ROD 51R	NMC933228	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 56	
				35N	49E	03		
ROD 52R	NMC933229	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 57	
ROD 53R	NMC933230	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 58	
				35N	49E	03		
ROD 54R	NMC933231	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 59	

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ROD 55R	NMC933232	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 60	
				35N	49E	03		
ROD 56R	NMC933233	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 61	
ROD 57R	NMC933234	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 62	
				35N	49E	03		
ROD 58R	NMC933235	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 63	
ROD 59R	NMC933236	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 64	
				35N	49E	03		
				36N	49E	34		
ROD 60R	NMC933237	Jun/16/2006	Eureka County	35N	49E	02	EUREKA: Bk 441 / Pg 65	
				36N	49E	34		

**Number of Claims for this Claim Group: 84**

**Total Claims: 84**

**Total Claims in Eureka County: 84**