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U.S. PATENT ASSIGNMENT

This is an assignment of certain U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent Applications (the "**Assignment**") by Placer Dome Technical Services, a company organized under the laws of Canada whose address is 1600-1055 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C. V7X 1P1, Canada ("**Assignor**"), to HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF CANADA, represented by the Minister of Natural Resources, CANADA, whose address is 580 Booth Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E4 Canada ("**Assignee**"), which shall be effective as of the 10th day of October, 2007.

WHEREAS, Assignor is the owner of certain rights in and to those issued U.S. Patents and pending U.S. Patent Applications listed on the attached Schedule 1, together with the inventions and subject matter described thereon (collectively, the "**Assigned Patents**"); and

WHEREAS, Assignor wishes to assign to Assignee, and Assignee wishes to receive, all right, title and interest of the Assignor in and to the Assigned Patents.

NOW THEREFORE, be it known that Assignor, for and in consideration of certain good and valuable consideration, does hereby assign and transfer unto said Assignee, all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to the Assigned Patents, all continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part and reissue applications filed by Assignee, and/or all other patents issuing therefrom ("**Related Patents**"), including all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to the inventions set forth in the Assigned Patents and Assignor's right to recover past damages for infringement of the Assigned Patents. Assignor further agrees to reasonably cooperate, at Assignee's expense, in preparing and filing all papers required by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and all other foreign patent offices to record the transfer of the Assigned Patents and Related Patents from Assignor to Assignee.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has executed this Assignment and the same shall be effective as of the date first set forth above.

Placer Dome Technical Services:

Signed: [Signature]
Name: Sybil Veenman
Title: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of December, 2007,
by Sybil Veenman as Director and Secretary of
Placer Dome Technical Services.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: Not applicable

[Signature]
Notary Public

Schedule 1

The Assigned Patents

PATENT NO.	APPLICATION NO.	TITLE
	10/688,216	Automated Excavation Machine
6,857,706	10/309,237	Mining Methods for Steeply Dipping Ore Bodies
7,192,093	11/112,754	Excavation Apparatus and Method

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