EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Real property in the City of Nevada City, County of Nevada, State of California, described as follows:

PARCEL ONE:

ALL THOSE PORTIONS OF LOT 7, BEING THE FRACTIONAL LOT LYING BETWEEN THE GENERAL GRANT PLACER CLAIM, LOT 174; THE LIVE YANKEE QUARTZ CLAIM, LOT 90, AND THE PERSEVERANCE QUARTZ CLAIM LOT 89; AND OF LOT 8, BEING THE FRACTIONAL LOT LYING BETWEEN THE GENERAL GRANT PLACER CLAIM AND THE PERSEVERANCE QUARTZ CLAIM; SAID PORTIONS OF LOTS BEING IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) AND THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, MOUNT DIABLO BASE AND MERIDIAN, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A FENCE ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH CENTER LINE OF SAID SECTION 13, FROM WHICH THE QUARTER SECTION CORNER ON THE SOUTH END OF SAID SECTION BEARS S. 1°10' E. 1995.68 FEET AND A 2 INCH PIPE MARKING THE CORNER NO. 8 OF THE LIVE YANKEE QUARTZ CLAIM, LOT 90, BEARS S. 36°48' E. 31.83 FEET, THENCE ALONG SAID SUBDIVISION LINE THROUGH THE CENTER OF SECTION 13; 1. N. 1°10' W. 65.55 FEET, 2. N. 15°02' E, 135.65 FEET ALONG FENCE TO A 1/2 INCH PIPE, 3. N. 61°25' W. 74.45 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH PIPE ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF THE STATE HIGHWAY, 4. N. 36°48' E. 13.00 FEET TO CONCRETE HIGHWAY MONUMENT AT THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1030 FEET; INTERNAL ANGLE 8°36' L., 5. N. 32°30' E. 154.81 FEET ALONG A CHORD OF SAID CURVE TO THE SOUTH SIDE LINE OF THE PERSEVERANCE QUARTZ CLAIM, THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH SIDE LINE; 6. S, 64°00' E. 278.10 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF TRACT, 7. S. 5°25' E. 231.11 FEET ALONG A FENCE TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT, AT FENCE CORNER; 8. S. 86°21' W. 331.90 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL MINERAL BELOW A DEPTH OF FIFTY (50) FEET FROM THE SURFACE.

PARCEL TWO:

ALL THAT PORTION OF THE LANDS OF ROBINSON AS DESCRIBED IN THE DEED, DATED DECEMBER 5, 1974, AND RECORDED DECEMBER 9, 1974, IN BOOK 719, OFFICIAL RECORDS, AT PAGE 439, NEVADA COUNTY RECORDS, SITUATE WITHIN THE SOUTH ONE-HALF OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, M.D.M., BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE FROM WHICH THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 13 BEARS THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) SUCCESSIVE COURSES: S. 15°02'00" W. 135.65 FEET; AND S. 01°10'00" E. 2061.23 FEET; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF COMMENCEMENT N. 61°25'00" W. 74.45 FEET TO THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER BEING SITUATE ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE NEVADA CITY HIGHWAY; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) COURSES: N. 36°48'00" E. 13.00 FEET; THENCE N. 42°27'14" E. 108.44 FEET TO THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED AREA; THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY LINES, BEING COMMON TO THE WESTERLY LINES OF LANDS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) COURSES: S. 04°45'27" E. 75.14 FEET; THENCE S. 20°08'56" E. 83.95 FEET TO THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER; THENCE N. 61°25'00" W. 57.80 FEET TO THE POINT OF COMMENCEMENT.

EXCEPTING FROM PARCEL'S ONE AND TWO ABOVE ALL THAT PORTION CONVEYED TO ROBINSON AND SONS, A PARTNERSHIP, BY DEED RECORDED MAY 20, 1996, INSTRUMENT NO. 1996-013532.

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