

VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE FOR INDEFINITE TERM SURETY BOND

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Bond No. SUR0008080 issued by Argonaut Insurance Company dated the 30th day of September, 2015, in the amount of Twenty Five Million Four Hundred Thirty Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty and no/100 Dollars (\$25,434,420.00), on behalf of Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company by Newmont CC&V Mining Corporation – A Delaware Corporation, as Manager (as Principal) and in favor of State of Colorado – Division of Reclamation (as Obligee), covers a term which began on the 30th day of September, 2015, and ends only with the cancellation of said bond or other legal termination thereof; and that the said bond remains in effect, subject to all its agreements, conditions, and limitations.

Signed, sealed and dated 11th day April, 2023

Argonaut Insurance Company

BY

Janice H. Fennell

Janice H. Fennell, Attorney-in-Fact

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the Argonaut Insurance Company, a Corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois and having its principal office in the County of Cook, Illinois does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint:

M. Tracy Tucker, Janice H. Fennell

Their true and lawful agent(s) and attorney(s)-in-fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed any and all bonds, contracts, agreements of indemnity and other undertakings in suretyship provided, however, that the penal sum of any one such instrument executed hereunder shall not exceed the sum of:

\$5,000,000.00

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Argonaut Insurance Company:

"RESOLVED, That the President, Senior Vice President, Vice President, Assistant Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and each of them hereby is authorized to execute powers of attorney, and such authority can be executed by use of facsimile signature, which may be attested or acknowledged by any officer or attorney, of the Company, qualifying the attorney or attorneys named in the given power of attorney, to execute in behalf of, and acknowledge as the act and deed of the Argonaut Insurance Company, all bond undertakings and contracts of suretyship, and to affix the corporate seal thereto."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Argonaut Insurance Company has caused its official seal to be hereunto affixed and these presents to be signed by its duly authorized officer on the 1st day of June, 2021.

Argonaut Insurance Company



by:

Joshua C. Betz, Senior Vice President

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS SS:

On this 1st day of June, 2021 A.D., before me, a Notary Public of the State of Texas, in and for the County of Harris, duly commissioned and qualified, came THE ABOVE OFFICER OF THE COMPANY, to me personally known to be the individual and officer described in, and who executed the preceding instrument, and he acknowledged the execution of same, and being by me duly sworn, deposed and said that he is the officer of the said Company aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the Corporate Seal of said Company, and the said Corporate Seal and his signature as officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said corporation, and that Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of said Company, referred to in the preceding instrument is now in force.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my Official Seal at the County of Harris, the day and year first above written.



(Notary Public)

I, the undersigned Officer of the Argonaut Insurance Company, Illinois Corporation, do hereby certify that the original POWER OF ATTORNEY of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy is still in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said Company, on the 11th day of April, 2023.



James Bluzard, Vice President-Surety