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Via Federal Express Priority Overnight

Mr. Joseph Holonich
Chif, High Level Waste and Uranium Project Branch
Division of Waste Management
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20850

**Re: Docket #40-8903, License #SUA 1471
Financial Surety for 1997
Homestake Mining Company, Grants, New Mexico Reclamation Site**

Dear Mr. Holonich:

As discussed with Mr. Ken Hooks of your office, this letter is to give notice that Homestake Mining Company of California does not intend to adjust the \$24 million current financial surety to cover the remaining reclamation work at our Grants site for 1997.

If you have any questions, please call Roy Cellan in Grants at (505) 287-4456 or myself in San Francisco at (415) 983-8109.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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cc: C. Cain, NRC, Arlington

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