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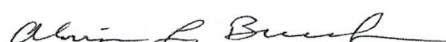
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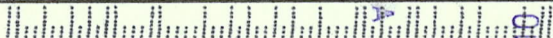
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RALPH F. GRIFFIN, SR.

Mining Claim Maintenance Fee

Decisions Affirmed

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*Case*



In each case, appellant asserts that the claims were included on a Waiver Certification that he alleges was mailed to BLM on August 2, 2002. He states that BLM failed to notify him "in a timely manner" of its failure to receive a Waiver Certification and that any attempt to track the mail would be "impossible."

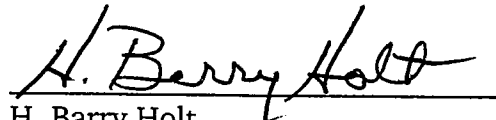
The original case files before the Board for these claims do not contain any evidence of timely receipt by BLM of a Waiver Certification for the 2003 assessment year. This Board has stated that, as a general matter, documents are "filed" with BLM when they are actually received by BLM, and the mere fact that a document may have been timely delivered to a postal delivery service does not constitute timely filing of that document. See, e.g., Anthony J. Perchetti, 89 IBLA 320, 321 (1985); G. R. Marquardson, 49 IBLA 114, 117 (1980); see also 43 CFR 1822.11 ("The date of mailing is not the date of filing.") One basis for the rule is that the post office is generally considered to be the agent of the sender and delivery of the document to an individual's own agent does not constitute delivery of the mail to a third party. Because the post office acts as the agent of the sender, the consequences resulting from any delay in delivery are properly borne by the individual who chose the means of delivery. See Clifford T. Fredrickson, 144 IBLA 105, 107-108 (1998); Gary Milske, 44 IBLA 21, 24 (1979).

With respect to the submission of a Waiver Certification or, in the alternative, the maintenance fee, the regulations provide that a filing or fee will be considered timely "if received within the time period prescribed by law, or, if mailed to the proper BLM office, [it] is contained within an envelope clearly postmarked by a bona fide mail delivery service within the period prescribed by law and received by the proper BLM State Office by 15 calendar days subsequent to such period." 43 CFR 3833.0-5(m). This regulation, in effect, relaxes the general rule and allows treatment of a Waiver Certification or fee as timely filed, if included in an envelope postmarked on or before the due date and received within 15 days subsequent to the due date. Terri L. Duff, 156 IBLA 326, 328 (2002). In this case, there is no evidence of receipt by BLM at any time of a Waiver Certification or fees for the 2003 assessment year.

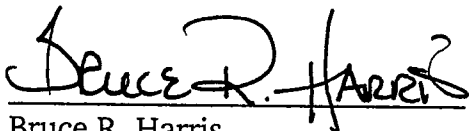
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Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Land Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 CFR 4.1, the decisions appealed from are affirmed.

  
H. Barry Holt  
Chief Administrative Judge

I concur:

  
Bruce R. Harris  
Deputy Chief Administrative Judge

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Mining Claims

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Enclosure (copy of decision)

cc: BLM; Ralph Griffin Sr.; Field Solicitor: Attn: Rich Greenfield



To Bureau of Land Management

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from Ralph Griffin Sr  
PO Box 66

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Refer to 3800(957)(MH) AMC 149336 dated March 6, 2003

3800(957)(MH) AMC 93157 dated March 13, 2003

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PS Am enclosing a  
list of claims held  
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March 6, 2003

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### DECISION

Griffin Ralph Sr  
Box 66  
Arivaca, AZ 85601

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AMC149346  
WHITE GOLD #19

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March 13, 2003

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**DECISION**

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AMC114707, AMC157684, AMC158603

March 13, 2003

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**DECISION**

Griffin Nora Georgia and Ralph Sr  
Box 66  
Arivaca, AZ 85601

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AMC114707, 157688, 157689, 157692 - 157695, 158603  
BLUE BIRD NO 2, GEORGIA #6 & #7, BLUE BIRD #3 - #6, GEORGIA #1

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MAINTENANCE FEE PAYMENT WAIVER CERTIFICATION

This small miner waiver is filed to hold the claims/sites listed below for the assessment year beginning at noon on the first September 1 following the official filing of this form with BLM.

The undersigned owner(s) of the mining claims/sites listed below hereby certify under penalty of 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 43 U.S.C. 1212 that:

I/We control, or will control, ten or fewer mining claims/sites located and maintained on Federal land in the United States of America on the August 31 that is one day before the beginning of the assessment year indicated in line one above.

I/We have/will performed/performance assessment work upon the claims listed below for the current assessment year as of the August 31 indicated in line three above. This work meets the requirements of the General Mining Law of 1872, as amended; the Act of August 10, 1993; and the regulations at 43 CFR 3833 and 3850. Such work will be described on our affidavit of labor.

The mining claims and sites for which the above waiver from payment of the maintenance fees is made are:

CLAIM NAME	BLM RECORDATION SERIAL NUMBER
1. Blue Bird #1	93157
2. Blue Bird #2	114707
3. White Gold #19	149346
4. Georgia #6	157688
5. Georgia #7	157689
6. Blue Bird #3	157692
7. Blue Bird #4	157693
8. Blue Bird #5	157694
9. Blue Bird #6	157695
10. Georgia #1	158603

All owner(s) of the above mining claims and sites are filing for this waiver.

I/We understand and acknowledge that pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1212 and 18 U.S.C. 1001, the filing of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent document with the Bureau of Land Management may result in a fine of up to \$10,000, a prison term not to exceed five years, or both.

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(Owner's Name - Please Print)

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Nora Georgia Griffin  
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March 6, 2003

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This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4 and the enclosed Form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in this office (at the above address) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

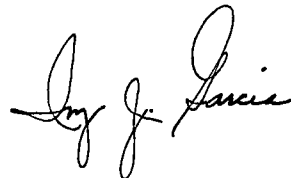
If you wish to file a petition pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 4.21 (58 FR 4939, January 19, 1993) or 43 CFR 2804.1 for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay **must** also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

#### Standards for Obtaining a Stay

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- (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
- (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
- (3) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
- (4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Please include your AMC serial number(s) on all correspondence. If additional information is required, please call Mary Hyde at 602-417-9356.



Ivy J. Garcia  
Group Administrator,  
Lands and Minerals Adjudication

Enclosure



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April 26, 2005

IBLA 2003-204, <u>et al.</u>	:	AMC 93157, <u>et al.</u>
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RALPH F. GRIFFIN, SR.	:	Mining Claim Maintenance Fee
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	:	Decisions Affirmed

### ORDER

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*Case*

In each case, appellant asserts that the claims were included on a Waiver Certification that he alleges was mailed to BLM on August 2, 2002. He states that BLM failed to notify him "in a timely manner" of its failure to receive a Waiver Certification and that any attempt to track the mail would be "impossible."

The original case files before the Board for these claims do not contain any evidence of timely receipt by BLM of a Waiver Certification for the 2003 assessment year. This Board has stated that, as a general matter, documents are "filed" with BLM when they are actually received by BLM, and the mere fact that a document may have been timely delivered to a postal delivery service does not constitute timely filing of that document. See, e.g., Anthony J. Perchetti, 89 IBLA 320, 321 (1985); G. R. Marquardson, 49 IBLA 114, 117 (1980); see also 43 CFR 1822.11 ("The date of mailing is not the date of filing.") One basis for the rule is that the post office is generally considered to be the agent of the sender and delivery of the document to an individual's own agent does not constitute delivery of the mail to a third party. Because the post office acts as the agent of the sender, the consequences resulting from any delay in delivery are properly borne by the individual who chose the means of delivery. See Clifford T. Fredrickson, 144 IBLA 105, 107-108 (1998); Gary Milske, 44 IBLA 21, 24 (1979).

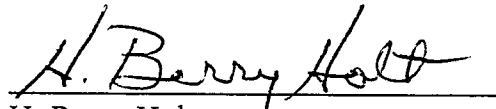
With respect to the submission of a Waiver Certification or, in the alternative, the maintenance fee, the regulations provide that a filing or fee will be considered timely "if received within the time period prescribed by law, or, if mailed to the proper BLM office, [it] is contained within an envelope clearly postmarked by a bona fide mail delivery service within the period prescribed by law and received by the proper BLM State Office by 15 calendar days subsequent to such period." 43 CFR 3833.0-5(m). This regulation, in effect, relaxes the general rule and allows treatment of a Waiver Certification or fee as timely filed, if included in an envelope postmarked on or before the due date and received within 15 days subsequent to the due date. Terri L. Duff, 156 IBLA 326, 328 (2002). In this case, there is no evidence of receipt by BLM at any time of a Waiver Certification or fees for the 2003 assessment year.

While we recognize appellant's disappointment over the loss of the claims, 30 U.S.C. § 28i (2000) explicitly states that failure to timely pay the required maintenance fee automatically results in forfeiture of the mining claim by operation of law. This statute is self-operative, and when a claimant fails to timely file a waiver and no payment has been made, forfeiture results from the statutory directive. Howard J. Hunt, 147 IBLA 381, 384 (1999); Paul W. Tobeler, 131 IBLA 245, 249 (1994). Even where extenuating circumstances are asserted, BLM and this Board are without authority to excuse lack of compliance with the maintenance fee requirement of the Act, to extend the time for compliance, or to afford any relief from the statutory consequences. Richard W. Cahoon Family Limited Partnership, 139 IBLA

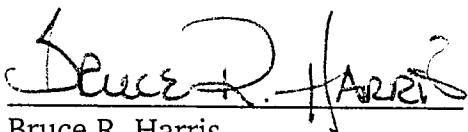


323, 326 (1997); Paul W. Tobeler, supra. In the absence of a timely-filed maintenance fee payment or waiver certification, BLM properly declared the claims forfeited by operation of law. See Alamo Ranch Co., 135 IBLA 61, 76 (1996).

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Land Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 CFR 4.1, the decisions appealed from are affirmed.

  
H. Barry Holt  
Chief Administrative Judge

I concur:

  
Bruce R. Harris  
Deputy Chief Administrative Judge

APPEARANCES:

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Appeal of

RALPH GRIFFIN, SR.

AMC 149346  
Mining Claim

The above appeal has been received and docketed under the number IBLA 2003-206. Please refer to this docket number in any communication, pleading, or other document relating to this appeal.

Thank you.

Bruce R. Harris

Deputy Chief Administrative Judge

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2. The BLM failed to notify me in a timely manner of its failure to receive a maintenance waiver. After 6 mo any attempt to track mail is impossible.

Sincerely

Ralph F Griffin Sr

PO Box 66

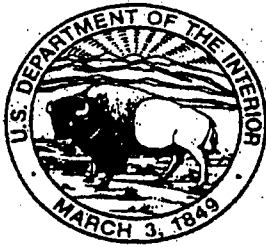
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PS Am enclosing a  
list of claims held  
by me. RB

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In reply refer to:

3800 (957) (MH)  
AMC149336

March 6, 2003

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED: 7002 1000 0004 9039 5574

### DECISION

Griffin Ralph Sr  
Box 66  
Arivaca, AZ 85601

: This decision affects those claims shown  
: in the block below:  
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AMC149346  
WHITE GOLD #19

### MINING CLAIM DECLARED FORFEITED

The mining claims listed above have been declared forfeited for failure to file the required maintenance fee payment or small miner's maintenance fee waiver (waiver).

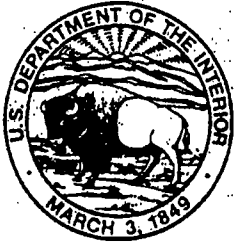
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Our records do not show receipt of a maintenance fee payment, or waiver received on or before September 1, 2002, for the year 2003, for the claim listed above. Therefore, the claim is forfeited.

You are required to reclaim all areas disturbed by your activities on lands encompassed by your mining claim(s) and/or site(s). After you complete the reclamation, you must notify the authorized officer of the appropriate surface managing agency so that the authorized officer may conduct a final site inspection and determine whether you may be released from liability. If you fail to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of the authorized officer, the surface management agency may cite you for noncompliance under its surface management regulations.

For land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), if you fail to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of the authorized officer as required in 43 CFR Subpart 3809, BLM will issue an order of noncompliance under 43 CFR 3809.601(a). If you fail to comply with the noncompliance order, BLM may take further action under 43 CFR 3809.604. Failure to conduct reclamation is a prohibited act that may subject you to criminal penalties. See 43 CFR 3809.605(h) and 43 CFR 3809.700.

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3800 (957) (MH)  
AMC93157

March 13, 2003

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED 7002 1000 0004 6989 9973

**DECISION**

Griffin Ralph Sr  
Box 66  
Arivaca, AZ 85601

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AMC93157  
BLUE BIRD #1

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**MINING CLAIM**  
**DECLARED FORFEITED**

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AMC114707, AMC157684, AMC158603

March 13, 2003

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**DECISION**

Griffin Nora Georgia and Ralph Sr  
Box 66  
Arivaca, AZ 85601

: This decision affects those claims shown  
: in the block below:  
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AMC114707, 157688, 157689, 157692 - 157695, 158603  
BLUE BIRD NO 2, GEORGIA #6 & #7, BLUE BIRD #3 - #6, GEORGIA #1

**MINING CLAIM**  
**DECLARED FORFEITED**

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UNITED STATES  
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FORM APPROVED  
OMB NO. 1004-0114  
Expires: March 31, 1997

MAINTENANCE FEE PAYMENT WAIVER CERTIFICATION

This small miner waiver is filed to hold the claims/sites listed below for the assessment year beginning at noon on the first September 1 following the official filing of this form with BLM.

The undersigned owner(s) of the mining claims/sites listed below hereby certify under penalty of 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 43 U.S.C. 1212 that:

1/We control, or will control, ten or fewer mining claims/sites located and maintained on Federal land in the United States of America on the August 31 that is one day before the beginning of the assessment year indicated in line one above.

2/We have/will performed/performance assessment work upon the claims listed below for the current assessment year as of the August 31 indicated in line three above. This work meets the requirements of the General Mining Law of 1872, as amended; the Act of August 10, 1993; and the regulations at 43 CFR 3833 and 3850. Such work will be described on our affidavit of labor.

The mining claims and sites for which the above waiver from payment of the maintenance fees is made are:

CLAIM NAME	BLM RECORDATION SERIAL NUMBER
1. Blue Bird #1	93157
2. Blue Bird #2	714707
3. White Gold #19	159346
4. Georgia #6	158608
5. Georgia #7	157689
6. Blue Bird #3	1502692
7. Blue Bird #4	157693
8. Blue Bird #5	157694
9. Blue Bird #6	157695
10. Georgia #1	158603

All owner(s) of the above mining claims and sites are filing for this waiver.

1/We understand and acknowledge that pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1212 and 18 U.S.C. 1001, the filing of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent document with the Bureau of Land Management may result in a fine of up to \$10,000, a prison term not to exceed five years, or both.

Ralph E. Griffin Sr  
(Owner's Name - Please Print)

PO Box 66  
(Street or P.O. Box)

Nora Georgia Griffin  
(Owner's Name - Please Print)

PO Box 66  
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Ralph E. Griffin Sr  
(Owner's Signature)

Arivaca AZ 85601  
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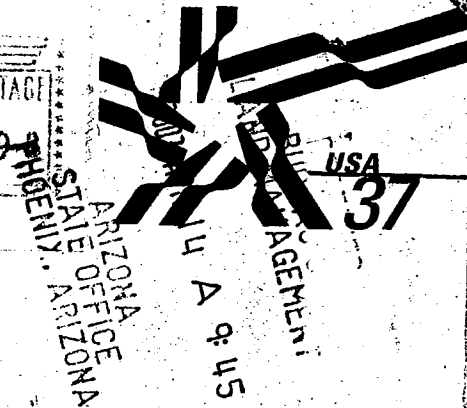
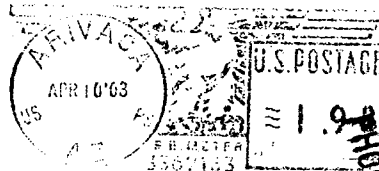
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Ralph Griffin  
PO Box 66  
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ABANDONMENT AMC162194, AMC149336,  
AMC198225, AMC219621, AMC234958  
(921) DDM

5. Signature (Addressee)

6. Signature (Agent)

*Billie J. Freeman*

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## LEAD OWNER

COPLEN WILLIAM Et al  
PO BOX 92  
ARIVACA AZ 85601

CO-OWNERS  
SAUER HAROLD

ARIZONA LEAD FILE NUMBER - 162194

CASE TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	CLAIM NAME	LAST ASSMT.	CASE TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	CLAIM NAME	LAST ASSMT.
LD	162194	WHITE GOLD #21	1992				

ARIZONA LEAD FILE NUMBER - 149336

CASE TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	CLAIM NAME	LAST ASSMT.	CASE TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	CLAIM NAME	LAST ASSMT.
LD	149341	WHITE GOLD #14	1992	LD	149342	WHITE GOLD #15	1992
LD	149343	WHITE GOLD #16	1992				

ARIZONA LEAD FILE NUMBER - 198225

CASE TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	CLAIM NAME	LAST ASSMT.	CASE TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	CLAIM NAME	LAST ASSMT.
LD	198230	WHITE GOLD #27	1992				

ARIZONA LEAD FILE NUMBER - 219621

CASE TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	CLAIM NAME	LAST ASSMT.	CASE TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	CLAIM NAME	LAST ASSMT.
LD	219623	WHITE GOLD #30	1992				

149341-149343 Closed 8/31/93 JLM

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LEAD OWNER

COPLIN WILLIAM

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LEAD FILE NUMBER - 234958

CASE TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	CLAIM NAME	LAST ASSMT.	CASE TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	CLAIM NAME	LAST ASSMT.
LD	234958	WHITE GOLD 33	1992				
LD	234959	WHITE GOLD 34	1992	LD	234960	WHITE GOLD 35	1992
LD	234961	WHITE GOLD 36	1992	LD	234962	WHITE GOLD 37	1992



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## DECISION

Mining Claimant(s)	:	Mining Claim(s),
as Shown on the	:	Mill Site(s) and Tunnel
Enclosed Sheet(s)	:	Site(s) as Shown on the
		Enclosed Sheet(s)

### MINING CLAIMS, MILL SITES AND TUNNEL SITES DECLARED ABANDONED

Public Law 102-381, 106 Stat 1374, dated October 5, 1992, and the regulations implemented July 15, 1993, 43 CFR §3833.1-5, "Rental Fees" prescribe, unless otherwise exempted, that \$100 rental for assessment year 1992-1993, and \$100 rental for assessment year 1993-1994, must be paid to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for each mining claim, mill site, and tunnel site on or before August 31, 1993. Failure to pay the rental fee by that date shall conclusively constitute an abandonment of the mining claim, mill site, or tunnel site, which shall be void.

The BLM records do not show receipt of payment for the mining claim(s), mill site(s), and tunnel site(s) listed on the enclosed sheet(s) on or before August 31, 1993.

If the rental fee was timely paid to the BLM for 1993 and 1994, please furnish a copy of the BLM receipt for payment and the document listing the claims and serial numbers for which payment was made to the BLM, Arizona State Office. The receipt and proof must be dated and/or time stamped by the BLM on or before August 31, 1993.

The proof of payment must show that the required amount was remitted and was received by the BLM on or before August 31, 1993, or it will not be accepted. The evidence must be received in this office no later than 30 days from receipt of this decision. If the proof is not furnished during the 30-day period, the mining claim(s), mill site(s), and tunnel site(s) will be removed from the BLM records as abandoned and void.

If additional information is required, please call (602) 650-0518.

*Mary Jo Yoas*

Mary Jo Yoas  
Chief, Branch of Lands  
and Minerals Operations

Enclosure(s)



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**3 Transfers**



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Memorandum

To: Case File

From: Mary

Subject: Documentation of Telephone Conversation

Name of Person Contacted: Mr. Harris' Secretary

Telephone Number of Person Contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Contact: 4/10/98

Summary:

Claims are not in the name  
of Hecla Mining Co.

Mr. Harris is out of town  
until 4/22. He will call then

Mary

5/20/98

Mr. Harris called. Unable to clear  
up claimant ownership. Requested  
return of documents and refund.

Mary

Recording requested by and return to:  
Richard W. Harris, Esq.  
Harris, Trimmer & Thompson  
6121 Lakeside Drive, Ste. 260  
Reno, Nevada 89511

Exempt from Affidavit  
ARS 42-1614A6

OFFICIAL RECORDS OF  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY  
SUZANNE SAINZ  
COUNTY RECORDER  
REQUEST OF :  
A HARRIS, RICHARD W., ESQ.  
DATE: 02/23/98 TIME: 12.10  
FEE: 8.00  
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**QUITCLAIM DEED WITH RESERVED ROYALTY** INDEXED MICROFILMED  
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HECLA MINING COMPANY (hereinafter referred to as "Transferor"), a Delaware corporation, whose address is 6500 Mineral Drive, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815-8788, for and in consideration of the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) and other valuable consideration paid to Transferor by MINEFINDERS (USA) INC., a Nevada corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Transferee"), whose address is 3545 Airway Drive, Suite 102, Reno, Nevada 89511, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Transferor, hereby remises, releases and forever quitclaims to Transferee all of the interest of Transferor, if any, in and to mining claims situated in Santa Cruz County, Arizona, as further described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular the described property, together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances belonging to such Property, or in anywise appertaining, and the rents, issues and profits of such Property to Transferee and Transferee's heirs and assigns forever.

RESERVING UNTO TRANSFEROR a three percent (3%) net smelter royalty on production of all Precious Metals from the Property. The term "Net Smelter Royalty" shall mean gross revenues actually received by Transferee for gold or silver sold F.O.B. smelter, less:

1. any rents, fees, severance or similar taxes or royalties that may be imposed or levied on the Properties (exclusive of income taxes) from and after July 14, 1994;
2. smelter and refining charges and any other charges or penalties levied by the smelter or refiner or other purchaser of the gold or silver;
3. freight and insurance costs of the gold or silver from the Properties to the point of sale;
4. sales commissions and charges; and
5. royalties created or granted by Transferor or its predecessors in title, provided that the Net Smelter Royalty shall not be reduced by any royalties created or granted by Transferee or its successors or assigns.

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TRANSFeree SHALL PAY the Net Smelter Royalty in the following manner:

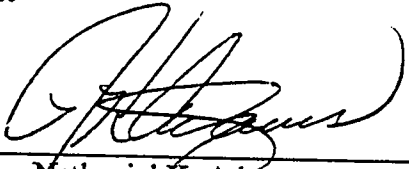
1. The Net Smelter Royalty shall be paid quarterly within forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter during which gross revenues are received by Transferee and shall be subject to adjustment for 30 days after the end of the calendar year for metallurgical or financial accounting discrepancies.
2. Each royalty payment shall be accompanied by an accounting statement justifying the calculation and amount of the royalty payment, and at year end a statement of all royalties paid during the year. Any adjustment of a Net Smelter Royalty shall contain a detailed statement and calculation explaining the basis for and discrepancy requiring adjustment.
3. Any adjustment required because of an overpayment to the Transferor shall be made only be offsetting such overpayment from the Net Smelter Royalty otherwise due in the next succeeding calendar quarter or quarters. In no event shall the Transferor be required to repay funds already paid over to it as a result of any such deduction.

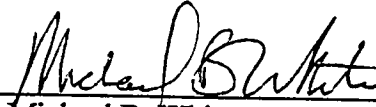
TRANSFEROR ALSO RETAINS a first right of refusal with respect to any sale, lease, joint venture, or other conveyance of the mining claims.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Transferor has caused this Quitclaim Deed to be executed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 1998.

TRANSFEROR  
HECLA MINING COMPANY

Attest

By   
Nathaniel K. Adams  
Assistant Secretary

By   
Michael B. White  
Vice President

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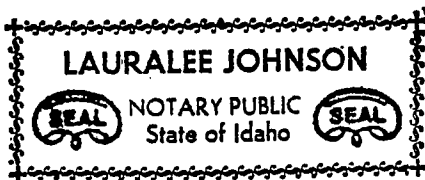
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STATE OF IDAHO )  
 ) ss.  
 County of Kootenai )

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 1998, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Idaho, personally appeared Michael B. White and Nathaniel K. Adams, known or identified to me to be the Vice President and the Assistant Secretary, respectively, of HECLA MINING COMPANY, the officers that executed the instrument on behalf of said corporation, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.



Lauralee Johnson  
 Notary Public  
 Residing at Post Falls  
 My Commission Expires: March 17, 1999

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**EXHIBIT A**  
to Quitclaim Deed  
Hecla to Minefinders

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**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

The following unpatented mining claims situated in Santa Cruz County, Arizona, Township 23 South, Range 11 East, Sections 18, 19, 20, 29, 30 and 32, and Township 23 South, Range 12 East, Section 24, G&SR B & M.

<u>NAME OF CLAIM</u>	<u>BLM SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>SECTION(S)</u>
White Gold No. 1	AMC 111624	19, 20
White Gold No. 2	AMC 111625	20, 29
White Gold No. 3	AMC 111626	20
White Gold No. 4	AMC 111627	19, 20
White Gold #5	AMC 124344	20
White Gold #6	AMC 124345	20, 29
White Gold #7	AMC 124346	20, 29
White Gold #8	AMC 124347	20, 29
White Gold #9	AMC 149336	29
White Gold #10	AMC 149337	20
White Gold #11	AMC 149338	20
White Gold #12	AMC 149339	20
White Gold #13	AMC 149340	20
White Gold #17	AMC 149344	29
White Gold #18	AMC 149345	29
White Gold #20	AMC 149347	20
White Gold #22	AMC 198225	20, 29
White Gold #23	AMC 198226	20
White Gold #24	AMC 198227	20, 29
White Gold #25	AMC 198228	20, 29
White Gold #26	AMC 198229	20
White Gold #28	AMC 219621	29
White Gold #29	AMC 219622	29
White Gold #31	AMC 219624	29
White Gold #32	AMC 219625	29
White Gold #38	AMC 248845	30
White Gold #39	AMC 248846	30
WG 101	AMC 275680	19, 20, 29, 30
WG 102	AMC 275681	19
West #2	AMC 190497	29
West #3	AMC 190498	29
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West #9	AMC 190504	29

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West #10	AMC 190505	29
West #12	AMC 190507	32
West #15	AMC 190510	30
Two	AMC 108100	20
Mary #1	AMC 103090	19, 30
Mary #2	AMC 103091	19, 30
Mary #3	AMC 105388	19, 30
Oro Fino	AMC 227311	19
Johnny #1	AMC 214678	18
Johnny #2	AMC 214679	18
Johnny #3	AMC 214680	18
Willey #1	AMC 217072	18
Willy #3	AMC 217074	18
Willie #4	AMC 220672	18
Willie #18	AMC 220686	18, 19
Willie #19	AMC 220687	19 (T23S R11E) 24 (T23S R12E)
Willie #20	AMC 220688	19
Willie #28	AMC 220696	18
Willie #34	AMC 220702	18
Willie #35	AMC 220703	18
Willie #36	AMC 220704	18
Willie #37	AMC 220705	18
Willie #42	AMC 220710	18
Willie #50	AMC 235445	19
El Gato 1	AMC 322901	29
El Gato 2	AMC 322902	29
LP 1	AMC 322905	29
WG 108	AMC 322907	29, 32
TOTAL: 62 unpatented mining claims		

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RECEIPT AND ACCOUNTING ADVICE

NO. 2388854

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04/03/98

Subject: TRANSFER OF INTEREST - 62

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Applicant:

RICHARD W HARRIS JR  
6121 LAKESIDE DR STE 260  
BOX 70250  
RENO NV 89570

CK 1146

Remitter: 702 825-4300

Assignor:

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RENTAL			
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REFUND			320.00
TOTAL			
AMOUNT DUE			

Remarks:

Transfers not processed.  
Refund authorized

BY:

Mary B. Hyde

DATE:

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March 31, 1998

FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mining Records Division  
Arizona State Office  
Bureau of Land Management  
3707 North 7th Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85014

Re: Oro Blanco Claim Group, Santa Cruz County, Arizona

Dear Sir or Madam:

I enclose a copy of the "Quitclaim Deed with Reserved Royalty" by which Hecla Mining Company conveys the "Oro Blanco" claims to Minefinders (USA) Inc. I also enclose our Trust Check No. 1146 in the amount of \$320.00 for your filing fee (62 claims at \$5.00 per claim). Please return evidence of filing to this office.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,



Richard W. Harris

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2400 Valley Bank Building  
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Dear Ladris  
I have been told that you do not  
have a copy of this quit-claim Deed on  
record.

I'm sure a copy was sent in but just to be  
double sure here is a copy would you please file  
it for me.

Thank You.

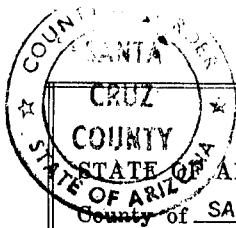
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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY  
STATE OF ARIZONA  
County of SANTA CRUZ

I hereby certify that the within instrument was filed and recorded  
ss. JUL 22 1982, 19, at 2:30 P. M.

Fee No.: 44004

Indexed:

Compared:

Photostated:

Fee: \$ 3.00

I.R.S.: \$

When recorded mail to:

Witness my hand and official seal.

MARY LOU G. SAINZ

County Recorder

By Elisa B. Huerta  
Deputy Recorder

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# Quit-Claim Deed

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For the consideration of Ten Dollars, and other valuable considerations, For we, Wm. H. Coplen  
and Harold Sauer  
hereby quit-claim to <sup>IN</sup> Ralph Griffith

all right, title, or interest in the following real property situated in Santa Cruz County, Arizona:

Unpatented mining claim White Gold #19 located in Oro Blanco  
mining District. Sec. 20 Township 23S Range 11E  
Recorded in Santa Cruz Co. Records office. Bk 317 Page  
696-698. Dec. 30, 1981. BLM # AMC 149246, dated 1-14-81

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Dated this 18 day of June, 1982

Wm. H. Coplen  
Wm. H. Coplen  
Harold Sauer  
Harold Sauer

STATE OF ARIZONA  
County of PIMA ss.

This instrument was acknowledged before me this 18  
day of June, 1982, by  
Wm. H. Coplen & Harold Sauer

My commission will expire Jan 30, 1983

Arthur J. Brown  
Notary Public.

STATE OF ARIZONA } ss.  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

On this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_, before me,  
\_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared  
\_\_\_\_\_, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the  
person whose name \_\_\_\_\_ subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_  
executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public.

STATE OF ARIZONA } ss.  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

On this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_, before me,  
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In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public.

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
**Quit-Claim Deed**  
Short Form  
FROM \_\_\_\_\_  
TO \_\_\_\_\_  
Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_  
STATE OF ARIZONA  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ } ss.  
I hereby certify that the within in-  
strument was filed and recorded at  
request of \_\_\_\_\_  
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In Docket \_\_\_\_\_  
on page \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness my hand and official seal  
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By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Recorder.

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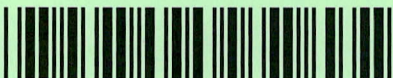


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**Case Type 384101: LODE CLAIM**  
**Claim Name: WHITE GOLD #19**  
**Commodity :**  
**Case Disposition: CLOSED**

**Serial Number  
AMC149346**

Name & Address	Int Rel	% Interest
GRIFFIN RALPH SR BOX 66 ARIVACA, AZ 85601	CLAIMANT	0.0000000

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Act Date	Code	Action	Action Remarks	Receipt Number
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01/14/1982	395	RECORDATION NOTICE RECD		
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12/24/1992	480	EVID OF ASSMT FILED	1992	
04/26/2005	361	DECISION AFFIRMED	IBLA 2003-204	
04/17/2003	165	CASE SENT TO IBLA	IBLA 2003-205	
04/14/2003	120	APPEAL FILED	IBLA 2003-205	
03/13/2003	393	DECISION ISSUED	REQ NOT MET	
09/01/2002	239	DECLARED NULL & VOID	REQ NOT MET	
09/12/1989	669	LAND STATUS CHECKED		
01/16/1984	396	TRF OF INTEREST FILED	COPEN WM	
01/16/1984	396	TRF OF INTEREST FILED	SAUER HAROLD	
01/14/1982	501	ACCT ADV IN LEAD FILE	AMC149336;	
12/30/1981	404	COUNTY RECORDATION	0;317;696	
12/30/1981	635	AMENDED LOCATION FILED	0;317;697	

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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ARIZONA STATE OFFICE

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Memorandum

To: Case File

From: Tracy Hyde

Subject: Documentation of Telephone Conversation

Name of Person Contacted: Richard Harris

Telephone Number of Person Contacted: (702) 825-4300

Date of Contact: 1/9/97

Summary:

Our records do not agree with  
his letter of 9/18/96 pertaining to  
claim ownership.

Mr. Harris will contact his client  
to see if QCD's will be  
submitted.

Tracy Hyde

HARRIS, TRIMMER & THOMPSON  
AN ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS

RICHARD W. HARRIS  
KATHLEEN S. TRIMMER  
RICHARD K. THOMPSON

Mining Records Division  
Arizona State Office  
Bureau of Land Management  
3707 North 7th Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85014

Re: 1996-97 Federal Rental Fees (Oro Blanco Project)

Dear Sir or Madam:

On August 20, 1996 our office delivered a letter to the Arizona State Office of the Bureau of Land Management conveying federal claim maintenance fees of \$10,800.00 for the "Oro Blanco Project" situated in Santa Cruz County, Arizona.

The letter did not correctly identify all of the claim owners. I am advised by Mr. Mark Bailey, President of Minefinders (USA) Inc., that the claim owners are as follows:

1. The White Gold, WG, Oro Fino, El Gato, LP, TWO, West, Mary, Johnny, and Willy/Willie claims are owned by Hecla Mining Company, 6500 Mineral Drive, Box C-8000, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814-8788.

2. The BP 1-46 claims are owned by Minefinders (USA) Inc., whose address is 5301 Longley Lane, Suite D-148, Reno, Nevada 89511.

In addition, please note that Exhibit A to my letter of August 19 describes the BP claims as having federal serial numbers "NMC" 338752-338797. The correct prefix is "AMC".

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The federal claim maintenance fees were paid by Minefinders (USA) Inc. on behalf of the foregoing claim owners. The rental fees were paid in lieu of federal assessment work pursuant to federal law.

Please return a file-stamped copy of this letter to our office. Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,



Richard W. Harris

RWH/sm

Encs.

cc: Mr. Mark Bailey (by telecopier)  
Mr. Tench Page (by telecopier)  
Ms. LauraLee Johnson (by telecopier)

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## EXHIBIT A

The Claims consist of the following unpatented lode mining claims situated in the Oro Blanco Mining District, Santa Cruz County, Arizona, in Sections 7, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29, 30, 31 and 32, Township 23 South, Range 11 East, G&SR Mer., the names of which and the place of record of the location notices thereof in the official records of the County Recorder and authorized office of the Bureau of Land Management are as follows:

<u>Name of Claim</u>	<u>Sta Cruz County</u> <u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>BLM Serial</u> <u>A MC No.</u>
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The following claims are collectively referred to as the "White Gold Group"

White Gold 1	285	459-60	111624
White Gold 2	285	461-62	111625
White Gold 3	285	463-64	111626
White Gold 4	285	465-66	111627
White Gold 5	295	635-36	124344
White Gold 6	295	637-38	124345
White Gold 7	295	639-40	124346
White Gold 8	295	641-42	124347
White Gold 9	317	675-77	149336
White Gold 10	317	678-80	149337
White Gold 11	317	260-62	149338
White Gold 12	317	263-65	149339
White Gold 13	317	681-83	149340
White Gold 17	317	693	149344
White Gold 18	317	257-59	149345
White Gold 20	317	699-701	149347
White Gold 22	348	136-37	198225
White Gold 23	348	138-39	198226
White Gold 24	348	140-41	198227
White Gold 25	348	142-43	198228
White Gold 26	348	144-45	198229
White Gold 28	372	266-68	219621
White Gold 29	372	269-70	219622
White Gold 31	372	273-74	219624
White Gold 32	372	275-76	219625
White Gold 38	417	517-18	248845
White Gold 39	417	519-20	248846

The following claims are collectively referred to as the "WG Group"

WG 101	459	161-62	275680
WG 102	459	163-64	275681
WG 108	587	736-37	322907

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Oro Fino	381	541	227311 ✓
El Gato 1	587	724-25	322901 )
El Gato 2	587	726-27	322902 )
LP 1	587	732-33	322905 ✓
TWO	282	149	108100 ✓

The following claims are collectively referred to as the "West Group"

West 2	341	408	190497 )
West 3	341	409	190498 )
West 7	341	413	190502 )
West 8	341	414	190503 )
West 9	341	415	190504 )
West 10	341	416	190505 )
West 12	341	418	190507 ✓
West 15	341	387-88	190510 ✓

The following claims are collectively referred to as the "Mary Group"

MARY 1	275	260-61	103090 )
Amended	312	428-29	
MARY 2	275	262-63	103091 )
Amended	312	420-21	
MARY 3	280	55-56	105388 ✓
Amended	306	277-78	
Amended	312	424-25	

The following claims are collectively referred to as the "Johnny Group"

Johnny 1	369	522-23	214678 )
Johnny 2	369	524-25	214679 )
Johnny 3	369	526-27	214680 )

The following claims are collectively referred to as the "Willy/Willie Group"

Willy 1	371	491	217072 ✓
Amended	372	571	
Willy 3	371	493	217074 ✓
Willie 4	374	178	220672 ✓
Willie 18	372	595-96	220686 )
Willie 19	372	597-98	220687 )

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Willie 20	372	599-600	220688 ✓
Willie 28	373	239-40	220696 ✓
Willie 34	374	188-89	220702
Willie 35	374	190-91	220703 )
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Subject: CLAIM MAINTENANCE FEE 1997 - 100

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Applicant:

Applicant:

RICHARD W HARRIS PC  
6121 LAKEVIEW DR SUITE 200  
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SAME A CK 01720  
702-625-4320

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				124344 - 124347	219624-219625
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REFUND				149344 - 149345	220672
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				BY: 190507	DATE:

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