



CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF

BIG STEP MINING COMPANY, INC.

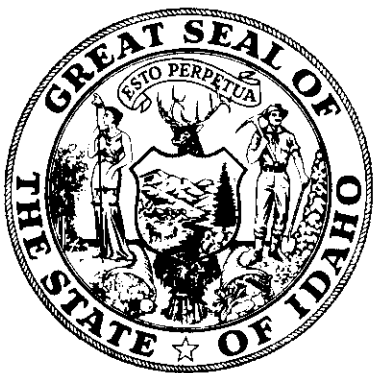
I, PETE T. CENARRUSA, Secretary of State of the State of Idaho, hereby certify that duplicate originals of Articles of Incorporation for the incorporation of _____

BIG STEP MINING COMPANY, INC.

, duly signed pursuant to the provisions of the Idaho Business Corporation Act, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I issue this Certificate of Incorporation and attach hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of Incorporation.

Dated March 31, 19 80.



Pete T. Cenarrusa

SECRETARY OF STATE

Corporation Clerk

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

BIG STEP MINING COMPANY, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation under the Idaho Business Corporation Act, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

FIRST: The name of the corporation is BIG STEP MINING COMPANY, INC.

SECOND: The period of its duration is perpetual.

THIRD: The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized is to purchase, locate, lease or otherwise acquire mines, mining claims, mining rights and lands and any interest therein and explore, work, exercise, develop and turn to account the same; to quarry, mine, smelt, refine, dress, amalgamate and prepare for market, ore metal and mineral substances of all kinds, and to carry on any other operations or business which may be deemed necessary, convenient or incidental to any of the objects of the company; to buy, sell, manufacture and deal in minerals, plants, machinery, implements, conveniences, provisions and things capable of being used in connection with the mining or other operations of this corporation, or required by workmen and others employed by the company; to construct, carry out, maintain, improve, manage, work, control and superintend, any roads, ways, railways, bridges, reservoirs, water courses, aqueducts, furnaces, mills, crushing works, hydraulic works, factories, warehouses, and other works and conveniences which may be deemed necessary, convenient, or incidental to any object of the company and to

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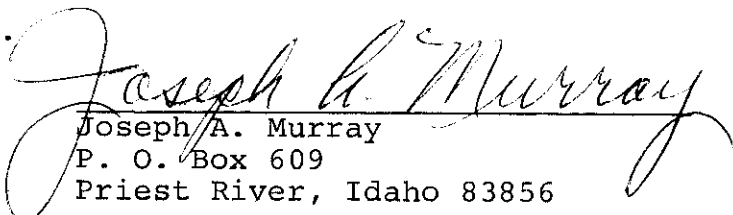
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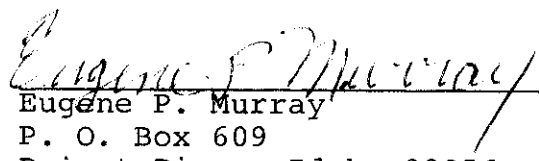
NINTH: The name and address of each incorporator is:

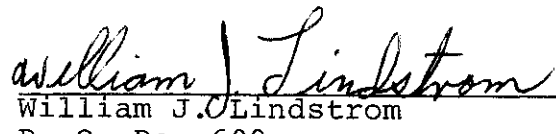
<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
JOSEPH A. MURRAY	P. O. Box 609 Priest River, Idaho 83856
EUGENE P. MURRAY	P. O. Box 609 Priest River, Idaho 83856
WILLIAM J. LINDSTROM	P. O. Box 609 Priest River, Idaho 83856
ROBERT C. MURRAY	P. O. Box 609 Priest River, Idaho 83856

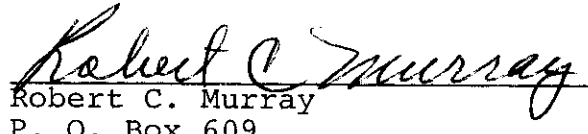
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and seal this

26 day of March, 1980.


Joseph A. Murray
P. O. Box 609
Priest River, Idaho 83856


Eugene P. Murray
P. O. Box 609
Priest River, Idaho 83856


William J. Lindstrom
P. O. Box 609
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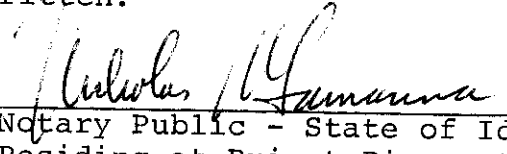

Robert C. Murray
P. O. Box 609
Priest River, Idaho 83856

STATE OF IDAHO,)
 : ss
County of Bonner.)

On this 26 day of March, 1980, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, personally appeared JOSEPH A. MURRAY, EUGENE P. MURRAY, WILLIAM J. LINDSTROM, AND ROBERT C. MURRAY, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal
the day and year first above written.



Notary Public - State of Idaho.
Residing at Priest River, therein.
My commission expires: Life

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