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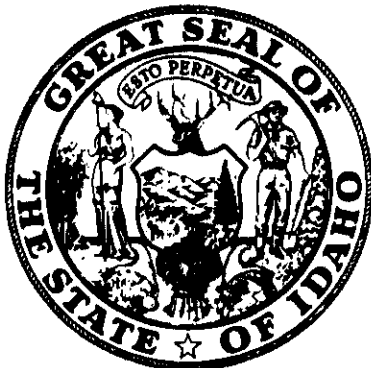
**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY  
OF**

NU-WEST MINERALS, INC.

I, PETE T. CENARRUSA, Secretary of State of the State of Idaho, hereby certify that duplicate originals of an Application of NU-WEST MINERALS, INC. for a Certificate of Authority to transact business in this State, duly signed and verified 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 Authority to NU-WEST MINERALS, INC. to transact business in this State under the name NU-WEST MINERALS, INC. and attach hereto a duplicate original of the Application for such Certificate.

Dated **March 4, 1991**



*Pete T. Cenarrusa*

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Corporation Clerk

# APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

(Profit Corporation)

To the Secretary of State of Idaho

Pursuant to Section 30-1-110, Idaho Code, the undersigned Corporation hereby applies for a Certificate of Authority to transact business in your State, and for that purpose submits the following statement:

1. The name of the corporation is Nu-West Minerals, Inc. 91 MAR 4 AM 9 03

2. The name which it shall use in Idaho is Nu-West Minerals, Inc.

(To be used only when required to avoid a conflict with a name already on file. Must be accompanied by a Board of Directors resolution adopting assumed name in Idaho.)

3. It is incorporated under the laws of Delaware

4. The date of its incorporation is November 13, 1990 and the period of its duration is perpetual

5. The address of its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated is Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington DE 19801

6. The address to which correspondence should be addressed, if different from that in item 5.

8400 East Prentice Avenue, Suite 1320, Englewood CO 80111

7. The street address of its proposed registered office in Idaho is 300 North Sixth Street,  
Boise ID 83701, and the name of its proposed registered agent in Idaho at that address is CT Corporation System

8. The purpose or purposes which it proposes to pursue in the transaction of business in Idaho are:

The research, development and production of synthetic silica  
and other chemical products.

9. The names and respective addresses of its directors and officers are:

Name	Office	Address
<u>Steve Gamp</u>	<u>Director, Vice President,</u>	<u>8400 East Prentice, Suite 1320</u>
	<u>Secretary and</u>	<u>Englewood, Colorado 80111</u>
	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>8400 East Prentice, Suite 1320</u>
<u>Don LaRue</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Englewood, Colorado 80111</u>
		<u>8400 East Prentice, Suite 1320</u>
<u>Helen Smith</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Englewood, Colorado 80111</u>

(continued on reverse)

Name

Office

Address


10. The corporation accepts and shall comply with the provisions of the Constitution and the laws of the State of Idaho.

11. This Application is accompanied by a certificate of Corporate Status or Existence, duly authenticated by the proper officer of the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated.

Dated: February 6, 1991

Nu-West Minerals, Inc.

(Corporation Name)

By X [Signature]

Its President/Vice President (please specify)

and [Signature]

Its Secretary/Assistant Secretary (please specify)

STATE OF COLORADO )

COUNTY OF Alamosa ) ss:

I, V. RAYNELL CALIGUIRE

, a notary public, do hereby certify that on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 19 91, personally appeared before

me STEVEN W. GARD, who being by me first duly sworn, declared that (s)he

is the Secretary of Nu-West Minerals, Inc.

that (s)he signed the foregoing document as Secretary of the corporation and that the statements therein contained are true.

V. Raynell Caliguire  
Notary Public

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 7/3/94

State of Delaware

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## Office of Secretary of State

I, MICHAEL HARKINS, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE DO HEREBY CERTIFY NU-WEST MINERALS, INC. IS DULY INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL CORPORATE EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE DATE SHOWN BELOW.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE FRANCHISE TAXES HAVE NOT BEEN ASSESSED TO DATE.

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*Michael Harkins*  
Michael Harkins, Secretary of State

AUTHENTICATION: \*2968124

DATE: 02/26/1991