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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
WESTERN DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and the STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, **Plaintiffs,** v. CYPRUS MINES CORPORATION and CYPRUS AMAX MINERALS COMPANY, INC. and BLUE TEE CORP. and HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, **Defendants.**	CASE NO. CIV. 12-5058-JLV **CONSENT DECREE WITH:** **HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA**

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I. BACKGROUND

A. The United States of America ("United States"), on behalf of the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), and the State of South Dakota ("State"), on behalf of the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources ("DENR"), filed a complaint in this matter pursuant to Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9607 ("CERCLA"), and Chapter 34A-12 of South Dakota Codified Law ("SDCL"), seeking reimbursement of response costs incurred or to be incurred for response actions taken or to be taken at or in connection with the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Gilt Edge Mine Site in Lawrence County, South Dakota (the "Site").

B. The Defendant that has entered into this Consent Decree ("Settling Defendant") does not admit any liability to Plaintiffs arising out of the transactions or occurrences alleged in the complaint.

C. In response to the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at or from the Site, EPA and the State undertook response actions at the Site pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604, and will undertake additional response actions in the future.

D. In performing response action at the Site, EPA and the State have incurred response costs and will incur additional response costs in the future.

E. The United States and the State allege that Settling Defendant is a responsible party pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), and Chapter 34A-12-12 of SDCL, and is jointly and severally liable for response costs incurred and to be incurred at the Site.

F. The United States, the State, and the Settling Defendant (the "Parties") agree, and this Court by entering this Consent Decree finds, that this Consent Decree has been negotiated by the

Parties in good faith, that settlement of this matter will avoid prolonged and complicated litigation between the Parties, and that this Consent Decree is fair, reasonable, and in the public interest.

THEREFORE, with the consent of the Parties to this Consent Decree, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:

II. JURISDICTION

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1345 and 1367, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607 and 9613(b), and also has personal jurisdiction over Settling Defendant. Solely for the purposes of this Consent Decree and the underlying complaint, Settling Defendant waives all objections and defenses that it may have to jurisdiction of the Court or to venue in this District. Settling Defendant shall not challenge entry or the terms of this Consent Decree or this Court's jurisdiction to enter and enforce this Consent Decree.

III. PARTIES BOUND

2. This Consent Decree is binding upon the United States, the State, and upon Settling Defendant and its successors and assigns. Any change in ownership or corporate or other legal status, including, but not limited to, any transfer of assets or real or personal property, shall in no way alter the status or responsibilities of Settling Defendant under this Consent Decree.

IV. DEFINITIONS

3. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Consent Decree, terms used in this Consent Decree that are defined in CERCLA or in regulations promulgated under CERCLA shall have the meaning assigned to them in CERCLA or in such regulations. Whenever terms listed below are used in this Consent Decree or its appendices, the following definitions shall apply:

"CERCLA" shall mean the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601-9675.

"Consent Decree" shall mean this Consent Decree.

"Day" or "day" shall mean a calendar day. In computing any period of time under this Consent Decree, where the last day would fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or federal or state holiday, the period shall run until the close of business of the next working day.

"DOJ" shall mean the United States Department of Justice and its successor departments, agencies, or instrumentalities.

"Effective Date" shall mean the date upon which this Consent Decree is entered by the Court as recorded on the Court docket, or, if the Court instead issues an order approving the Consent Decree, the date such order is recorded on the Court docket.

"EPA" shall mean the United States Environmental Protection Agency and its successor departments, agencies, or instrumentalities.

"EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund" shall mean the Hazardous Substance Superfund established by the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 9507.

"Gilt Edge Special Account for Remedial Action" shall mean the special account, within the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund, established for the Site by EPA pursuant to Section 122(b)(3) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9622(b)(3), to fund future remedial actions at or in connection with the Site.

"Gilt Edge Special Account for State Cost Share and O&M" shall mean the special account, within the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund, established for the Site by EPA pursuant to Section 122(b)(3) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9622(b)(3), to aid in funding the State's cost share and operation and maintenance obligations for the Site.

"Interest" shall mean interest at the rate specified for interest on investments of the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund established by 26 U.S.C. § 9507, compounded annually on October 1 of each year, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a). The applicable rate of interest shall be the rate in effect at the time the interest accrues. The rate of interest is subject to change on October 1 of each year.

"Paragraph" shall mean a portion of this Consent Decree identified by an Arabic numeral or an upper or lower case letter.

"Parties" shall mean the United States, the State of South Dakota, and Settling Defendant.

"Plaintiffs" shall mean the United States and the State of South Dakota.

"RCRA" shall mean the Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6901-6992, also known as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

"SDCL" shall mean South Dakota Codified Law.

"Section" shall mean a portion of this Consent Decree identified by a Roman numeral.

"Settling Defendant" shall mean Homestake Mining Company of California.

"Settling Defendant's Related Parties" shall mean: (i) Settling Defendant's successors and assigns, but only to the extent that the liability of such person is based on the liability of Settling Defendant; (ii) Settling Defendant's former or current officers, directors and employees, but only to the extent that the liability of such person is based on acts and/or omissions which occurred in the scope of the person's employment or capacity as an officer, director and employee; (iii) Barrick Gold Corporation, ABX Financeco, Inc., Barrick Holding Company, and Barrick (HMC) Mining Company, in their capacity as successors to relevant liabilities of Lacana Mining, Inc., including without limitation any assumption by such entities of liabilities, whether direct or indirect, express or implied, arising from the operations of Lacana Mining, Inc. or any

of its subsidiaries at the Site; and (iv) the former or current officers, directors and employees of Barrick Gold Corporation, ABX Financeco, Inc., Barrick Holding Company, and Barrick (HMC) Mining Company, but only to the extent that the liability of such person is based on the person's employment or capacity as an officer, director, and employee of Barrick Gold Corporation, ABX Financeco, Inc., Barrick Holding Company, and Barrick (HMC) Mining Company.

"Site" shall mean the Gilt Edge Mine Superfund Site, encompassing approximately 1,229 acres, located 4.5 miles southeast of the town of Lead in the northern Black Hills in Lawrence County, South Dakota, and as generally depicted on the map attached hereto as Appendix A, including such areas at which releases from the Site have come to be located.

"State" shall mean the State of South Dakota.

"United States" shall mean the United States of America and each department, agency, and instrumentality of the United States, including EPA.

V. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

4. By entering into this Consent Decree, the mutual objective of the Parties is for Settling Defendant to make a cash payment, which includes a premium, to resolve its alleged civil liability with regard to the Site under Section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607, as provided in the Covenants by Plaintiffs in Section VIII, subject to the Reservations of Rights by United States in Section IX.

VI. PAYMENT OF RESPONSE COSTS

5. Payment by Settling Defendant for Response Costs. Within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date, Settling Defendant shall pay to Plaintiffs four million and two hundred thousand dollars ($4.2 million), plus an additional sum for Interest on that amount calculated from the Effective Date through the date of payment.

6. Of the total amount to be paid by Settling Defendant pursuant to Paragraph 5 (Payment by Settling Defendant for Response Costs), the sum of three million seven hundred eighty thousand dollars ($3.78 million), plus the proportionate share of Interest, shall be paid to EPA and deposited into the Gilt Edge Special Account for Remedial Action, to be retained and used by EPA to fund future remedial actions at Operable Unit One or the final remedial action at Operable Unit Two related to the Site, or to be transferred by EPA to the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund. Of the total amount to be paid by Settling Defendant pursuant to Paragraph 5 (Payment by Settling Defendant for Response Costs), the sum of four-hundred twenty thousand dollars ($420,000), plus the proportionate share of Interest, shall be paid to the State of South Dakota.

7. Payment by Settling Defendant to EPA shall be made by Fedwire Electronic Funds Transfer ("EFT") to the U.S. Department of Justice account in accordance with current EFT procedures, and in accordance with instructions provided to Settling Defendant by the Financial Litigation Unit ("FLU") after the Effective Date. The payment instructions provided by the FLU shall include a Consolidated Debt Collection System ("CDCS") number, which shall be used to identify all payments required to be made in accordance with this Consent Decree. Payment by Settling Defendant to the State of South Dakota shall be made in accordance with instructions provided to Settling Defendant by the State after the Effective Date. The FLU and the State shall provide the payment instructions to:

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on behalf of Settling Defendant. Settling Defendant may change the individual to receive payment instructions on its behalf by providing written notice of such change to DOJ and EPA in accordance with Section XIII (Notices and Submissions).

8. At the time of payment, Settling Defendant shall send notice that payment has been made to EPA, DOJ and the State in accordance with Section XIII (Notices and Submissions), and to the EPA Cincinnati Finance Office by email at acctsreceivable.cinwd@epa.gov, or by mail to:

EPA Cincinnati Finance Office
26 Martin Luther King Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45268

Such notice shall reference the CDCS Number, Site/Spill ID Number 08-7T, and DOJ Case Number 90-11-3-08278.

VII. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONSENT DECREE

9. Interest on Late Payments. If the Settling Defendant fails to make any payment required in Paragraph 5 (Payment by Settling Defendant for Response Costs) by the required due date, Interest shall continue to accrue on the unpaid balance through the date of payment.

10. Stipulated Penalty.

a. If any amounts due under Paragraph 5 (Payment by Settling Defendant for Response Costs) are not paid by the required due date, Settling Defendant shall be in violation of this Consent Decree and shall pay, as a stipulated penalty, in addition to the Interest required by Paragraph 9 (Interest on Late Payments), one thousand dollars ($1,000) per violation per day that such payment is late.

b. Stipulated penalties are due and payable within thirty (30) days after the date of the demand for payment of the penalties by EPA or the State. All payments to EPA under this

Paragraph shall be identified as "stipulated penalties" and shall be made by Fedwire Electronic Funds Transfer to:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York

ABA = 021030004
Account = 68010727
SWIFT address = FRNYUS33
33 Liberty Street
New York NY 10045
Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read "D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency"

and shall reference the CDCS Number, Site/Spill ID Number 08-7T , and DOJ Case Number 90-11-3-08278.

c. At the time of payment, Settling Defendant shall send notice that payment has been made to DOJ, EPA and the State in accordance with Section XIII (Notices and Submissions), and to the EPA Cincinnati Finance Office by email at acctsreceivable.cinwd@epa.gov, or by mail to:

EPA Cincinnati Finance Office
26 Martin Luther King Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45268

Such notice shall reference the CDCS Number, Site/Spill ID Number 08-7T, and DOJ Case Number 90-11-3-08278.

d. Penalties shall accrue as provided in this Paragraph regardless of whether EPA or the State has notified Settling Defendant of the violation or made a demand for payment, but need only be paid upon demand. All penalties shall begin to accrue on the day after payment is due and shall continue to accrue through the date of payment. Nothing in this Consent Decree shall prevent the simultaneous accrual of separate penalties for separate violations of this Consent Decree.

11. If the United States or the State brings an action to enforce this Consent Decree, Settling Defendant shall reimburse the United States and the State for all costs of such action, including but not limited to costs of attorney time.

12. Payments made under this Section shall be in addition to any other remedies or sanctions available to Plaintiffs by virtue of Settling Defendant's failure to comply with the requirements of this Consent Decree.

13. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the United States may, in its unreviewable discretion, waive payment of any portion of the stipulated penalties that have accrued pursuant to this Consent Decree.

14. Payment of stipulated penalties shall not excuse Settling Defendants from payment as required by Section VI or from performance of any other requirements of this Consent Decree.

VIII. COVENANTS BY PLAINTIFFS

15. Covenants for Settling Defendant by Plaintiffs. Except as specifically provided in Section IX (Reservation of Rights by Plaintiffs), the Plaintiffs covenant not to sue or to take administrative action against Settling Defendant with regard to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances at or from the Site pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a); the United States covenants not to sue or take administrative action against Settling Defendant with regard to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances at or from the Site pursuant to Section 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9606; and the State covenants not to sue or to take administrative action against Settling Defendant with regard to releases or threatened releases of hazardous or regulated substances at or from the Site pursuant to Chapters 34A-12-10, 34A-12-11, and 34A-12-12 of SDCL. With respect to present and future liability, these covenants shall take effect upon receipt by EPA and the State of all payments required by

Section VI (Payment of Response Costs) and any Interest or stipulated penalties due thereon under Section VII (Failure to Comply with Consent Decree). These covenants are conditioned upon the satisfactory performance by Settling Defendant of its obligations under this Consent Decree. These covenants extend only to Settling Defendant, and do not extend to any other person; provided, however, that these covenants not to sue (and the reservations thereto) shall also apply to Settling Defendant's Related Parties.

IX. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS BY PLAINTIFFS

16. The United States and the State reserve, and this Consent Decree is without prejudice to, all rights against Settling Defendant with respect to all matters not expressly included within Section VIII (Covenants by Plaintiffs). Notwithstanding any other provision of this Consent Decree, the United States and the State reserve all rights against Settling Defendant with respect to:

a. liability for failure of Settling Defendant to meet a requirement of this Consent Decree;

b. criminal liability;

c. liability for damages for injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources, and for the costs of any natural resource damage assessments;

d. liability based on the ownership or operation of the Site by Settling Defendant when such ownership or operation commences after signature of this Consent Decree by Settling Defendant;

e. liability based on Settling Defendant's transportation, treatment, storage, or disposal, or arrangement for transportation, treatment, storage, or disposal of a hazardous

substance or a solid waste at or in connection with the Site, after signature of this Consent Decree by Settling Defendant; and

f. liability arising from the past, present, or future disposal, release or threat of release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant outside of the Site.

X. COVENANTS BY SETTLING DEFENDANT

17. Covenants by Settling Defendant. Settling Defendant covenants not to sue and agrees not to assert any claims or causes of action against the United States or the State, or their contractors or employees, with respect to the Site and this Consent Decree, including but not limited to:

a. any direct or indirect claim for reimbursement from the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund based on Sections 106(b)(2), 107, 111, 112, or 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606(b)(2), 9607, 9611, 9612, or 9613, or any other provision of law;

b. any claim arising out of response actions at or in connection with the Site, including any claim under the United States Constitution; the South Dakota Constitution; the Tucker Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1491; the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, or at common law; or

c. any claim pursuant to Sections 107 or 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607 or 9613, Section 7002(a) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6972(a), or state law relating to the Site.

18. Except as provided in Paragraph 20 and Paragraph 24 (res judicata and other defenses), the covenants in this Section shall not apply in the event the United States or the State brings a cause of action or issues an order pursuant to any of the reservations in Section IX (Reservations of Rights by Plaintiffs), other than in Paragraph 16.a (liability for failure to meet a requirement of the Consent Decree) or 16.b (criminal liability), but only to the extent that

Settling Defendant's claims arise from the same response action or response costs that the United States or the State is seeking pursuant to the applicable reservation.

19. Nothing in this Consent Decree shall be deemed to constitute approval or preauthorization of a claim within the meaning of Section 111 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9611, or 40 C.F.R. 300.700(d).

20. Settling Defendant agrees not to assert any claims and to waive all claims or causes of action (including but not limited to claims or causes of action under Sections 107(a) and 113 of CERCLA) that it may have for response costs relating to the Site against Cyprus Mines Corporation, Cyprus Amax Minerals Company, Inc., and Blue Tee Corp. This waiver shall not apply with respect to any defense, claim, or cause of action that Settling Defendant may have against any person if such person asserts a claim or cause of action relating to the Site against Settling Defendant.

XI. EFFECT OF SETTLEMENT/CONTRIBUTION

21. Except as provided in Paragraph 20, nothing in this Consent Decree shall be construed to create any rights in, or grant any cause of action to, any person not a Party to this Consent Decree. Except as provided in Paragraph 20, each of the Parties expressly reserves any and all rights (including, but not limited to, under Section 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613), defenses, claims, demands, and causes of action which it may have with respect to any matter, transaction, or occurrence relating in any way to the Site against any person not a Party hereto. Nothing in this Consent Decree diminishes the right of the United States, pursuant to Section 113(f)(2) and (3) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(f)(2)-(3), to pursue any such persons to obtain additional response costs or response action and to enter into settlements that give rise to contribution protection pursuant to Section 113(f)(2).

22. The Parties agree, and by entering this Consent Decree this Court finds, that this Consent Decree constitutes a judicially approved settlement for purposes of Section 113(f)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(f)(2), and that Settling Defendant is entitled, as of the Effective Date, to protection from contribution actions or claims as provided by Section 113(f)(2) of CERCLA, or as may be otherwise provided by law, for "matters addressed" in this Consent Decree. The "matters addressed" in this Consent Decree are all response actions taken or to be taken and all response costs incurred or to be incurred, at or in connection with the Site, by the United States or any other person. However, if the United States or the State exercises rights under the reservations in Section IX (Reservations of Rights by Plaintiffs) other than in Paragraph 16.a (liability for failure to meet a requirement of the Consent Decree) or 16.b (criminal liability), the "matters addressed" in this Consent Decree will no longer include those response costs or response actions that are within the scope of the exercised reservation.

23. Settling Defendant shall, with respect to any suit or claim brought by it for matters related to this Consent Decree, notify DOJ, EPA, and the State in writing no later than sixty (60) days prior to the initiation of such suit or claim. Settling Defendant also shall, with respect to any suit or claim brought against it for matters related to this Consent Decree, notify DOJ, EPA, and the State in writing within ten (10) days after service of the complaint or claim upon it. In addition, Settling Defendant shall notify DOJ, EPA, and the State within ten (10) days after service or receipt of any Motion for Summary Judgment, and within ten (10) days after receipt of any order from a court setting a case for trial, for matters related to this Consent Decree.

24. In any subsequent administrative or judicial proceeding initiated by the United States or the State for injunctive relief, recovery of response costs, or other relief relating to the Site, Settling Defendant shall not assert, and may not maintain, any defense or claim based upon the

principles of waiver, res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim-splitting, or other defenses based upon any contention that the claims raised by the United States or the State in the subsequent proceeding were or should have been brought in the instant case; provided, however, that nothing in this Paragraph affects the enforceability of the Covenants by Plaintiffs set forth in Section VIII.

XII. RETENTION OF RECORDS AND CERTIFICATION

25. Until five (5) years after the Effective Date, Settling Defendant shall preserve and retain all non-identical copies of records, reports, or information (hereinafter referred to as "Records") now in its possession or control, or that come into its possession or control, that relate in any manner to response actions taken at the Site or the liability of any person under CERCLA with respect to the Site, regardless of any corporate retention policy to the contrary.

26. After the conclusion of the document retention period in the preceding paragraph, Settling Defendant shall notify DOJ, EPA, and the State at least ninety (90) days prior to the destruction of any such Records. Upon request by DOJ, EPA, or the State, Settling Defendant shall deliver copies of all Records or any requested subset thereof to DOJ, EPA, or the State. Upon compliance with such request for Records, in response to this notice, Settling Defendant shall have no further obligation to preserve Records pursuant to this Consent Decree. In responding to this request under this paragraph, Settling Defendant may assert that certain Records are privileged under the attorney-client privilege or any other privilege recognized by federal law. If Settling Defendant asserts such a privilege, it shall provide Plaintiffs with the following: (a) the title of the Record; (b) the date of the Record; (c) the name, title, affiliation (e.g., company or firm), and address of the author of the Record; (d) the name and title of each addressee and recipient; (e) a description of the subject of the Record; and (f) the privilege

asserted. If a claim of privilege applies only to a portion of a Record, the record shall be provided to the United States in redacted form to mask the privileged portion only. Settling Defendant shall retain all records that it claims to be privileged until the United States has had a reasonable opportunity to dispute the privilege claim and any such dispute has been resolved in the Settling Defendant's favor. However, no Records created or generated pursuant to the requirements of this Consent Decree shall be withheld on the grounds that they are privileged or confidential.

27. Settling Defendant certifies individually that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, after thorough inquiry, it has not altered, mutilated, discarded, destroyed or otherwise disposed of any Records (other than identical copies) relating to its potential liability regarding the Site since the earlier notification of its potential liability by the United States, and that it has fully complied with any and all EPA requests for information regarding the Site pursuant to Sections 104(e) and 122(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9604(e) and 9622(e).

XIII. NOTICES AND SUBMISSIONS

28. Whenever, under the terms of this Consent Decree, notice is required to be given or a document is required to be sent by one party to another, it shall be directed to the individuals at the addresses specified below, unless those individuals or their successors give notice of a change to the other Parties in writing. Written notice as specified in this Section shall constitute complete satisfaction of any written notice requirement of the Consent Decree with respect to DOJ and EPA, the State of South Dakota, and Settling Defendant, respectively.

As to DOJ:

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XIV. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

29. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter for the purpose of interpreting and enforcing the terms of this Consent Decree.

XV. INTEGRATION/APPENDICES

30. This Consent Decree and its appendix constitute the final, complete, and exclusive agreement and understanding among the Parties with respect to the settlement embodied in this Consent Decree. The Parties acknowledge that there are no representations, agreements, or understandings relating to the settlement other than those expressly contained in this Consent Decree. The following appendix is attached to and incorporated into this Consent Decree: Appendix A is the map of the Gilt Edge Mine Superfund Site.

XVI. LODGING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

31. This Consent Decree shall be lodged with the Court for a period of not less than thirty (30) days for public notice and comment. The United States reserves the right to withdraw or withhold its consent if the comments regarding the Consent Decree disclose facts or considerations that indicate that this Consent Decree is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Settling Defendant consents to the entry of this Consent Decree without further notice.

32. If for any reason this Court should decline to approve this Consent Decree in the form presented, this agreement is voidable at the sole discretion of any party and the terms of the agreement may not be used as evidence in any litigation between the Parties.

XVII. SIGNATORIES/SERVICE

33. Each undersigned representative of the Settling Defendant and each undersigned representative of the Plaintiffs certifies that he or she is authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Decree and to execute and bind legally such Party to this document.

34. Settling Defendant agrees not to oppose entry of this Consent Decree by this Court or to challenge any provision of this Consent Decree, unless the United States has notified Settling Defendant in writing that it no longer supports entry of the Consent Decree.

35. Settling Defendant shall identify on its signature page the name and address of one agent who is authorized to accept service of process by mail on its behalf with respect to all matters arising under or relating to this Consent Decree. Settling Defendant agrees to accept service in that manner and to waive the formal service requirements set forth in Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and any applicable local rules of this Court, including but not limited to, service of a summons. The Parties agree that Settling Defendant need not file an answer to the complaint in this action unless, and not until ten (10) days after, the Court expressly declines to enter this Consent Decree.

XVIII. FINAL JUDGMENT

36. Upon entry of this Consent Decree by the Court, this Consent Decree shall constitute the final judgment between and among the United States, the State of South Dakota, and Settling Defendant. The Court finds that there is no just reason for delay and therefore enters this judgment as a final judgment under Fed. R. Civ. P. 54 and 58.

SO ORDERED THIS 9th DAY OF October, 2012.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Date: 8/20/12

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