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September 11, 2000

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Mr. Michael Layton
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Uranium Recovery Branch
Division of Waste Management
Mail Stop 8A23
Rockville, MD 20850

RE: Information Request

Dear Mr. Layton:

Re: Site Visit and Tour
Smith Ranch ISL Facility

Please find attached an affidavit hereby requesting the information as noted on the affidavit and originally presented to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on May 15, 2000, be considered "**confidential and proprietary**" information. Thus, Rio Algom again requests that NRC maintain this information in strict confidentiality pursuant to all applicable Federal statutes and regulations.

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact Mr. Paul Goranson at (405) 858-4807 or myself at (307) 358-3744, extension 11.

Sincerely,

Bill Ferdinand
General Manager

Attachments: As Stated

xc: J. Cash w/attachments
M. Freeman w/attachments
P. Goranson w/attachments
J. McCarthy w/attachments
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RIO ALGOM MINING CORP.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Bill Ferdinand, being duly sworn and state as follows:

(1) I am the General Manager at the Smith Ranch Facility, Rio Algom Mining Corp. (RAMC), Converse County, Wyoming. I am duly authorized and delegated the function of reviewing the information described in paragraph (2) and I am hereby requesting that it be held as "CONFIDENTIAL AND PROPIETARY" information.

(2) The information requested to be withheld and considered "CONFIDENTIAL AND PROPIETARY" was provided to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on May 15, 2000, by cover letter dated May 15, 2000, from Mr. Bill Ferdinand (RAMC, General Manager) to Mr. Michael Layton (US. NRC), noting hand delivery of the information to NRC.

Rio Algom Mining Corp. as previously noted in the letter accompanying the materials given to US. NRC on May 15, 2000, requests that the plant layout, process flow, piping and instrumentation, and the typical electrical drawings be withheld and maintained as "CONFIDENTIAL AND PROPIETARY" pursuant to all applicable Federal statutes and regulations. These drawings specifically include:

• SRP-206	• SRA-204	• SRA-212
• SRB-421	• SRA-205	• SRB-400
• SRA-101	• SRA-206	• SRB-401
• SRA-102	• SRA-207	• SRB-405
• SRA-200	• SRA-208	• SRB-417
• SRA-201	• SRA-209	• SRB-420
• SRA-202	• SRA-210	
• SRA-203	• SRA-211	

(3) The information identified in paragraph (2) is classified as "CONFIDENTIAL AND PROPIETARY" materials because it contains detailed information developed by Rio Algom Mining Corp. and/or its consultants, and is not otherwise available to the public. The development of said information was achieved at significant cost to Rio Algom Mining Corp. The research, development, engineering, and analytical costs comprise a substantial investment of time and money by Rio Algom Mining Corp.

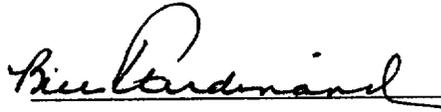
- (4) Public disclosure of the information requested to be withheld as "CONFIDENTIAL AND PROPRIETARY" is likely to cause significant harm to Rio Algom Mining Corp.'s competitive market position and reduce its profit making opportunities.
- (5) The disclosure of such information in paragraph (2) would unfairly provide competitors with a windfall, and deprive Rio Algom Mining Corp. the opportunity to exercise its competitive advantage to seek an adequate return on its investment in developing and applying the said information.

STATE OF WYOMING)
CONVERSE COUNTY) ss:

Bill Ferdinand, being duly sworn and certifies:

That he has read the foregoing affidavit and the matters stated therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

Executed at Converse County, Wyoming, this 11th day of September 2000.



Bill Ferdinand
Rio Algom Mining Corp.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 11 day of September 2000.





Notary Public, State of Wyoming

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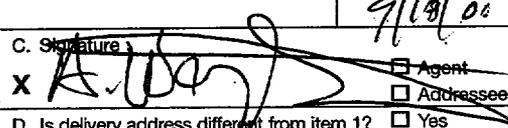
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