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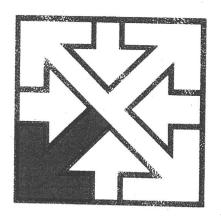
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-vs-) Cochise County No. 40466

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CATTANY, husband and wife,)

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

This case was brought as forcible entry and detainer to determine right to possession of unpatented federal lode mining claims. The complaint was filed on August 19, 1981 and served on the defendants/appellants on August 30, 1981. It was tried before the Court without a jury as a half-day case on September 15, 1981, by the Superior Court of Arizona in and for the County of Cochise. The Court entered its judgment in favor of the plaintiffs/appellees on November 16, 1981.

Defendants/appellants filed a notice of appeal and cost bond on December 16, 1981. No cross appeal was filed.

The Court of Appeals has jurisdiction of this appeal from the Superior Court judgment pursuant to ARS Section 12-2101B.

MEMORANDUM

In the interest of simplicity, James Stewart Company; M. Seth Horne; and W.W. Grace, appellees herein, will be referred to as "Stewart". Robert E. Cattany and June Cattany, appellants herein, will be referred to as "Cattany". The reporter's Transcript of Proceedings will be abbreviated "TP" followed by a number indicating the page or pages. The Abstract of Record will be abbreviated "AR" followed by a number indicating the number assigned to that item by the clerk. Exhibits will be referred to by their assigned number or letter.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

James Stewart Company is a corporation of which M. Seth Horne is president and Harvey L. Hays is property manager. TP 22. Mr. Hays was present representing the company and Mr, Horne was not present at the trial. On September 20, 1967, M. Seth Horne, as trustee, located eight unpatented lode mining claims known as the Hornes #110 through #117, situated in Section 20, T20S, R22E, Cochise County, Arizona. Plaintiffs' Exhibit 5 in Evidence.

In August, 1979, W.W. Grace entered into an agreement whereby he leased the eight Horne claims from M. Seth Horne. Plaintiffs' Exhibit 13 in Evidence. Mr. Grace resides in Scottsdale, Arizona and is in the mining, oil, real estate and insurance businesses. TP 24.

No assessment work was done on the eight Horne claims for the assessment year ending on August 31, 1979, and no affidavit of assessment work was recorded for that year or for the previous assessment year ending August 31, 1978. TP 52,70.

On or about October 4, 1979, Cattany entered the area covered by the eight Horne claims for the purpose of making mining claim locations. After doing some preliminary work he left the area in the morning of October 6 and returned on Monday morning, October 8, to proceed with the location work. At that time he noticed new trenching work done on the property which he learned was done by John Escapule on October 6, as assessment work for W.W. Grace. TP 70,71. The job took Escapule about eight hours with a backhoe for which he charged, and was paid,

\$200.00, the usual rate for backhoe work in the area at that time. TP 90, 95. Cattany did not proceed with his location work, but waited to see if any further assessment work was going to be done. No additional work, was done on the property by anyone during the next ten days, and on October 18, Cattany proceeded to locate eight lode mining claims, naming them the Rockys #1 through #8. These claims covered the same ground as was covered by the eight Horne claims, i.e., the Northeast Quarter of Section 20, T20S, R22E, Cochise County, Arizona. Defendants' Exhibit A in Evidence.

Cattany's location notices contained a plat map erroneously showing the eight Rocky claims as being located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 20 rather than the Northeast Quarter of Section 20. In addition, the location notices and plat maps showed the eight Rocky claims as being 660 feet in width rather than the statutory 600 feet, Defendants' Exhibit A in Evidence, but each claim only encompassed the maximum allowable area of 20 acres. On March 17, 1980, Cattany amended the location notices for the eight Rocky claims, to show the claims on the plat map to be in the Northeast Quarter of Section 20. Defendants' Exhibit A in Evidence. In August, 1981, Cattany had the eight Rocky claims measured and remonumented to insure that they were not over 600 feet in width. TP 81,82.

On March 10, 1980, W.W. Grace had John Escapule do some additional backhoe trenching work on the eight Horne claims, for which he charged and was paid \$49.00. TP 88.89. In addition to the trenching work, W.W. Grace had two or three assays made, which didn't amount to much. TP 59.

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ISSUES PRESENTED

- 1. The status of a locator's exclusive right to possession of his unpatented mining claims following a failure to do the required annual assessment work.
- 2. The rights of a locator who commences or resumes the performance of annual assessment work after failing to do it for the prior year or years.
- 3. The effect on a locator's right to exclusive possession of his mining claims when he resumes performance of the assessment work, but does not complete it in a timely manner, or at all.
- 4. The rights of a locator who initiates mining claim locations over prior mining claims for which the assessment work had been resumed but not completed.
- 5. Whether mining claims locations are void by reason of errors in the location notices describing where the claims are situated.
- 6. Whether mining claims locations are void by reason of locating claims 660 feet wide and 1320 feet long, rather than 600 feet wide and 1500 feet long.

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ARGUMENTS

The Trial Court Erred In Finding In Favor Of Stewart, Because The Finding Was Contrary To The Evidence And Law Presented, In That Stewart, Having Resumed Its Assessment Work, Failed To Complete It In A Diligent And Continuous Manner, And Cattany's Locations Were Validly Made At A Time When Stewart's Claims Were Subject To Forfeiture By Relocation.

1. The Evidence Presented Showed That Stewart Had Not

Done The Assessment Work On The Eight Horne Claims For The Assessment Year Ending August 31, 1979, And Therefore The Claims Were

Subject To Forfeiture By Relocation On September 1, 1979.

The law requires that at least \$100.00 worth of labor and/or improvements be expended each year on each unpatented mining claim for the locator to maintain the right to exclusive possession thereof. 30 USCA Section 28. Otherwise, the claim becomes subject to forfeiture by relocation. Edwards v. Anaconda Co. (1977) 115 Ariz 313, 565 P2d 190.

The forfeiture does not happen automatically on the first day of the new assessment year (September 1), but occurs when a new or relocation is made before the delinquent locator resumes the assessment work. Pasco v. Richards (1962) 20 Cal Rptr 416, 201 C.A. 2d 680.

It should not be subject to serious doubt that Stewart had failed to do the annual assessment work for the eight Horne claims for the assessment year ending August 31, 1979. The testimony alleging the failure to do the assessment work for that year was uncontroverted, TP 70, and there

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was no evidence or proof presented by Stewart that this assessment work had been done. Therefore, on September 1, 1979, Stewart's right to exclusive possession of the eight Horne claims was lost and the claims were subject to forfeiture by relocation.

2. When Stewart Resumed The Assessment Work On The Eight

Horne Claims On October 6, 1979, It Conditionally Reacquired Its Right

To Exclusive Possession, But Never Completed The Assessment Work And

Thereby Lost Its Reacquired Right.

The law provides that the locator of a mining claim which is subject to forfeiture by relocation for failure to perform assessment work, can, prior to relocation by another, resume the performance of the assessment work and thereby regain his right of exclusive possession. 30 USCA Section 28. However, through abuses of this provision by locators, the courts have interpreted the law and its application, to require completion of the assessment work once resumed. McCormick v. Baldwin, 37 P 903, (Cal. 1894), where the court said, "It is against the policy of the law, and a fraud against the government and the law, to hold quartz (lode) claims by merely doing a few dollars worth of work thereon at or near the beginning of the year next following the year on which claimant failed to do the necessary work, when such work is not commenced with the bona fide intention of being continued until the full amount is done. Such labor so done, is a mere pretense and sham and shall not prevent the location for want of necessary work.". Because the prosecution of the work to completion with reasonable diligence is an element of a good faith resumption of work, it does not permit of a construction of the rule that an entire period can be gained by making a slight expenditure at the beginning of the year. Honaker v. Martin, 29 P 397 (Mont. 1891). The court said in Hirshler v.

McKendricks, 40 P 1640 (Mont. 1895), "When a locator avails himself of the statute and resumes work to protect himself from forfeiture, he must perform the work with diligence until the requirement for annual labor is completed", and held that a 15 day interruption of work without cause was not due diligence. Lindley states that the claimant must resume work in good faith and prosecute same continuously and without unreasonable interruption until the full amount of labor is performed, Lindley, Mines and Mineral Laws, Sec. 654 (3rd Ed. 1914). Therefore, a locator's right to exclusive possession of a mining claim, lost for failure to do assessment work, re-attaches upon resumption of the assessment work, but is conditional upon the completion of the work.

3. When Stewart Lost Its Reacquired Right To Exclusive Possession
Of The Eight Horne Claims By Failing To Complete The Required Assessment Work, The Claims Again Became Subject To Forfeiture By Relocation.

Stewart resumed the assessment work on the eight Horne claims on October 6, 1979, and on that day had \$200.00 worth of trenching work done. No further work was done on the claims by Stewart until March 10, 1980, when an additional \$49.00 worth of trenching work was done. TP 88,89.90. In fact, Stewart did not return to visit the claims for about two weeks after the October 6 work was done, and that visit was not for the purpose of doing assessment work. TP 49,50.

Whether or not a sufficient amount of assessment work has been performed, depends upon the value of the work and not the amount paid for it. Wagner v. Dorris, 73 P 318 (Ore. 1903). However, the amount so paid is admissible as evidence tending to establish the value of the work. If equipment is used in the performance of the assessment work, the reasonable value of the use of such equipment may be included as assessment



work. Anderson v. Robinson, 126 P 988 (Ore. 1912). Stewart did not offer testimony or other evidence as how the \$200.00 paid for the backhoe trenching work done on October 6, would have any greater value than what was paid for it. Since the backhoe work was done at the customary and usual rate charged in the area at that time, the reasonable value for its use can only be the same as the \$200.00 paid for it. It should be noted that it would require a minimum of \$800.00 worth of assessment work to satisfy the commitment for the eight Horne claims.

4. Cattany's Locations of the Eight Rocky Claims on October 18, 1979, Caused the Forfeiture of Stewart's Eight Horne Claims, and Subject to the Validity of the Rocky Claims Locations, the Horne Claims Became a Nullity.

If, after resuming his assessment work, the locator, without cause or excuse, interrupts or stops the work on his claim for a period of time which would be contrary to a finding of due diligence, the claim becomes subject to forfeiture by relocation. When that happens, and a subsequent locator comes in and completes a relocation, which is not void for any reason, the former locator's rights to his mining claim are forfeited and lost and his mining claim ceases to exist. At this point, the subsequent locator has all the rights afforded the owner of a valid mining claim, as against all the world, including any former locators. The uncontradicted evidence showed that Cattany took all the required steps in perfecting the locations of the eight Rocky claims and the amendments thereof, including making discoveries. TP 70,71,72,73, 74.

5. The Clerical Errors in Cattany's Location Notices Did Not Void the Locations, as They Were Corrected by Amendment.

A location notice which is merely defective or erroneous, is not

void since it is capable of amendment, Nylund v. Ward, 187 P 154 (Colo. 1919), and actual knowledge of the error and the location of the claim on the ground is equal to valid recorded notice, Atherly v. Bullion Monarch Uranium Co., 335 P2d 71 (Utah 1959). Stewart admitted having knowledge of the error and of the actual locations on the ground. TP 64. Defects or errors in a location notice do not result in a forfeiture, and no forfeiture will occur if the defects are corrected prior to the date of a subsequent location. Smart v. Staunton, 20 Ariz 1, 239 P2d 514 (Ariz. 1925). Stewart was not a subsequent locator. ARS 27-202C. provides "The notice may be amended at any time and the monument changed to correspond with the amended location, but no change shall be made which will interfere with the rights of others. If such amendment changes the exterior boundaries of the claim, a new or amended map, plat or sketch shall be recorded pursuant to ARS 27-203 showing such change." (1978 amendment).

Stewart lost any rights it had in the eight Horne mining claims on October 18, 1979, when Cattany located the eight Rocky claims, and if not then, no later than January 16, 1980, when he filed and recorded the location notices. Therefore, Stewart had no rights that could be interferred with by reason of Cattany's amended location notices.

6. The Location of the Rocky Claims Having Widths of 660 Feet
Rather Than the Designated Maximum Width of 600 Feet, Does Not Make
the Locations Void, as They Only Contain the Maximum Allowable Area of
20 Acres and Can be Amended.

The location notices of the Rocky claims described them to be 660 feet wide and 1320 feet long, but contained the same area (20 acres) as that of a maximum size claim of 600 feet wide and 1500 feet long.

A mining claim which exceeds 600 feet in width is not void, but the excess area it contains, if any, may be voided. The rule is well

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established that an area located in excess of that allowed by statute is only void as to the excess and will not, per se, void the location. Hayden Hill Con. Min. Co. v. Lincoln Min. Co., 160 P2d 468 (Ida. 1945). In Vallasco v. Mallory, 5 Ariz App 406, 427 P2d 540 (Ariz. 1967) the court held that until the locator of an oversize claim has a reasonable time, after notice, to draw in his lines, his right of possession extends to the entire claim.

So long as Cattany's claims are not void by reason of their oversize widths, Stewart, having no rights based on its eight Horne claims, and not being a subsequent locator whose rights might be interferred with, has no standing to complain of the oversize widths of Cattany's claims.

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CONCLUSIONS

Based upon the evidence and the law presented and available at the trial of this case, and set forth herein, Appellants pray that the judgment entered below in favor of Appellees be reversed and judgment be granted in favor of the Appellants, finding Appellees guilty of forcible detainer and finding Appellants entitled to the possessory rights in and to the premises described as Rockys #1 through #8, as located and situated in the Northeast Quarter of Section 20, T20S, R22E, G.S.R.B.&M. Tombstone Mining District of Cochise County, Arizona, and further finding that Appellees have no possessory rights in said premises by reason of the Horne mining claims #110 through #117, and granting Appellants their costs expended herein and in the court below.

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Plaintiffs Appellees JAMES STEWART COMPANY, M. SETH HORNE, and W. W. GRACE accept the Statement of the Case set forth in the Opening Brief at 2.

MEMORANDUM

This Answering Brief will use the following references:
the Plaintiffs - Appellees will be referred to collectively
as "Appellees" or individually by name; Defendants - Appellants will be referred to as "Appellants" or by name. "R.T."
will refer to the Reporter's Transcript of Proceedings before
the Superior Court, Cochise County, on September 15, 1981.

"Record _____ " will refer to one or more pages of the
certified Record on Appeal.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On appeal, the facts must be viewed in the light most favorable to supporting the trial court's findings and judgment. Howard P. Foley Co. v. Harris, 10 Ariz. App. 78, 456 P.2d 398 (1969). Where, as here, there are no specific findings of fact, all inferences to be drawn from the evidence must be drawn in favor of the judgment. Backman v. Backman, 127 Ariz. 414, 621 P.2d 920 (Ct. App. 1980).

The James Stewart Company is the owner of certain federal unpatented mining claims in the Northeast Quarter of Section 20, Range 22 East, Township 20 South, G. & S.R.B. & M., in the Tombstone Mining District in Cochise County, Arizona. R.T. 7-8; Plaintiffs' Exhibit 5 in evidence. These lode claims are known as Horne 110 through 117, inclusive, and were originally located by M.S. Horne in 1967. Plaintiffs' Exhibit 5 in evidence. Appellee M. Seth Horne is president of James Stewart Company. R.T.6. Appellee W. W. Grace leased the Horne lode claims from the James Stewart Company in October, 1979. R.T. 25.

Except for the claim of Appellants, there was nothing presented to the trial court to indicate that Appellees are not entitled to possession of the claims.

Appellant Robert Cattany testified that he could find no Affidavit of Labor Performed and Improvements made for the assessment year ending August 31, 1979. R.T. 70. There-was,

however, no testimony from any other witness about what work was or was not done on or before that date. (Appellees will not argue in this Brief that assessment work was done for the assessment year ending August 31, 1979.)

On October 6, 1979, work was begun on the claims for the assessment year beginning September 1, 1979. R.T. 33 et seq. Mr. Grace, the lessee, testified that he signed an Affidavit of Labor Performed and Improvements made on October 12, 1979, for work performed on the Horne claims between October 6th and 10th. R.T. 33; Plaintiffs' Exhibit 8 in evidence. Grace testified that the work consisted of backhoe trenching (east-west) of a length of about 300 feet - amounting to a displacement of 144 cubic feet of earth per claim, R.T. 36; at some later undetermined date, Mr. Grace had additional north-south trenching performed and took several (perhaps three) assays. R.T. 60-61. (Plaintiffs' Exhibits 14 through 17, inclusive, are photographs that fairly depict the appearance of the earth at the claims October 6 through 10, 1979. R.T. 39) Mr. Grace paid Mr. Ernest H. Encapule (who, assisted by his son, Johnnie, did the trenching) \$200.00 for the work of October 6th. Mr. Grace testified that for the northsouth trench dug later, he may have paid Mr. Encapule \$100 (R.T. 62); The Encapules set the figure at \$49.00 (R.T. 90 and 96). There was no evidence concerning the value of the assays that were taken. The only evidence concerning the

value of the October 6th work was presented by Appellees.

Mr. Grace testified that, in his opinion, "the work that was done on October the 6th alone was enough to justify the amount of work required by the federal government..."

R.T. 65. He did not believe that the later work, which was performed within 30 days of October 19, 1979 (R.T. 51), was necessary to meet the requirements for assessment work. R.

T. 65. Mr. Grace had worked as a miner in the Tombstone mining district for about three and a half years and had staked and worked mining claims over a span of about 48 years. R.T. 31.

Before Mr. Grace had begun work, Mr. Cattany had taken an interest in the claims. After checking the records in the office of the Cochise County Recorder, Mr. Cattany entered the property on October 4, 1979 (there is no evidence as to whether he entered one, some, or each of the eight Horne claims), and took measurements. He did not then post any notices or make any claims. R.T. 70. On October 8, 1979, Mr. Cattany returned to the property and discovered the trenching work. R.T. 71. On October 18, 1979, Mr. Cattany posted his notice of location of the claims (renaming them as Rocky 1 through 8, inclusive), having made a legal determination that Appellees had failed to exercise due diligence with regard to the work begun on October 6th. R.T. 71 and 74.

The location notices that Mr. Cattany posted and recorded contained an erroneous legal description. Whereas the Horne claims are in the northeast quarter of Section 20, Range 22 East, Township 20 South, Mr. Cattany placed his "Rocky" claims in the northwest quarter. R.T. 72. Further, Mr. Cattany's notices stated the dimensions of each claim as 660 feet by 1320 feet rather than the allowable 600 feet by 1500 feet. R.T. 29.

Mr. Cattany placed stakes on the claims to monument them. R.T. 40 and 71. Mr. Grace first saw the stakes and notices on about October 20, 1979 (R.T. 40); there is no evidence that the other appellees or any agent of theirs had knowledge of the monumenting or the notices before then. It was not clear to Mr. Grace how Mr. Cattany had made the mistake - whether the monuments or the notices were wrong. Mr. Grace did not measure the area encompassed by the stakes. R.T. 43. Mr. Cattany himself testified that he was unable to say if the monuments were set in proper dimensions. R.T. 83.

On March 17, 1980, Mr. Cattany amended his location notices and plat to correct the erroneous legal description.

Opening Brief at 4. He did not, however, cure the monument defect until August, 1981, about three weeks before trial.

R.T. 81-82.

Mr. Roger Smith, former property manager for the James Stewart Company, twice wrote to Mr. Cattany to request that

he relinquish possession of the claims, to no avail. R.T. 20.

In August, 1981, Appellees did the required assessment work for the 1980-1981 assessment year, as evidenced by an Affidavit of Labor Performed and Improvements Made dated August 27, 1981. R.T. 16 and 18; Plaintiffs' Exhibit 2 in evidence.

ISSUE PRESENTED

DID THE TRIAL COURT CORRECTLY RULE THAT APPELLANTS HAD NO RIGHT TO POSSESSION OF THE MINING CLAIMS ON OCTOBER 18, 1979?

- A. COULD THE TRIAL COURT HAVE FOUND THAT THE ASSESSMENT WORK HAD BEEN COMPLETED OCTO-BER 6, 1979?
- B. COULD THE TRIAL COURT HAVE DETERMINED THAT APPELLANTS' ATTEMPTED RELOCATIONS WERE INVALID?
 - 1. COULD THE ATTEMPTED RELOCA-TIONS HAVE BEEN INVALID BE-CAUSE OF IMPROPER DIMENSIONS?
 - 2. COULD THE ATTEMPTED RELOCATIONS HAVE BEEN INVALID BECAUSE OF THE ERRONEOUS LEGAL DESCRIPTION?
- C. COULD THE TRIAL COURT HAVE FOUND THAT APPELLANTS HAD RESUMED WORK SO AS TO AVOID FORFEITURE?

ARGUMENT

THE TRIAL COURT CORRECTLY RULED THAT APPELLANTS HAD NO RIGHT TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY ON OCTOBER 18, 1979

This case was brought by Appellees in order to recover possession of the unpatented federal mining claims Horne 110 through 117, inclusive, Record 1, et seq pursuant to 30 U.S.C. 53, which states that "each case shall be adjudged by the law of possession". Counsel for both parties agreed in statements to the trial court that the central issue in the case was whether Mr. Cattany had any relocation rights as of October 18, 1979: see R.T. 98-99 (for Mr. Atonna's remarks) and 101 (for those of Mr. Cattany).

This central issue can best be examined by dividing them into three sub-issues, rather than the six issues discussed in Appellants' Opening Brief. The three, detailed below, pertain to: (A) whether Appellees had forfeited their claims; (B) whether Appellants' purported relocations were valid; and (C) whether, Appellees had resumed assessment work. The trial court did not make specific findings of fact (except as to the ultimate fact that Appellants were guilty of forcible detainer), so it is not known for what reasons it made its decision. Appellees submit, therefore, that if there is any valid reason for upholding the

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trial court's judgment, this Court should so uphold it.

Coronado Co., Inc. v. Jacome's Dept. Store, Inc., 129 Ariz.

137, 629 P.2d 553 (Ct. App. 1981).

A. THE TRIAL COURT COULD HAVE DETERMINED THAT THE ASSESS-MENT WORK HAD BEEN COMPLETED OCTOBER 6, 1979.

On each unpatented federal mining claim, one hundred dollars' worth of labor or improvements (not necessarily synonymous with an expenditure of one hundred dollars) must be performed or made each year. 30 U.S.C. 28. The purpose of the requirement is to prevent speculators from monopolizing public mineral lands. 54 Am. Jur. 2d, Mines & Minerals, Section 68. Failure to perform the required assessment work, however, does not automatically result in a forfeiture of the claims, but simply renders the claims subject to relocation. Edwards v. Anaconda Company, 115 Ariz. 313, 565 P.2d 190 (Ct. App. 1977); see also Wiltsee v. Utley, 79 Cal. App. 2d 71, 179 P.2d 13 (1947), and Inman v. Ollson, 213 Or. 56, 321 P.2d 1043 (1958).

The law does not favor forfeitures of mining claims, so the burden of proof is on the subsequent locator to prove by clear and convincing evidence the failure to do the assessment work. McDermott v. O'Brien, 2 Ariz. App. 429, 409 P.2d 588 (1966); Pascoe v. Richards, 201 Cal. App. 2d 680, 20 Cal. Rptr. 416 (1962); Inman v. Ollson, supra.

What clear and convincing evidence did Appellants pro-



duce that Appellees had forfeited their claims on October 18, 1979? None. All that Mr. Cattany could state was that he saw no additional work done on the property during the twelve days from October 6th to October 18th. R.T. 74. He did not himself express his opinions about the value of the work performed on October 6th. Appellants did present evidence as to what was paid to the Encapules for the work, but not as to what the work was worth. 30 U.S.C. 28 requires that "not less than one hundred dollars' worth of labor shall be performed or improvements made..." There is no requirement for any expenditure at all. The work may be sufficient even if done for free. MacDonald v. Cluff, 68 Ariz. 369, 206 P.2d 730 (1949). The test is not what is paid, but what the work is worth. In Schlegel v. Hough, 182 Or. 441, 186 P.2d 516, rehearing denied 182 Or. 441, 188 P.2d 158 (1947), the court held that the Defendant's subsequent claimant had the burden of proving that certain work was not worth \$100; the worker was paid nothing except whatever gold he could find. The only evidence as to value defendant could offer was testimony from an interested witness, which the Court dismissed:

"Work actually having been performed for assessment purposes, we think that, under the circumstances, the requirements of clear and convincing evidence of forfeiture were not met by the mere testimony of an interested witness that he was unable to see that any work was done. Equity will not lend its aid to the extinguishment of a legal right upon such meager evidence. Forfeitures are odions to the law."

186 P.2d at 519.

The Court reversed the trial court's decree in favor of the defendant and directed the entry of one quieting title in plaintiff, the prior locator.

In the present case, the reasons for finding in favor of the prior locator are even more compelling. In <u>Schlegel</u>, the plaintiff had not filed his Affidavit of Labor Performed. In the present case, Appellees made two Affidavits for the 1979-1980 year, one on October 12, 1979 (before Appellants attempted to relocate), and the other on April 7, 1980, pertaining to work done on or before March 10, 1980 (before Appellants amended their notices). Plaintiffs' Exhibits 8 and 9 in evidence. The Affidavit of October 12th, which was recorded (R.T. 33), constitutes prima facie evidence of the performance of the labor or improvements. A.R.S. 27-108.

It is true, as Appellants state, that the amount paid for work can be evidence of its value. Opening Brief at 8. From that proposition, however, Appellants reach the erroneous conclusion that it was somehow Appellees' burden to show "how the \$200 paid for the backhoe trenching work done on October 6, would have any greater value than what was paid for it." Opening Brief at 9. Appellants overlook that it was their burden to prove that the work was not worth \$100 for each of the eight lode claims. Appellants also overlook the fact that the Encapules were not the only workers on the claims on October 6, 1979: Mr. Grace was

there also. R.T. 49. His October 12th Affidavit states that he supervised the Encapules' trenching work. Plaintiffs' Exhibit 8 in evidence. Mr. Grace has been in the mining business for 48 years, R.T. 31; presumably his supervision has some value. The trial court could well have determined that the value of the trenching work by the Encapules and the value of Mr. Grace's expertise together amounted to \$800 or more. The value of assessment work is a question of fact, Pascoe v. Richards, supra, and the trial court had sufficient evidence before it - consisting of the Affidavit, Mr. Grace's opinion about the value of the work, and testimony about the work itself - to have found against Appellants.

B. THE TRIAL COURT COULD HAVE DETERMINED THAT APPELLEES'
ATTEMPTED RELOCATIONS WERE INVALID.

A.R.S. 27-206 states that the relocation of a claim shall be made in the same manner as other locations, with one exception pertaining to resurveying of the claims or verification of boundaries and position of the claims under a previously recorded map or plat. A.R.S. 27-202 sets forth the requirements of the location notice, which must be posted (and recorded under A.R.S. 27-203). The notice must contain, among other things:

"4. The length and width of the claim in in feet, and the distance in feet from the location monument to each end of the claim.

"5. The general course of the claim.

"6. ... (I)f known to the locator, the identification of the section, township, and range in which the notice of location of the claim is posted."

Under subsection (B) of the statute, "until the requirements of subsection A are complied with, no right of location is acquired."

A.R.S. 27-203 requires, among other things, the recording of such notice within 90 days of the time of location. Along with the notice, a map or plat of the claim must also be recorded. The map or plat must set forth among other things, the following: "...the boundaries and position of the claim with such accuracy as would permit a reasonably knowledgeable person to find and identify the claim on the ground" (subsection (B)(3)); and "(t)he locality of the claim with reference to the section, township and range in which the claim is located..." (subsection (c) (3)).

A.R.S. 27-203(E) states, "failure to do all the things within the times and at the places specified in subsections A, B, C and D shall be an abandonment of the claim, and all right and claim of the locator shall be forfeited."

The evidence is undisputed that Mr. Cattany's notice stated the boundaries of each claim as 1320 feet by 660 feet, rather than 1500 foot by 600 foot boundaries allowed under 30 U.S.C. 23. The error was not corrected in his amended notice.

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It is also undisputed that Mr. Cattany's plat placed each claim not in the northeast quarter of Section 20, Range 22 East, Township 20 South, but in the northwest quarter. That particular error was corrected in the March 17, 1980, amendment.

Appellees contend that because of the errors in Mr.

Cattany's notice and plat, he either never achieved any valid relocation, or, if he did, he forfeited his rights.

1. The attempted relocations could have been invalid because of improper dimensions.

A.R.S. 27-202(A)(4) requires that a notice state the length and width of each claim in feet. The notice did not; it stated a length and width for each claim that, under the law, it could not possibly have. A.R.S. 27-203(A)(5) requires that the notice state the general course of each claim. As to each claim, Mr. Cattany's notice describes a course using the same incorrect boundaries.

A.R.S. 27-202(B) states that unless these requirements are met, "no right of location is acquired." In other words, the attempted location is void.

It is true, as Appellants note, that it has been held that an area located in excess of statutory boundaries is only void as to the excess. <u>Hayden Hill Consol. Mining Co.</u>

v. Lincoln Mining Co., 66 Idaho 430, 160 P.2d 468 (1945); see also <u>Velasco v. Mallory</u>, 5 Ariz. App. 406, 427 P.2d 540 (1967).

It does not appear, however, that the courts that have so decided have construed a statute such as A.R.S. 27-202(B), which states explicitly that unless the requirements of subsection (A) are complied with, there is no right of location.

 The attempted relocations could have been invalid because of the erroneous legal description.

The plat attached to the Appellants' October 18, 1979, notice showed the claims as being located in the wrong quarter of Section 20. Under A.R.S. 27-202(A), Mr. Cattany did not have to specify a quarter of the section, nor even attach a map or plat to the notice. Having done so, however, Appellant should have provided the correct quarter on a correct plat.

The requirements of A.R.S. 27-203 regarding plats are somewhat stricter. Subsection (B)(3) states that the boundaries and location of each claim be sufficient to "permit a reasonably knowledgeable person to find and identify the claim on the ground". Whether a claim has been described adequately is a question of fact. Couch v Clifton, 626 P.2d 731 (Colo. App. 1981). It should not subject to serious dispute that the claims were inadequately described. Had a reasonably knowledgeable person attempted to follow Appellants' October 18, 1979, plat, he would have found himself in the wrong quarter looking for claims of the wrong size.



Appellants assert that their March 17, 1980, amendment corrects the deficiency. Opening Brief at 9-10. They are mistaken. Under A.R.S. 27-202(C), the notice may be amended "and the monument changed to correspond with the amended location, but no change shall be made which will interfere with the rights of others". (emphasis added) The conjunctive suggests that amendments are permitted by the statute if, but only if, the actual location is changed - that is, if the physical boundaries of the claim are altered. Here, the boundaries of the claims were not changed, merely the erroneous plat depicting those claims. Further, even assuming that the plat could be amended, it was not done in a timely fashion. A.R.S. 27-202(C) continues: "If such amendment changes the exterior boundaries of a claim, a new or amended map, plat or sketch shall be recorded pursuant to Section 27-203 showing such change". Under A.R.S. 27-203, the map or plat must be recorded within 90 days from the date of location. In this case, assuming there were actually a relocation, it occurred on October 18, 1979. The amendment was not recorded until March 20, 1980 - about two months too late.

Under A.R.S. 27-203(E), the deficiencies of the plat stripped Appellants of all their relocation rights, if any.

Appellants argue that their deficient plat is irrelevant because Appellees supposedly knew what Mr. Cattany was claim-

ing. Opening Brief at 10. It is not exactly clear from the record what Appellees knew or believed, or at what time they came to know or believe it. It seems that about October 20, 1979, Mr. Grace saw "stakes all over the place", although he didn't know what the boundaries were. R.T. 43. He then read one of the location notices that had an erroneous plat. R.T. 40. It is not clear whether Appellees believed the plat was wrong or the monuments were wrong:

"Q (BY MR. CATTANY) So you had notice the claims were filed in the northeast quarter because you saw --

"A (BY MR. GRACE) I wouldn't say they were filed there, but the post was there. The location notices were in the wrong place, according to the legal description."

R.T. 64.

It appears from the record that Mr. Grace and Mr. Cattany had a discussion around November 1, 1979, R.T. 62, but it is not clear at all that Mr. Grace knew even then what mistake Mr. Cattany had made:

"Q (BY MR. CATTANY) I believe you also state, and you stated in your complaint, that changing the location of the mining claims, in violation of A.R.S. Section 27-202(C), interfered with your rights.

"A (BY MR. GRACE) Well, we discussed it at the time and I told you you filed in the wrong quarter section. And you said you didn't make the mistake, that you were a mining engineer and surveyor and you didn't make those kinds of mistakes".

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As far as Appellees could tell, Appellants could well have had the correct quarter and the wrong physical location rather than the other way around.

In view of the erroneous legal description on the plat attached to the notice, the erroneous boundaries, and the fact that the notice never referred to the claims by their former names (the claims were renamed), it is not fair to charge Appellees with "detailed information of the nature, extent, and location" of Appellants' attempted relocations.

See Steele v. Preble, 158 Or. 641, 77 P.2d 418 (1938). The question is one of the totality of the circumstance surrounding Mr. Cattany's notices and plat. Is it really equitable, considering the serious defects, that he should thereby acquire any possessory rights to these mining claims?

C. THE TRIAL COURT COULD HAVE FOUND THAT APPELLEES HAD RESUMED WORK SO AS TO AVOID FORFEITURE.

Even if Appellees had not completed the required assessment work on October 6, 1979, as argued above, Appellants would still not be able to prevail. On October 6th the Appellees had at least resumed the assessment work.

When the owner of an unpatented federal claim fails to perform the assessment work, the claim is not automatically forfeited; the claim becomes "subject to relocation at any time prior to resumption of the assessment work by the owner of the superior claims". Edwards v. Anaconda Company, supra,

115 Ariz. 313, 317, 565 P.2d 190, 194 (Ct. App. 1977) (emphasis added); Inman v. Ollson, supra, 213 Or. 56, 321 P.2d 1043 (1958). If resumption is all that is required to defeat relocation, it follows that there need not be completion so long as the work is continued to ultimate completion without unreasonable interruption. See McCormick v. Baldwin, 104 Cal. 227, 37 P. 903 (1894); McKay v. McDougall, 25 Mont. 258, 64 P. 669 (1901). Whether there has been a sufficient resumption of work to prevent a forfeiture is a question of fact for the trial court. Crane v. French, 39 Cal. App. 2d 642, 104 P.2d 53 (1940).

In the present case, it was undisputed that a substantial amount of work was done on October 6th. (This is, therefore, not the situation of a meager amount of work being performed as a pretense and sham, as in McCormick v. Baldwin, supra.) The Affidavit of October 12th states that the work was done through the 10th. Mr. Cattany testified that he made a conclusion of law that, because Appellees did not continue work on October 18th, he was entitled to relocate. R.T. 74. Appellees submit that an eight-day interruption is not, as a matter of law, unreasonable. The trial court could well have found as a fact that it was, but it did not. It was not required to do so.

Appellants cite <u>Hirschler v. McKendricks</u>, 16 Mont. 211, 40 P. 290 (1895), in support of their contention that the

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Assessment work was not continued diligently after resumption.

Hirschler did indeed involve a 15-day interruption (which is substantially greater than the interruption in the present case), but it is important to bear in mind that the Montana court affirmed a jury's finding of fact that a 15-day delay was unreasonable. The Court did not hold that the delay was unreasonable as a matter of law.

The evidence is not seriously in dispute that, even if Mr. Grace had not done the full amount of work between October 6 and 10, 1979, the work was completed "a short time after (Mr. Cattany) had made (his) location notices..." R.T. 50.

The trial court was justified in finding that Appellees' assessment work was resumed, and that it was continued without unreasonable interruption until completion.

CONCLUSION

For all the above reasons, Appellees submit that the Judgment of the trial court was justified by the law and the evidence and that, therefore, it should be affirmed by this Court.

Appellees request that this Court award them their costs pursuant to A.R.S. 12-1182, which is applicable to the Court of Appeals. Morgan v. Continental Mortgage Investors, 16 Ariz. App. 86, 491 P.2d 475 (1971).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this _____ day of June, 1982.

GREENWOOD, RYAN, HERBOLICH & ATONNA, Ltd. 855 Cochise Avenue, Douglas, Arizona 85607

By: Station Staring
ARTHUR C. ATONNA

By: WALLACE R. HOGGATT

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

STATE OF ARIZONA) : ss.
County of Cochise)

WALLACE R. HOGGATT, being first duly sworn, states that he is one of the attorneys for the Appellees herein; that on June 10, 1982, he caused to be deposited in the United States mails two copies of the Appellees' Answering Brief to:

ROBERT E. CATTANY 4530 E. River Road Tucson, Arizona 85718

Attorney for Appellants

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 10th day of June, 1982.

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-vs-

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2CA-CIV 4371

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REPLY

Appellees complain that there were no witnesses other than Robert Cattany testifying (uncontroverted) as to what work was or was not done on the 8 Horne mining claims on or before August 31, 1979. Answering Brief (AB) - 4. In explanation, appellants would refer the Court to items 2,3,4,5 and 6 of the clerk's index on appeal, and state that appellants were, on September 10, 1981, offered either September 10 (Thur. P.M.) or September 15 (following Tues. A.M.) for trial dates. If time permitted, appellants may have had more witnesses, but since Robert Cattany's testimony was uncontroverted, appellants do not believe additional testimony was, or is, necessary on this issue.

It should be noted that the later work on appellees' 8 claims was clearly established as being done in March, 1980, and equally clear that the only work done on their claims during October, 1979, was on October 6, despite efforts in appellees' answering brief (AB) to make it appear otherwise. AB - 3,4,19 and 20.

The primary distinction between the doing of assessment work as required annually, and the resumption of assessment work by a dilinquent locator, is in the time and manner of performance. Annual assessment work can be done at any time during, or throughout, the assessment year, while resumed assessment work, once resumed, must be diligently completed without unreasonable delay in order to protect and preserve the locator's rights. Resumption of assessment work may defeat a relocation in progress, but if the resumed assessment work is not completed without unreasonable delay, or at all, it will not prevent or defeat an intervening or subsequent relocation.

The work done by appellees on their claims on October 6, 1979, was, at best, a resumption of their assessment work, and not merely a part of the annual assessment work to be performed during the assessment year starting September 1, 1979 and ending August 31, 1980. Accordingly, in order to protect and preserve their rights in the 8 claims, appellees had to complete that assessment work, once resumed, with due diligence and without unreasonable delay.

Between October 6, 1979 and March 10 or 11, appellees did no assessment work on their 8 claims, a delay of 5 months, but they would have the Court believe that the delay was only about 8 days and therefore quite reasonable. AB - 19. To arrive at this 8 day figure, appellees use a beginning date of October 10, an erroneous date used in their first affidavit of labor, exhibit #8 in evidence, and an ending date of October 18, the date of appellants' locations or relocations. There was no testimony or evidence presented that appellees did any assessment work on October 18, or that they were prevented from doing any assessment work at any time. The testimony was that appellants decided that 11 or 12 days (Oct. 6 to Oct. 18) was an unreasonable delay and did not constitute due diligence in completing the resumed assessment work.

Appellees recognized that the work done on October 6, 1979, did not satisfy the \$800.00 worth of assessment work required, claiming in their second affidavit of labor, exhibit #9 in evidence, that the required assessment work included work done through March 10, 1980. Both affidavits of labor are signed by appellee W.W. Grace, who is represented as being quite knowledgeable about mining claims and mining. Apparently W. W. Grace was appellees' expert witness and the lessee of the 8 mining claims, where-under he was obligated to perform the annual assessment work. In the



testimony of W.W. Grace, after describing the work done on October 6, 1979, he went on to say -- "so I figured that this work, plus crosscut there of another hundred -- maybe 150 feet -- I don't recall the exact dimensions of it -- was more than enough work necessary to meet the federal requirements". RT - 36. It being clearly established by subsequent testimony and evidence that the "crosscut" W.W. Grace referred to was the work done in March, 1980. RT - 44, 45, 46, 60, 90, 91. In further substantiation, witness Johnnie Escapule was asked by appellees on cross-examination, -- "You understood, or tell me whether or not you understood, that this work (March, 1980) was being done as part of the annual assessment work". To which Mr. Escapule answered -- "Yes, sir". RT - 91. Appellees then proceeded to establish the fact that Mr. Escapule knew what assessment work was. RT - 91,92. It should be noted that appellants' direct examination of Mr. Escapule made no reference to the work he did in March, 1980 as being assessment work, and the words "assessment work" were not mentioned in the direct examination. RT - 87,88,89,90,91. Even by claiming both the October and March work as applicable assessment work, it is difficult to understand how, if the \$200.00 back hoe work in October did not satisfy the \$800.00 worth of assessment work requirement, the deficiency could be made up by the \$49.00 back hoe work done in March. That is, of course, if the \$49.00 back hoe work in March could be considered, in view of the 5 month delay which would appear to be unreasonable.

Appellees state that it is indisputed that a substantial amount of work was done on October 6, and go on to say that -- "--this is therefore not the situation of a meager amount of work being performed as a pretense and sham, as in McCormick v. Baldwin, 37 P 903 -". In this case, appellees, in resuming their assessment work, had 8 hours work done on their 8 mining

claims, or the equivalent of 1 (one) hour work on each claim. In McCormick v. Baldwin, supra, the locator of mining claims in default for assessment work, resumed his assessment work by going onto the claims and doing 3 (three) hours work on each claim, for which the court said:

"It is against the policy of the law, and a fraud against the Government and the law, to hold quartz (lode) claims by merely doing a few dollars worth of work thereon at or near the beginning of the year next following the year on which claimant failed to do the necessary work, when such work is not commenced with the bona fide intention of being continued until the full amount is done. Such labor so done, is a mere pretense and sham and shall not prevent the location for want of necessary work.".

Appellees' first affidavit of labor fails to state the value of the work performed, or the dollars worth of work and improvements done, as required by ARS 27-208. Appellants question whether an affidavit of labor, so basically defective, constitutes prima facie evidence of anything of importance to this case, or creates any greater burden on appellants to prove that the assessment work was not done. In view of such defective affidavit, it is appellants' position (but not admitting that appellants have not carried the burden of proof) that the burden of proof at least shifted and appellees were required to prove the value of their resumed assessment work done on October 6, if, as appellees speculate, it was worth more than what they paid for it.

If 5 months is an unreasonable delay in the performance of resumed assessment work, then the work appellees had done in March, 1980 and their second affidavit of labor which included that work, would be immaterial and of no consequence because of appellants' intervening rights.

Based upon the foregoing and the arguments and authorities set forth in their opening brief, appellants believe they have sufficiently established by clear and convincing evidence that appellees did not do the

required amount of assessment work on October 6, 1979, in order to protect and preserve their rights to the 8 Horne mining claims, and did no further work until March, 1980. Therefore, appellants were justified in making their locations, or relocations, on October 18, 1979, and thereby terminated any rights appellees may have had in the ground in question by reason of the 8 Horne mining claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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This Copy is for Your Information Only. No Reply Needed. Thank You. Arthur C. Atonna

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-vs-

COUNTY OF COCHISE

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Defendants.

No. 40466

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' POSITION

This memorandum is submitted pursuant to order of the court, as amended to extend the time for filing from October 22, 1981 to October 25, 1981.

Defendants' position is that the property in question was subject to for-feiture by relocation on September 1, 1979, for plaintiffs' failure to do the required work for the assessment year ending August 31, 1979. Although plaintiffs resumed the assessment work on or about October 6, 1979, they failed to complete the performance thereof with due diligence on a continuous basis and without unreasonable interruption, as the law requires. As a result, the property in question, eight mining claims were subject to forfeiture by relocation on October 18, 1979, and were so located by defendants after waiting for 12 days for plaintiffs to complete their assessment work.

Defendant Robert E. Cattany testified, without contradiction, that there was no work done on the claims and no affidavit of assessment work recorded for plaintiffs' eight claims for the assessment year ending August 31, 1979. Likewise, there was undisputed testimony that plaintiffs commenced or resumed the assessment work on the eight claims on October 6, 1979, paid \$200.00 for the work done on October 6, 1979, did no further work on the claims for several months, and did not return to visit the claims for about two weeks after October 6, 1979, and recorded affidavits of assessment work on March 14, 1980 and April 8, 1980.

The party asserting a forfeiture has the burden of proving by clear and convincing proof, that the assessment work was not performed, McDermott vs. O'Brien, 2 Ariz App 429, 409 P2d 588 (1966). The filing of an affidavit of assessment work is prima facie evidence that the assessment work has been done, ARS 27-208 B., but may be rebutted by introducing evidence that the assessment work was not in fact performed, California Dolomite Co. vs. Standridge, 275 P2d 823 (Cal. 1954), Dickens-West Min. Co. vs. Crescent Min. & Mill. Co., 141 P 566 (Ida. 1914). The rebutting evidence in the instant case includes that which was undisputed, i.e., payment of \$200.00 for the work done on the plaintiffs' eight claims on October 6, 1979, no further work being done on the claims for several months (March, 1980) and plaintiffs not returning to visit the claims for about two weeks after October 6, 1979. Additionally, plaintiffs introduced in evidence, two affidavits of labor, the first of which being dated October 12, 1979 (recorded March 14, 1980) and containing no mention of any amount

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of money having been expended. The second of which was dated April 7, 1980 (recorded April 8, 1980) and states that not less than \$800.00 worth of work was done on the claims between October 6, 1979 and March 10, 1980. Though not admitted, it seems logical that this second affidavit would include the work done on the claims in March, 1980 by the witness John Escapule, who testified he was paid \$49.00 for some backhoe trenching work on the claims in early March, 1980. This would tend to support defendants' position that plaintiffs failed to complete the assessment work commenced or resumed on October 6, 1979 in a diligent and continuous manner.

To determine whether sufficient assessment work has been performed, the measure is the value of the work performed, not the amount paid for it, Wagner vs. Dorris, 73 P 318 (Ore. 1903), Norris vs. United Mineral Products Co., 158 P2d 679 (Wyo. 1945). However, the amount so paid is admissible as evidence tending to establish the value of the work, Stolp vs. Treasury Gold Min. Co., 80 P 817 (Wash.1905). If equipment is used in the performance of the assessment work, the reasonable value of the use of such equipment may be included as assessment work, Anderson vs. Robinson, 126 P 988 (Ore. 1912). In the instant case, the reasonable value of the use of the backhoe equipment has to be equal to the amount paid for the use of it. Except for two or three assays, there was no other work done. The backhoe and operator were hired at the then going rate of \$25,00 per hour for eight hours to do exploration trenching, and that is all that was done for the eight claims and the \$200.00 paid, or \$25.00 per claim, is all it was worth. The same is true of the two hours of backhoe work done on the claims in March, 1980. Plaintiffs offered no testimony as how this work would have a value of any amount more than what was paid for it, but rather contended that they only needed to move a certain volume of material regardless of value or cost and that would suffice.

If a prior locator resumes assessment work after failure to perform the required annual assessment work for any given assessment year, and before there is a relocation, he is required to perform \$100.00 worth of assessment work per claim for the current year. However, the work, once resumed, must be performed with diligence on a continuous basis until the requisite amount of \$100.00 per claim for the current year is completed, Bishop vs. Baisley, 41 P 936 (Ore. 1895), McCormick vs. Baldwin, 37 P 903 (Cal. 1894) where the court said, "It is against the policy of the law, and a fraud against the government and the law, to holdquartz (lode) claims by merely doing a few dollars worth of work thereon at or near the beginning of the year next following the year on which claimant failed to do the necessary work, when such work is not commenced with the bona fide intention of being continued until the full amount is done. Such labor so done, is a mere pretense and sham and shall not prevent the location for want of necessary work". Because the prosecution of the work to completion with reasonable diligence is an element of a good faith resumption of work, it does not permit of a construction of the rule that an entire period can be gained by making a slight expenditure at the beginning of the year, Honaker vs. Martin, 29 P 397 (Mont. 1891). Hirshler vs. McKendricks, 40 P 1640 (Mont. 1895) wherein the court said, "When a locator avails himself of the statute (U.S. Code) and resumes work to protect himself from forfeiture, he must perform the work with diligence until the requirement for annual labor is completed", and held that a 15 day interruption of work without cause was not due diligence. Lindley stated that the claimant must resume work in good faith and prosecute same continuously and without

unresonable interruption until the full amount of labor is performed, Lindley, Mines and Mineral Laws, Sec. 654 (3rd Ed. 1914). Otherwise the claim, or claims, become subject to forfeiture by relocation. It should be noted that if a locator is in default of his annual assessment work, he is no longer the owner of the exclusive possessory right, Holmes vs. Salamaca Gold Min & Mill. Co., 91 P 160 (Cal. 1907), and he must resume and complete that work as required by law before he regains that right.

Plaintiffs complained that defendants' location notices were defective or erroneous because the map or plat attached thereto showed the claims to be in the northwest quarter of the section rather than in the northeast quarter where they were in fact located, and therefore the locations were void. They also complained that the locations were void because the location notices describe onersize claims, i.e., 660 feet wide rather than the 600 feet specified by statute (U.S. Code).

A location notice which is merely defective or erroneous, is not void since it is capable of amendment, Nylund vs. Ward, 187 P 154 (Colo. 1919), and actual knowledge of the error and the location on the ground is equal to valid recorded notice, Atherly vs. Bullion Monarch Uranium Co., 335 P2d 71 (Utah 1959). In the instant case, the plaintiffs admitted having knowledge of the actual existence of defendants' monuments on the ground, and of the error in defendants' original location notices.

Defects or errors in a location, or location notice, do not result in a for-feiture, and no forfeiture will occur if the defects are corrected prior to the date of a subsequent location, Smart vs. Staunton, 29 Ariz 1, 239 P2d 514 (1925). An insufficient description in a location natice does not render a claim subject to forfeiture if a subsequent locator could, by reasonable diligence, have traced the claim on the ground, Francis vs. Jenkins, 9 Alaska 91 (1937), Smart vs. Staunton, supra.

When recording is not an essential act of location, a subsequent locator having knowledge of the locus of the claim, cannot question the sufficiency of the recorded location notice or the description of the claim, Sydney vs. Richards, 181 P 394 (Cal. 1919), Nylund vs. Ward, supra, bradshaw vs. Miller, 377 P2d 781 (Utah 1963). Although ARS 27-203 E. provides that failure to record location notices within the time allowed, "shall be an abandonment of the claim, and all right and claim of the discoverer shall be forfeited", the Arizona court in Perley vs. Goar, 22 Ariz 146, 195 P 532 (1921) held, "The failure to file location notices within the time fixed by statute does not render the location invalid, except as to adverse rights acquired before the filing". The 1913 Revised Statutes of Arizona, Title 34, Sec. 4031, in effect at the time, contained the same language as that quoted from ARS 27-203 E. above. Except in those states where recording is an essential act of location, the record serves only as constructive notice of the existence of the claim, its boundaries and extent, and a defect in the recorded location notice, or even a failure to record, is of no effect as to one who has actual knowledge of the location, Johnson vs. Ryan, 86 P2d 1040 (N.Mex. 1939).

A claim is not rendered void by reason of a discrepancey between the location notice and the monuments on the ground. When monuments are found on the ground, or their position or location can be determined with certainty, the monuments control over the description in the posted or recorded location notice. Treadwell vs. Marrs, 9 Ariz 333, 83 P350 (1905). In the instant case, plaintiffs admitted knowing of and seeing defendants' monuments on the ground, as well as the posted notices.

If a claim exceed 600 feet in width, the location is not void in its entirety, but is void only as to the excess, McElligott vs. Krugh, 90 P 823 (Cal. 1907), Thompson vs. Barton Gulch Min. Co., 207 P 108 (Mont. 1922). In Hayden Hill Con. Min. Co. vs. Lincoln Min. Co., 166 25 469 (Ida. 1945) the court stated, "The rule is well established in this state as elsewhere, that a location of an area in excess of that allowed by the statute is simply void as to the excess and that the inclusion of such excess of territory will not, per se, void the location; that is to say, it is only where the exterior boundaries include such an unreasonably excessive area, that the location will be held void". That court cited the earlier 1910 Idaho case of Nicholls vs. Lewis &Clark Min. Co., 109 P 846, where it was held that the attempted location of a claim 1065 feet by 2067 feet was entirely void as unreasonably excessive. Defendant Robert E. Cattany testified that the oversized claims of defendants was mistaker and there was no intention to acquire more ground than is legally allowed. There was no evidence offered that defendants acted in bad faith in making this mistake. In Vallasco vs. Mallory, 5 Ariz App 406, 427 P2d 540 (1967) the court held that until the locator of an oversize claim has a reasonable time, after notice, to draw in his lines, his right of possession extends to the entire claim. It should be noted that most of these cases cited involve a subsequent locator and the rights available to them in adverse proceedings. There were no subsequent locators to defendants' locations, but plaintiffs' rights in the same situations can be no greater than that of a subsequent locator.

Defendants amended their location notices on March 18, 1980, by recording and posting on the ground, the amended location notices which contained a new map or plat of the claims showing them to be located in the northeast quarter of the section rather than in the northwest quarter. However, only the map was wrong, no monuments on the ground had to be moved. ARS 27-202 C. states, "The notices may be amended at any time and the monument changed to correspond with the amended location, but no change whall be made which will interfere with the rights of others. If such amendment changes the exterior boundaries of the claim, a new or amended map, plat or sketch shall be recorded pursuant to ARS 27-203 showing such change. In the instant case, there was no testimony or evidence to show that defendants amendments interfered with anyones' rights, including plaintiffs'

Defendant Robert E. Cattany testified that he took all required steps in perfecting his locations and the amendments thereof, including discoveries, some of which occurred a day or two after monumenting and posting the claims. With regard thereto, the court said in Brewster vs. Shoemaker, 63 P 309 (Colo. 1900) "The order of time in which these several acts (of location) are performed is not of the essence of the requirements, and it is immaterial that the discovery was made subsequent to the completion of the acts of location, provided only that all the necessary acts are done before intervening rights of third parties accrue".

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert E. Cattary

May 20, 1981 Mr. James B. Greenwood Attorney at Law 129 Naco Highway P. O. Box 4340 Bisbee, Arizona 85603 Dear Mr. Greenwood: You will find enclosed copies of Mining Locations for Horne #110 -#117, together with copies of correspondence in our files. The lease agreement between M. Seth Horne, Lessor, and W. W. Grace, Lessee, was entered into on the 1st day of October, 1979. Mr. Horne wishes for you to sue Mr. Cattany for everything -loss of sale, illegal filing, all court and attorney fees. costs for witnesses, clouding of title, etc. I had phone conversations this morning with Ernie Escapule and Bill Grace, and they will testify in our behalf. If you need any additional information, please contact me and I will do my best to furnish it. Sincerely yours, Harvey L. Hayes Property Manager HLH :ef Encls.

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STATE OF ARIZONA)
COUNTY OF MARICOPA)

W. W. Grace, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is a citizen of the United States and more than eighteen years of age, and resides in Scottsdale, Maricopa, Arizona, and is personally acquainted with the unpatented mining claims situated in the Tombstone Mining District, Cochise County, Arizona, the location notices of which are recorded in the office of the Cochise County Recorder and known as HORNE #110 through #117.

That between the 6th day of October, 1979, and the 10th day of March, 1980, not less than \$800.00 worth of work and improvements were done and performed upon the said claims, and that the claims constitute a contiguous group under a common ownership and that the work was done upon or for the benefit of all of the said claims.

This work was performed by John Escapule and W. W. Grace. The work was done under the supervision of W. W. Grace according to an agreement entered into by W. W. Grace and M. Seth Horne dated October 1, 1979.

The work was performed for the purpose of complying with the laws of the United States and of the State of Arizona relative to performance of annual work for the purpose of holding title to said unpatented mining claims for the valuable mineral contained therein.

DATED this 7th day of April, 1980.

W. W. Grace

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SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me by W. W. Grace this 7th day of April,

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It has come to our attention recently that you or your personnel are still engaged in mining activity on some of our federal mining claims. These claims are known as Horne 110 through 117 and are recorder in the County Recorder's Office in Bisbee. We request that you stop all mining related work or we will take legal recourse against you. This mining activity should be stopped immediately.

If you have a need to contact me, I can be reached in Phoenix at 264-2181.

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§ 7.32 Diligence in Completing Work. In Belcher Consolidated Gold Mining Co. v. Deferrari, an early California case, it was held that if assessment work was resumed during the assessment year, no relocation could be made during such year, even if the assessment work was discontinued before completion. This case was severely criticized. The rule now seems to be well established that work, once resumed, must be continued with diligence until the requisite amount for the current year is completed.

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If work is resumed, while such work continues, the claim is not subject to relocation, and a relocation made while work as being performed is invalid even if the assessment work is thereafter abandoned before the requisite amount is completed.

§ 7.33 Resumption After Relocation Commenced. There has been a clear division of authority concerning the rights of a claim owner who resumes work after another party has commenced a relocation, but before such relocation has been completed. A number of cases have held that work may be resumed at any time before the relocation has been completed. The text writers favor the rule that once a relocation is commenced, the relocator is entitled to the period allowed by statute for completing the relocation, and that during such period the original locator cannot resume work and defeat the relocation.2 They point out if the other rule were followed, since several days are normally required to complete a relocation, the delinquent claim owner could sit idly by until someone commenced a relocation, and then resume work and defeat the relocation. This argument seems persuasive, and some courts have followed the rule advocated by the text writers.3 The rule has been changed in Montana by statute district has which now provides that the relocator's rights are protected distribution from the time he posts a notice on the claim, so long as he work

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⁴ Mont RC (1947) § 50-707.

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would be invalid if work were resumed at the regular hour. See also Willitt v. Baker (CC WD Ark 1904) 133 F. 937. This problem is largely academic since the assessment year now ends at 12:00 o'clock noon.

^{§ 7.31} Temescal Oil Mining & Development Co. v. Salcido, 137 Cal. 211, 69 P. 1010 (1902); Crown Point Gold Mining Co. v. Crismon, 39 Ore. 364, 65 P. 87 (1901).

⁽Rel. No. 6-1973). MINING LAW-Vol. 2

tional \$100 worth of assessment work.2 However, if that rule were followed, logically, the \$50 worth of assessment work performed during the first portion of assessment year B would not be available to satisfy the work required for assessment year B. This rule would therefore seem to be in conflict with the rule that once work is resumed, the work for former years need not be performed.3 Accordingly, the better rule would seem to be to treat each assessment year as a separate entity. It would then follow that even if the claim owner performed \$50 worth of work at the end of assessment year A, he would be required to perform \$100 worth of work with reasonable diligence after the commencement of assessment year B, and the entire amount of work performed during assessment year B would be applicable to the assessment work requirement for assessment year B.4

§ 7.32 Diligence in Completing Work. In Belcher Consolidated Gold Mining Co. v. Deferrari, an early California case, it was held that if assessment work was resumed during the assessment year, no relocation could be made during such year, even if the assessment work was discontinued before completion. This case was severely criticized.2 The rule now seems to be well established that work, once resumed, must be continued with diligence until the requisite amount for the current year is completed.3

, 3 McCormick v. Baldwin (1594) 104 Cal 227, 37 P. 963 to few hours' work performed after commencement of assessment year held not sufficiente: Handlier v. McHerdricks, [16 M at. 211, 40 P. 290 (1:95) (15day interruption of work without 'cause held not due diligence); Honaker v. Martin (1891) 11 Mont. 91, 27 P. 397; Bushop v. Banley (1894) \$25 Ore. 119, 41 P. 936 to few hours pspent in taking samples held not a resumption of work).

² The language of the court in Jordan v. Duke, 6 Ariz. 55, 53 P. 197 (1595), indicates such a rule.

³ See n.1 supra.

⁴ This rule seems to be applied in Auderson v. Robinson (1912) 63 Ore. 225, 126 P. 988, rehearing denied, 127 P. 546.

^{§ 7.32 462} Cal. 160 (1582).

² Lindley on Mines § 652 (3rd ed 1914); Morrison, Mining Rights 125 (16:h ed 1936).

If work is resumed, while such work continues, the claim is not subject to relocation, and a relocation made while work is being 1 referred is invalid even if the assessment work is thereafter abandoned before the requisite amount is completed.

§ 7.33 Resumption After Relocation Commenced. There has been a clear division of authority concerning the rights of a claim owner who resumes work after another party has commenced a relocation, but before such relocation has been completed. A number of cases have held that work may be resumed at any time before the relocation has been completed. The text writers favor the rule that once a relocation is commenced, the relocator is entitled to the period allowed by statute for completing the relocation, and that during such period the original locator cannot resume work and defeat the relocation.2 They point out if the other rule were followed, since several days are normally required to complete a relocation, the delinquent claim owner could sit idly by until someone commenced a relocation, and then resume work and defeat the relocation. This argument seems persuasive, and some courts have followed the rule advocated by the text writers.3 The rule has been changed in Montana by statute didnot which now provides that the relocator's rights are protected chair from the time he posts a notice on the claim, so long as he will

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⁴ Jupiter Mining Co. v. Brodie Consolidated Mining Co. (9th Cir 1881) 11 F. 666; Jordan v. Duke, 6 Ariz, 55, 53 P. 197 (1898). See also Lacey v. Woodward (1891) 5 N.M. 583, 25 P. 785.

^{§ 7.33 &}lt;sup>1</sup> Featherston v. Howse (WD Ark 1957) 151 F Supp 353; Clarke v. Mallory (1937) 22 Cal App2d 55, 70 P2d 664; Pharis v. Muldoon (1888) 75 Cal. 284, 17 P. 70; Thornton v. Kaufman (1910) 40

Mont. 282, 106 P. 361; McKay v. McDougall (1901) 25 Mont. 258, 64 P. 669; Gonu v. Russell (1879) 3 Mont. 358.

² Lindley on Mines § 408 (3rd ed 1914); Morrison, Mining Rights 125 (16th ed 1936).

D Colo 1878) 15 F. Cus. 629 (No. 8, 402); Frazier v. Consolidated Tungsten Mines (1956) 80 Ariz 261, 296 P2d 447.

§ 7.33 MAINTENANCE OF CLAIM AFTER LOCATION

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is duly performing the acts required by law to perfect his location.4

A very interesting situation is presented when (1) the senior locator fails to perform assessment work, (2) there is a relocation and the second locator fails to perform assess. Maroch ment work, (3) the senior locator then resumes work, and (4) a third party relocates. In a contest between the senior locator and the last locator, it has been held that the last locator cannot take advantage of the intervening location to cut off the rights of the senior locator, and that the senior locator revives his claim by resuming work.5 Similarly, it has been held in a contest between the first locator and second locator, where both fail to perform assessment work and the first locator resumes his work first, that he prevails over the junior locator.6 While this rule which permits the revival of an old claim after abandonment of a later relocation has been criticized as being contrary to the wording of the federal statute," it accomplishes an equitable result, and it seems unlikely that it will be overruled.

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⁴ Mont RC (1947) § 50-707.

⁶ Klopenstine v. Hays (1899) 20 Utah 45, 57 P. 712.

⁵ Justice Mining Co. v. Barclay (CC D Nev 1-97) 82 F. 554; Richen v. Davis (1915) 76 Ore. 311, 145 P. 1130.

⁷ Lindley, supra n.2 at § 651.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA COUNTY OF COCHISE

JAMES STEWART COMPANY, an Arizona) corporation; M. SETH HORNE; W.W.) GRACE,

Plaintiffs.

vs.

ROBERT E. CATTANY and JANE DOE CATTANY, husband and wife,

Defendants.

NO. 40466

COMPLAINT

(Forcible Entry & Detainer & Declaratory Judgment)

COME NOW the Plaintiffs, by and through their attorneys, GREENWOOD, RYAN, HERBOLICH & ATONNA, Ltd., and as and for their claim for relief allege and pray as follows:

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Now and at all times relevant to this action, all parties hereto have either been doing business in Cochise County, Arizona, caused acts or events to occur within Cochise County, Arizona, which give rise to this cause of action, or reside within Cochise County, Arizona. Furthermore, ROBERT E. CATTANY and JANE DOE CATTANY are husband and wife now and at all times relevant to this action and all events or acts by ROBERT E. CATTANY were done in furtherance of marital community objectives.

11.

On or about October 18, 1979, ROBERT E. CATTANY, executed a Location Notice for mining claims 1320 feet long and 660 feet wide as to areas more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

III.

On or about March 17, 1980, Defendant ROBERT E. CATTANY executed and amended location notice as to areas more particularly described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof

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IV.

The Plaintiffs are owners, lessors or lessees or otherwise entitled to possession of certain mining claims known as Horne #110 through #117 as more particularly described on Exhibits "C" through "J" attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

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Written notice has been given to Defendant ROBERT E. CATTANY by the Plaintiffs of the encroachment by Defendant CATTANY onto the same area where the Plaintiffs' mining claims exist. Said notices are in the form of Exhibits "K" and "L" attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

VI.

On or about October 6, 1979, annual assessment work on Plaintiffs' mining claims Horne #110 through #117 was commenced thus precluding an abandonment of Plaintiffs' claims at any time during which the Defendants claim rights to or a relocation of said claims as herein alleged.

VII.

Defendant ROBERT E. CATTANY has changed the location of mining claims in violation of A.R.S. Section 27-202C by interfering with the rights of the Plaintiffs.

VIII.

Defendant ROBERT E. CATTANY has failed to comply with the provisions of A.R.S. Title 27 regarding mining and location of claims to the possessory detriment of the Plaintiffs.

IX.

By Arizona and Federal statutes, the Plaintiffs have possessory rights to Horne #110 through #117 which rights Defendants claim by adverse interest.

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Defendants purported possession of claims are void for failure

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to locate properly sized claims pursuant to 30 U.S.C.A. Section 23. XI.

Defendants' acts infringe upon Plaintiffs' rights to quiet peaceable possession of the described mining claims pursuant to 30 U.S.C.A. Section 26.

XII.

The Defendants are guilty of forcible entry and forcible detainer.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs, and each of them, pray for judgment against the Defendants, and each of them, as follows:

- 1. By a finding that the Defendants are guilty of forcible entry and forcible detainer.
- 2. By giving judgment to the Plaintiffs for restitution of the premises.
- 3. By declaring that the attempted relocation of claims by the Defendants were:
 - (a) Premature,
 - (b) Void by virtue of improper size,
 - (c) Not effective as a matter of law as a valid relocation,
- (d) That the Plaintiffs' interest in Horne #110 through #117 is paramount to that of the Defendants and furthermore that the Plaintiffs have valid mining claims as to the subject property.
- By giving Plaintiffs judgment for actual and punitive damages in sums that are found at the trial of this matter to be just and equitable.
- 5. By awarding the Plaintiffs their costs in this action incurred together with a reasonable attorney's fee.
- 6. By granting the Plaintiffs such other and further relief as may be deem, just and equitable.

DATED August 18th , 1981.

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GREENWOOD, RYAN, HERBOLICH & ATONNA, Ltd., 855 Gochise Ave. Douglas, AZ

By:

ARTHUR C. ATONNA for JAMES B. GREENWOOD

STATE OF ARIZONA)
: ss
County of Cochise)

ARTHUR C. ATONNA, being first duly sworn, upon his oath, hereby deposes and says that: I am one of the attorneys for the Plaintiffs; I hereby state that the matters alleged in the foregoing Complaint are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 18th day of August,

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

January 9, 1984

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JAMES STEWARI COMPANY PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Mr. Harvey Hayes James Stewart Company 3033 North Central Avenue Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Stewart vs. Cattany

Dear Mr. Hayes:

Enclosed is a copy of the Judgment which you requested.

Very truly yours,

GREENWOOD, RYAN, HERBOLICH & ATONNA, Ltd.

Peggy Gregory Secretary

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA COUNTY OF COCHISE

JAMES STEWART COMPANY, an Arizona corporation; M. SETH HORNE; W. W. GRACE,

Plaintiffs.

NO. 40466

JUDGMENT

ROBERT E. CATTANY and JUNE CATTANY, husband and wife,

Defendants.

This matter having come on regularly for trial September 15, 1981, and the Plaintiffs present in person and by counsel, and the Defendants present by ROBERT E. CATTANY, and the Court having considered the testimony of witnesses, the evidence and memorandum submitted, it is

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

- The Defendants are guilty of forcible detainer.
- The Plaintiffs have judgment for the restitution of the premises described as mining claims Horne 110 through 117 as located and situated in the northeast one quarter of Section 20, Range 22 East, Township 20 South, G.S.R.B. & M. Cochise County, Arizona, Tombstone Mining District.
- The Plaintiffs are now and at all times involved herein have been entitled to the possessory rights in and to the premises described as Horne No. 110 through 117, and more

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particularly described in paragraph two above, and that such rights are paramount to those of the defendants.

The Plaintiffs shall have its costs in the sum of \$116.25.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this 16th day of October, 1981.

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GRENWOOD, RYAN, HERBOUGH & ATONNA, LTD: STATE OF ARIZONA COUNTY OF COCHISE WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL

LAW OFFICES OF Greenwood, Ryan, Herbolich & Atonna, Ltd. 855 COCHISE AVENUE JAMES B. GREENWOOD OTHER OFFICE: MARTIN F. RYAN BISBEE, ARIZONA DOUGLAS, ARIZONA 85607 MICHAEL J. HERBOLICH AREA CODE 602.364-7961 ARTHUR C. ATONNA WALLACE R. HOGGATT October 5, 1982 DAVID P. FLANNIGAN RECEIVED OCT 7 1982 Mr. M. Seth Horne Mr. Harvey L. Hayes James Stewart Company JAMES STEWART CUMPANY 707 Mayer Central Bldg. PHOENIX, ARIZONA 3033 North Central Avenue Phoenix, Arizona 85012 James Stewart Company v. Cattany Gentlemen: Good news. The Court of Appeals has affirmed Judge Enclosed is a copy of the Court's Order Helm's ruling. and Opinion. As you can see, the Court based its decision on Mr. Grace's testimony that the work performed on October 6, 1979, was adequate. Therefore, the Court stated that it was not necessary to discuss all the other points that had been raised. (You may notice that the Court has two minor factual errors: it states that Cattany entered and posted the property on October 8th, rather than October 18th, and also that Cattany, rather than James Stewart Company, filed the action on August 19, 1981. These are not material to the decision.) As I wrote to you earlier, Cattany has 15 days to file a Motion for Rehearing, to which we will have an opportunity to respond. If the Motion is denied, he may petition the Arizona Supreme Court for review. It is still possible for Cattany to prevail, but I doubt it. We have cleared the big hurdle. I'll continue to keep you informed about this case. Truly yours, RYAN, HERBOLICH, ATONNA & HOGGATT, Ltd. Wallace R. HOGGATT WRH/vp

Enc.

STATE OF ARIZONA DIVISION TWO

JAMES STEWART COMPANY, an Arizona corporation; M. SETH HORNE; W. W. GRACE,

Plaintiffs/Appellees,

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ORDER

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CLERK COURT OF APPEALS
Division Two

v.

ROBERT E. CATTANY and JUNE L. CATTANY, husband and wife,

Defendants/Appellants.

(COCHISE County Superior Court Cause No. 40466)

GREENWOOD, RYAN, HERBOLICH & ATONNA, Ltd., Douglas; by Arthur C. Atonna, Esq., and Wallace R. Hoggatt, Esq.,

Attorneys for Plaintiffs/Appellees.

Robert E. Cattany, Esq., Tucson,

Attorney for Defendants/Appellants.

The above-entitled matter was duly submitted to the Court. The Court has this day rendered its Opinion.

IT IS ORDERED that the Opinion be filed by the Clerk, and under the Arizona Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure, Rule 22(a), fifteen (15) days are allowed from this date to file a Motion for Rehearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order, together with a copy of the Opinion, be sent to each party appearing or the attorney for such party and to The Honorable Lloyd C. Helm, Judge, Cochise County Superior Court, retired, and to The Honorable Matthew W. Borowiec, Presiding Judge of Cochise County Superior Court

Dated: October 1, 1982.

Lawrence Howard Chief Judge

Copies mailed as directed this 1 day of <u>October</u>

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the testimony and affidavits are conflicting. Nonetheless, for this ubsequent work Escapule was paid \$49. The uncontradicted testimony and affidavits of Grace valued the completed work at not less than \$800 which would meet the requirements of 30 U.S.C. §28 as discussed below. Furthermore, Grace testified that the work done on October 6, 1979, was, by itself, \$800 worth of work.

On October 8, 1979, after deciding that appellees had not completed the resumption of their assessment work in a diligent manner, appellant Robert Cattany entered and relocated the property. Location tices were recorded by Cattany on January 16, 1980. His plat map and monuments delineating his claims were intially incorrect and he amended his map and remonumented his claims on March 17, 1980, and in August 1981, respectively. During this period an agent of the appellees requested twice that Cattany cease all mining and vacate the property. Cattany, however, responded with a suit to remove appellees on August 19, 1981.

The case was heard without a jury on September 15, 1981, and the judge required that both parties submit memoranda. It is appellants' intention that the trial court should be reversed for its finding that appellees were, and had at all times been, entitled to possession of the claims.

The issue in this case is whether appellees complied with the assessment work requirement of 30 U.S.C. §28, thereby precluding forfeiture of their unpatented mining claims. Appellant raised other arguments concerning his right to possession of the claims, but because of our resolution of this issue, we need not discuss the other arguments.

The locator of a claim is required to complete \$100 worth of rk per year on each claim under 30 U.S.C. §28. The statute provides:

"... [a]nd upon a failure to comply with these conditions, the claim or mine upon which such failure occurred shall be open to relocation in the same manner as if no location of the same had even been made, provided that the original locators, their heirs, assigns, or legal representatives, have not resumed work upon the claim after failure and before such relocation. ... (Emphasis added)1/

For cases holding that the resumption of the assessment work by the original locator prior to a relocation by a third person precludes a forfeiture of the original locator's rights, see Edwards v. Anaconda Co., ll5 Ariz. 313, 565 P.2d 190 (App. 1977); Hartman Gold Mining Co. v.

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Plaintiffs/Appellees,

v.

2 CA-CIV 4371 O P I N I O N

ROBERT E. CATTANY and JUNE L. CATTANY, husband and wife,

Defendants/Appellants.

APPEAL FROM THE SUPERIOR COURT OF COCHISE COUNTY

Cause No. 40466

Honorable Lloyd C. Helm, Judge

AFFIRMED

GREENWOOD, RYAN, HERBOLICH & ATONNA, Ltd. by Arthur C. Atonna and Wallace R. Hoggatt

Douglas

Attorneys for Plaintiffs/Appellees

Robert E. Cattany

Tucson

Attorney for Defendants/Appellants

HOWARD, Chief Judge.

This is an appeal from a judgment in favor of appellees in a forcible entry and detainer suit brought to determine the possession of eight unpatented federal lode mining claims. The eight claims, known as the Hornes #110-117, were located by M. S. Horne on September 21, 1967, and later leased to W. W. Grace on October 1, 1979.

Apparently no assessment work was done for the assessment year ending August 31, 1979. Appellees, however, commenced assessment work on October 6, 1979, and continued the work on October 10 for the 1979-1980 assessment year. The work was performed by John Escapule under Grace's supervision. At that time, Grace had worked with mining claims for 48 years. Escapule was paid \$200 for his services.

It is unclear whether any further work was done on the claims for a period of four to six weeks or until March 10 or 11, 1980, because In order for the resumption of the work to have the effect of precluding relocation by a third person, the work must be resumed in good faith, be prosecuted with reasonable diligence and with a bona fide intention of completing it. Strattan v. Raine, 45 Nev. 10, 197 Pac. 694 (1921); Winters v. Barkland, 123 Ore. 137, 260 Pac. 231 (1927); Crane v. French, 39 Cal.App.2d 642, 104 P.2d 53 (1940). In the absence of evidence to the contrary, it will be presumed that the annual work was resumed in good faith. Temescol Oil Mining & Development Co. v. Salcido, 137 Cal. 211, 69 Pac. 1010 (1902).2/

If such work is resumed, the claim is not subject to relocaton while it continues and a relocation made while work is being performed
is invalid even if the assessment work is thereafter abandoned before
the requisite amount is completed. Jupiter Mining Co. v. Bodie Consolidated Mining Co., 11 F. 666 (9th Cir. 1881); Jordan v. Duke, 6 Ariz. 55,
53 Pac. 197 (1898). Appellant contends the evidence does not show that
appellees diligently prosecuted the resumption of the assessment work
nor that the value of the work done was at least the required \$800. We
do not agree.

ment work was done on the claims. This consisted of the digging of a ditch by a backhoe, 300 feet long averaging $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 feet deep. In some places it was 5 feet deep. The test is the value of the work done and not the amount paid to do the work. Schlegel v. Hough, 182 Ore. 441, 186 P.2d 516 (1947). This testimony alone, provided an adequate basis for the trial court's conclusion. There was no issue about proceeding diligently since the required work was done in one day. When appellant entered the claims on October 8, 1979, he was a trespasser and his ocations were invalid. Jupiter Mining Co. v. Bodie Consolidated Mining Co., supra.

Affirmed.

^{1/ (}cont'd.)
Warning, 40 Ariz. 267, 11 P.2d 854 (1932); Whitwell v. Goodsell, 37 Ariz. 451, 295 Pac. 318 (1931); Cadle v. Helfrich, 36 Ariz. 390, 286 Pac. 186 (1930).

See also McCormick v. Baldwin, 104 Cal. 227, 37 Pac. 903 (1894); Hirschler v. McKendricks, 16 Mont. 211, 40 Pac. 290 (1895); Honaker v. Martin, 11 Mont. 91, 27 Pac. 397 (1891).

LAWRENCE HOWARD, Chief Judge.

CONCURRING:

JAMES D. HATHAWAY, Judge.

BEN C. BIRDSALL, Judge.

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LAW OFFICES OF GREENWOOD, RYAN, HERBOLICH & ATONNA, LTD. 855 COCHISE AVENUE JAMES B. GREENWOOD OTHER OFFICE: MARTIN F. RYAN BISBEE, ARIZONA DOUGLAS, ARIZONA 85607 MICHAEL J. HERBOLICH AREA CODE 602.364-7961 ARTHUR C. ATONNA WALLACE R. HOGGATT DAVID P. FLANNIGAN October 22, 1982 RECEIVED Mr. M. Seth Horne OCT 25 1982 Mr. Harvey L. Hayes James Stewart Company JAMES STEWART COMPANY 707 Mayer Central Bldg. 3033 North Central Avenue PHOENIX, ARIZONA Phoenix, Arizona 85012 James Stewart Company v. Cattany Gentlemen: Enclosed are copies of Mr. Cattany's Motion for Rehearing and our Objection to his Motion. His Motion does not trouble me, but in any event I shall let you know the Court's ruling. Truly yours, RYAN, HERBOLICH, ATONNA & HOGGATT, Ltd. WALLACE R. HOGGATT WRH/vp Enc.

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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS STATE OF ARIZONA DIVISION 2

JAMES STEWART COMPANY, an Arizona) corporation; M. SETH HORNE; W.W.) GRACE,

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Plaintiffs/Appellees,

Cochise County No. 40466

v.

MOTION FOR REHEARING

ROBERT E. CATTANY and JUNE L. CATTANY, husband and wife,

Defendants/Appellants.

Appellants request a rehearing of the above-entitled matter for the following reasons: Appellants feel that the Court of Appeals has applied facts not supported by the Reporter's Transcript of Proceedings or the briefs in arriving at their opinion.

To enumerate, the court states that "Appellees, however, commenced assessment work on October 6, 1979, and continued the work on October 10 for the 1979-1980 assessment year.". Although the affidavit states that work was done between October 6 and October 10, the affiant, appellee W.W. Grace, admitted under oath that the only work done was on October 6, and that he did not even return to the claims until about October 20, and that visit was not for the purpose of doing any work.

The court states that "It is unclear whether any further work was done on the claims for a period of four to six weeks or until March 10 or 11, 1980, because the testimony and affidavits are conflicting.". It is true that the affidavit and the testimony of the affiant, appellee W.W. Grace, are conflicting, but that should not create an unclear picture of the facts supported by the testimony of W.W. Grace

and the other witnesses, which clearly established March 10, 1980 as the date when further work was done.

The court states that appellants relocated the property on October 8, 1979, when it was actually done on October 18, 1979, twelve days after appellees resumed their assessment work, and further states that appellants, rather than appellees, filed this suit on August 19, 1981.

However, if the court believes the judgment below is supported by appellee W.W. Grace's testimony that in his opinion the work done on October 6, 1979 was sufficient to comply with the requirements of 30 USC 28, then the foregoing may be moot. Accordingly, appellants will limit their arguments to the question of the sufficiency of appellees assessment work done on October 6. 1979.

The sufficiency of assessment work depends upon the value of the work performed and not necessarily the amount paid for it. As stated in Morrison's Mining Rights, 16 Ed., p. 121, "The test is what the work was worth, rather than what was paid for it, but what was paid for it goes to prove its value.". It is the reasonable value of the work measured in dollars to determine if the requisite amount of assessment work has been done, but no where, in federal law or elsewhere, is it provided that a 6 foot by 6 foot by 4 foot hole dug on a claim satisfies the assessment work requirement.

In this case, appellees paid a contractor \$200.00 for about 8 hours of back-hoe trenching work on their mining claims on October 6, 1979. The amount appellees paid was the usual and customary rate charged by back-hoe operators in the area, and the work consisted of about 300 feet of trench averaging about 3 feet deep. There was no conflict in the testimony establishing the foregoing facts, or the fact that no further work was done on the claims until appellees hired the same contractor to do additional back-hoe work. That date was established by the con-

tractor as March 10, 1980.

Appellee W.W. Grace testified that in his opinion he thought that the cubic feet of work removed between October 6, 1979 and March 10, 1980, was more than necessary to meet the federal requirements for assessment work (page 45 of Reporter's Transcript of Proceedings). In explanation of this statement, he testified that federal regulations state that if one digs a hole six feet long, six feet deep and four feet wide, or a total of 144 cubic feet, that would qualify as the amount of work necessary for the assessment work on a claim (pages 36,47 and 48 of Reporter's Transcript of Proceedings). Thereby explaining the basis of his opinion regarding the sufficiency of the trenching done as satisfying the assessment work requirements, with no consideration of the dollar value of the work. If appellees owned their own back-hoe and operated it themselves, to determine the reasonable value of a trench they dug with it, they would have to determine what others in the area charged for the same work. The same is true if someone came onto appellees' claims with a backhoe and dug a trench for them gratuitiously. Since appellees did hire a contractor to do their trenching and he charged the usual and customary rate, the value of appellees trenching work and the amount they paid for it would appear to be, as appellants contend, the same, namely \$200.00. It is appellants position that there was no conflicting testimony regarding the value of the work done on October 6, 1979. An example of conflicting testimony on reasonable value of assessment work is found in Kramer v. Tayler, 266 P 2d 709 (Ore), where the defendant claimed to have performed 17 days of work at a reasonable value of \$12.00 per day, driving a 16 foot tunnel having a reasonable value of \$14.00 per foot, while the plaintiff contended that defendant only performed 16 days of work worth \$12.00 per day, making only 11 feet of tunnel at a value of \$14.00 per foot. The court did not disturb the trial court's decision on that matter. In Kramer v. Tayler, supra, the court cited the case of Nevada Exploration & Mining Co. v. Spriggs, 124 P 770,773 (Utah) for

the legal premise followed therein that "Where a forfeiture of a mining claim is involved, the appellate court should not disturb a finding of the trial court which prevents such forfeiture, unless it is clearly made to appear that such finding is not supported by the evidence".

Based upon the foregoing, appellants respectfully request that the court grant their motion for rehearing.

Dated October 15, 1982

<u>:</u>

Robert E. Cattany 4530 E. River Road

Tucson, Arizona 85718 Attorney for Appellants

Copy of the foregoing mailed this 15th day of October, 1982, to:

Greenwood, Ryan, Herbolich & Atonna, Ltd. 855 Cochise Avenue Douglas, Arizona 85607 Attorneys for Appellees

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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS STATE OF ARIZONA DIVISION TWO

JAMES STEWART COMPANY, an Arizona corporation; M. SETH HORNE; W.W. GRACE,

Plaintiffs/Appellees,

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ROBERT E. CATTANY and JUNE L. CATTANY, husband and wife,

Defendants/Appellants.

2CA-CIV 4371

(Cochise County Superior Court Cause No. 40466)

OBJECTION TO MOTION FOR REHEARING

Appellees request that Appellants' Motion for Rehearing be denied for the reason that the Opinion of the Court of Appeals is amply justified by the law and the evidence, as more particularly explained in the following Memorandum.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 22. day of October, 1982.

RYAN, HERBOLICH, ATOMNA & HOGGATT, Ltd.

By: ___

ARTHUR C. ATONNA

By:

WALLACE R. HOGGATT

Attorneys for Appellees

Copy of the foregoing mailed this 22 day of October, 1982, to:

Mr. Robert E. Cattany 4530 East River Road Tucson, Arizona 85718

MEMORANDUM

The issues raised in Appellants' Motion for Rehearing are without merit.

that "Appellants argue that this Court erred in stating that "Appellees ... commenced assessment work on October 6, 1979, and continued the work on October 10 for the 1979-1980 assessment year." Opinion at 1. Despite the fact that an Affidavit of Labor Performed and Improvements made substantiates work done between October 6th and October 12th (R.T. 33; Plaintiffs' Exhibit 8 in evidence), Appellants contend that no work was done on October 10th, citing alleged admissions of Appellees W. W. Grace.

Appellees do not accept Appellants' characterization of Mr. Grace's testimony, and prefer to refer the Court to the transcript. In any event, however, it is not at all clear what Appellants wish to gain by such a discussion. Appellees understand this Court's Opinion to have been based upon that fact that all assessment work required by 30 U.S.C. 28 was performed on October 6th:

"Grace testified that on October 6, 1979, \$800 worth of assessment work was done on the claims.... This testimony alone, provided an adequate basis for the trial court's conclusion..."

Opinion at 3.

Similarly immaterial is Appellants' contention that the witnesses "clearly established March 10, 1980 as the date when further work was done." Motion for Rehearing at 2. (Additionally, the argument is unsound. Mr. Grace testified that he did further

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work on the claims within 30 days of October 19, 1979. R.T. 51.)

Even Appellants note that these arguments do not matter. "...(I)f the court believes that the judgment below is supported by Appellee W. W. Grace's testimony that in his opinion the work done on October 6, 1979 was sufficient... then the foregoing may be moot." Motion for Rehearing at 2 (emphasis added).

- 2. Appellants seize upon two minor factual errors in the Opinion in support of their Motion. It is true that Mr. Cattany's attempted relocation occurred on October 18, 1979, when he posted notice of the purported "Rocky" claims. R.T. 71-72. is also correct that Appellees, rather than Appellants, brought this However, these matters are not significant to this Court's decision, having apparently been noted by the Court in passing.
- Appellants contend that the Court erred when it 3. 15 | held that the trial court could have found that the value of the October 6th work was \$800. Appellants cite the general proposition that what is paid for work is evidence of the work's value. Motion for Rehearing at 2. True enough. Appellants seem to infer from this proposition, however, that evidence of payment is therefore conclusive evidence of value. Appellants have cited no authority for such a conclusion and Appellees are aware of none. There is certainly authority to the contrary, since assessment work can be adequate even if done for free. MacDonald v. Cluff, 68 Ariz. 369, 206 P.2d 730 (1949).

Neither do Appellants submit any authority that would allow them to ignore Mr. Grace's opinion testimony about the value

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of the labor. It is well-established that an owner of property is competent to testify as to the property's value without qualifying as an expert. Atkinson v. Marquart, 112 Ariz. 304, 541 P.2d 556 (1975) (corporate good will); U.S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. v. Davis, 3 Ariz. App. 259, 413 P.2d 590 (1966) (cattle); Country Chrysler Plymouth v. Porter, 11 Ariz. App. 369, 464 P.2d 815 (1970) (automobile); Urban Renewal Agency v. Tate, 196 Kan. 654, 414 P.2d 28 (1966) (land). Why should the lessee of mining claims be precluded from testifying about the value of improvements and labor--particularly where, as here, the lessee has a great deal of mining experience?

Kramer v. Taylor, 200 Or. 640, 266 P.2d 709 (1954), does 13 | not support Appellants' position. In Kramer, the Oregon court was 14 | faced with conflicting evidence and argument concerning the value 15 \parallel of certain work. The trial court determined that the work was worth \$200. The Supreme Court upheld that determination. are unaware of anything in Kramer that requires this Court to set aside the trial court's judgment in the present case.

The value of assessment work is a question of fact. Pascoe v. Richards, 201 Cal. App. 2d 680, 20 Cal. Rptr. 416 (1962). Perhaps the trial court had the discretion to find for Appellants on the question of the value of the work performed on October 6th. It did not; it apparently chose to accept competent and credible evidence that the October 6th work had a value of \$800 or more. The Court acted properly in upholding the trial court's judgment.

For the above reasons, and those presented in the Answering

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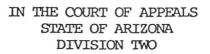
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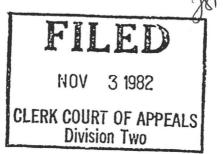
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Plaintiffs/Appellees,

v.

ROBERT E. CATTANY and JUNE L. CATTANY, HUSBAND AND WIFE,

Defendants/Appellants.

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ORDER

(COCHISE County Superior Court Cause No. 40466)

RYAN, HERBOLICH, ATONNA & HOGGATT, LTD.

IT IS ORDERED that Appellants' Motion for Rehearing is DENIED; and
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this court's Opinion filed October 1, 1982,
is corrected in the seventh line from the top of Page 2: the date of October 8, 1979, is changed to October 18, 1979; and in the same paragraph the
the last sentence is stricken and the following sentence is substituted
therefor: Cattany disregarded said requests and appellants filed suit on

Dated: November 3, 1982.

August 19, 1981.

Lawrence Howard, Chief Judge.

Ben C. Birdsall, Judge.

James D. Hathaway, Judge.

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Copies of the foregoing Order mailed this 3rd day of November 1982 to:

Arthur C. Atonna, Esq. Wallace R. Hoggatt, Esq. Greenwood, Ryan, Herbolich & Atonna, Ltd. 855 Cochise Avenue Douglas, Arizona 85607

Robert E. Cattany, Esq. 4530 East River Road Tucson, Arizona 85718

Hon. Lloyd C. Helm, Judge Cochise County Superior Court Cochise County Courthouse Bisbee, Arizona 85603

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RYAN, HERBOLICH, ATONNA & HOGGATT, LTD.

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Plaintiffs/Appellees,) 2 CA-Civ 4371)
v.) Cochise County No. 40466
ROBERT E. CATTANY and JUNE L. CATTANY, husband and wife,	PETITION FOR REVIEW))
Defendants/Appellants	_)

Appellants petitions the Supreme Court of Arizona to review the decision of the Court of Appeals in this matter. Appellants' motion for rehearing in the Court of Appeals was denied on November 3, 1982.

Dated November 17, 1982.

Robert E. Cattany 4530 E. River Road Tucson, Arizona 85718 Attorney for Appellants

Copy ofs the foregoing mailed this 17th day of November, 1982, to:

Greenwood, Ryan, Herbolich & Atonna, Ltd. 855 Cochise Avenue Douglas, Arizona 85607 Attorneys for Appellees

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December 15, 1982

JAMES STEWART COMPANY, an Arizona corporation;) M. SETH HORNE: W. W. GRACE.

Plaintiffs/Appellees.

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ROBERT E. CATTANY and JUNE L. CATTANY. husband wife,

Defendants/Appellants.

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Court of Appeals No. 2 CA-CIV 4371

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The following action was taken by the Supreme Court of the State of zona on December 14, 1982 in regard to the above-entitled cause:

"ORDERED: Petition for Review = DENIED."

Record returned to the Court of Appeals, Division Two, Tucson, this 15th day of December, 1982.

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Robert E. Cattany, Esq., 4530 E. River Road, Tucson, Arizona 85718 Arthur C. Atonna, Esq. and Wallace R. Hoggatt, Esq., Greenwood, Ryan, erbolich & Atonna, Ltd., 855 Cochise Avenue, Douglas, Arizona 85607 Elizabeth Urwin Fritz, Clerk, Court of Appeals, Division Two, 416 West Congress, Tucson, Arizona 85701

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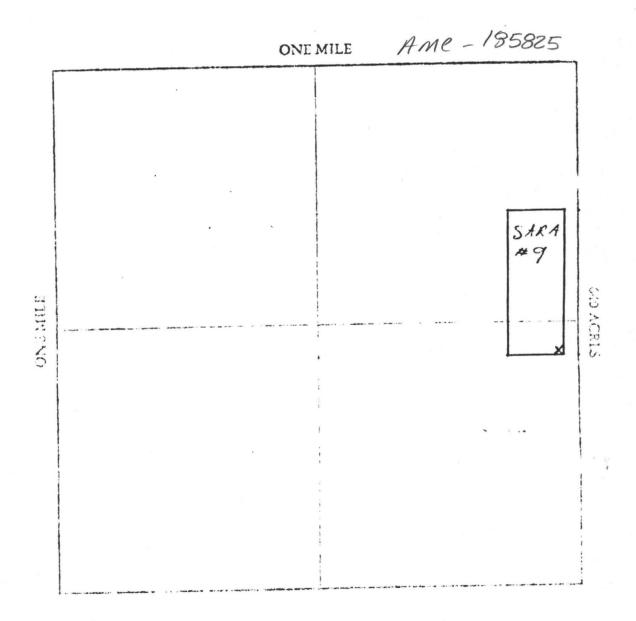
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Name: ANTHONY LANE & ASSOC. 12/04/87 Street REQUEST LANE. ANTHONY CHRISTINE RHODES-RECORDER City: ARIVACA 35601 State & Zip Code: As LANE. ANTHONY AZ. 85785 TUCSON AND . STATE OF ARIZONA PROOF OF LABOR COUNTY OF PINA BEFORE ME, personally appeared ANTHONY LANE who being duly evern says: My current address is P.O. BOX 326 ARIVACA. AZ 85601 . My current residence is P.O. BOX 326 by law were performed or made on or for the benefit of certain mining claim(s) located in COCHISE County, State of ARIZONA in the mining assessment year ending AUGUST 31 19 87 as reflected on Exhibit."A" hereto attached and made a part thereof and which comprises a group of contiguous claims. The work performed and/or improvements made consisted of the following: MINE IMPROVENENTS following: The total fair and reasonable value thereof was \$ 900.00 more and the amount and value thereof on or for the benefit of es h claim was \$100.00 or more. The name and address of the person who per formed the labor or made the improvements, as known to me, are: P.O. BOX 1015 TOMBSTONE, AZ 85638 The Owners of the Mining Claim(s) are: (P.O. BOX 1015 TOMBSTONE, AZ 85638 CHARLES AND CONTRACT OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR THE WEST PROPERTY OF THE PARTY All monuments required by law have been erected and all notices required by law have been posted on each claim, or copies of such notices were in place on the claim on AUCUST 31 Also, on that date, each required corner monument bore or contained markings sufficient to designate the corner of the claim to which it pertained and the name of the claim. The above listed claim(s) is/are held and claimed by the Owner(s) or the undersigned (if he is entitled to possussion thereof) for the valuable mineral contained therein. Subscribed & sworn to me this de day of November 1997 (Signature) My Commission Expires: 3/27/89 9. Stawart Notary Public SUBLY 871229827

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STATE OF ARIZONA	
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BEFORE ME, personally appearedANTHONY LANE	
My current address	18 P.O. BOX 326
My current residenc	e 18 4738 N. CAMINO ALKE
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formed the labor or made the improvements, as	known to me, are:
C.T. HENDERSON, T.S. HENDERSON AND WILLIAM	HENDERSON
3311 WEST CAMELBACK PHOENIX, AZ. 8501	7
The Owners of the Mining Claim(s) are:	
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C.T. HENDERSON	3
P.O. BOX 1015	
TOMBSTONE, AZ. 85638	
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All of the above claims are situated in the Tombstone Mining District County of Cochise, State of Arizona, Township 20 South, Range 22 East, Sections 10 and 11, G.6 S.R.B.6 M.

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	LOCATOR WILLIAM E. and BETHENDED GREED	10
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	authority of the laws of the United States, and in compliance with the requirements of the statutes of the State of Arizona, the undersigned hereby give notice that (he, they) hereby locate and claim the following described mineral bearing ground:	
	Beginning at the monument where this notice is located, which is the NE corner of the claim, hence continuing 500 feet in a Southeast direction to the SE corner of this claim, hence 500 feet in a Southwesterheirection to the SW corner of this claim, hence 500 feet in a worthwesterly direction to the NW corner of this claim,	
	This claim is situated in the Tambstone Mining District, Cochise County, State of Arizona and shall be known as the Sara # Mr. Lode Mining Claim. Street	۲ .
	This claim lies in Section 15,10. Township 20.5 and Range 22E	
	Located on the ground this 12 day of August, 1982.	
	Witnesses: Locator:	
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CO	Phoenix Az 850	31
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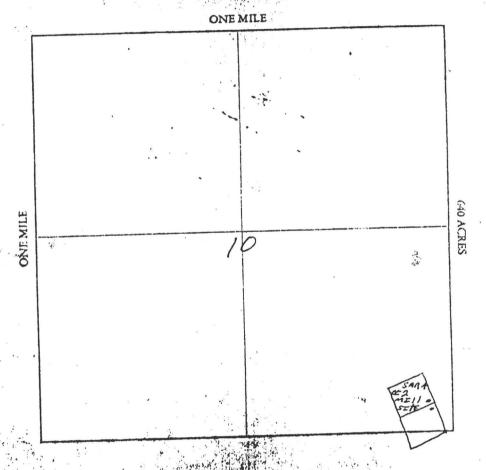
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO HOLD MINING CLAIMS AND/OR MILLSITES

STATE OF ARIZONA)
COUNTY OF COCHISE)

Name of Claim 6/or Millsite

A.M.C.

Owner &/or Agent's

SARA #1 MILLSITE
SARA #2 MILLSITE

186726

WILLIAM GRAED
BETTY GRAED
3207 N. 48th DRIVE
PHOENIX, AZ, 85031

ANTHONY LANE & ASSOCIATING AGENT
P.O. BOX 326
ARIVACA, AZ. 85601

The mailing address of the owner of the claims and/or milleltes or Acent's is as shown above.

The claims and/or millsites are held and claimed by the Owner for the valuable mineral contained therein, and the owner intends to continue development of the claims and/or millsites.

An Affidavit of Annual Assessment Work has not been filed be-

- () a. No Assessment Work is required for the period commencing on the date of location until the following September 1.
- () b. The Owner did not perform Annual Assessment Work.
- () c. The Owner has been prevented from the performance of

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	for the assessment year for which this Notice of Intent
	to Hold Mining Claims and/or Millsites is filed.
(x) e.	No Assessment is required.
DATED this	20th day of Movember. 1986.
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	On this 20 - day of November 1986.
pefore me,	the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared
_Clrithing	Jane , known to be, or satisfactorily proven
to be, the	person whose name is above subscribed.
	IN WITNESS HEREOP, I hereby set my Hand and Official
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RNTHONY LANE & ASSOCIATION
BOX 326
RRIVACA , AZ. 8564

NOTICE OF INTENT TO HOLD, MINING CLAIMS AND/OR MILLSIT STATE OF ARIZONA COUNTY OF COCHISE) The undersigned, the owner of the mining claims and/or milistes described herein, or a duly authorized Agent thereof, does vereby the provide notice pursuant to Section 314(a) of the Prederal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and 3] C.P.R. s 3833 2-0 of its intention to hold for the assessment year ending AUGUST 31 .9 87 a group of contiguous mining claims and/or milisites in the TOMBSTONE Mining District, COCHISE County State of ARIZONA Township 20 SOUTH Range(s) 22 EAST Section(s) 10 6 15

G.& S.R.B.& M. , which claims and/or milisites are shown in the records of the ARIZONA State Office of the Bureau of Land Management as follows: 200 /4 Owner's/or Agent's Claim 6/or Millsite WILLIAM GRAED SARA #1 HILLSITE BETTY CRAED SARA #2 MILLSITE 3207 N.348th DRIVE PHOENIX AZ 85031 ANTHONY LANE & ASSOC. INC P.O. BOX 326 RIVACA AZ ... 85601 dans refra The mailing address of the owner of the claims and/or millsites nt's is as shown above.

The claims and/or millsites are held and claimed by the Owner. or Agent's is as shown above. for the valuable mineral contained therein, and the owner intends to continue development of the claims and/or millsites. An Affidavit of Annual Assessment Work has not been filed because: (check one) () a. No Assessment Work is required for the period commencing on the date of location until the following September () b. The Owner did not perform Annual Assessment Work. () c. The Owner has been prevented from the performance of 871229834

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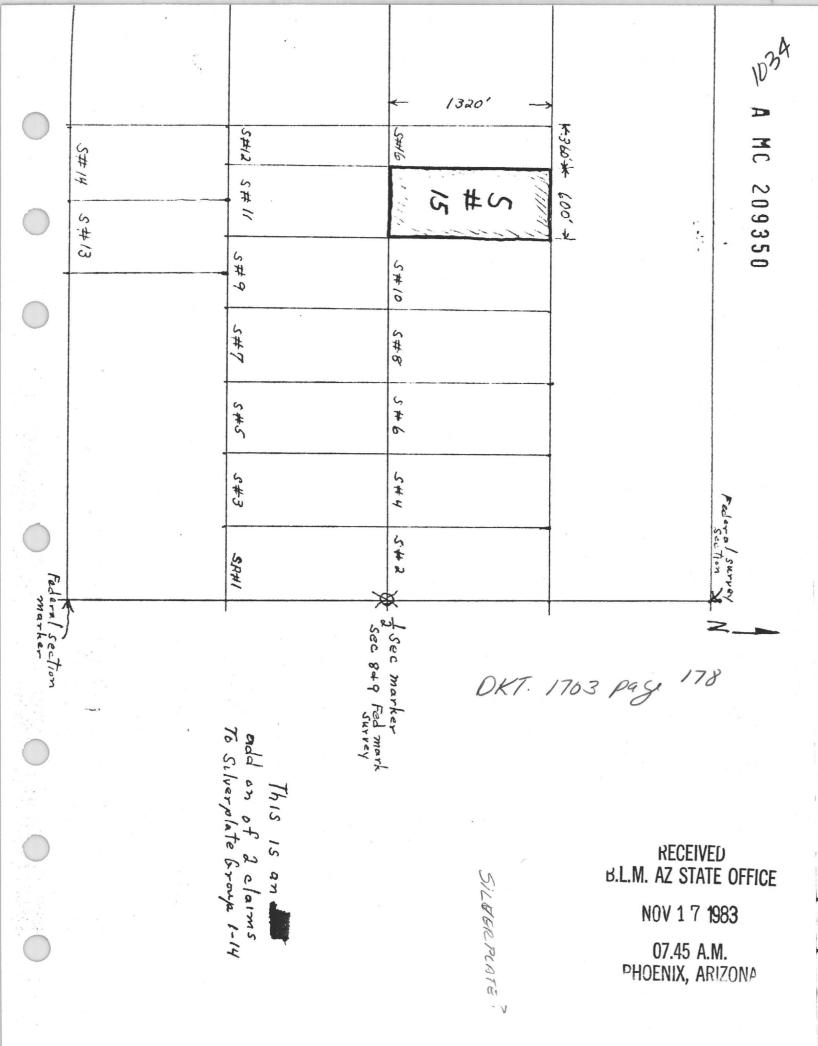
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[X] (a. No Assessment is required. On this 16 day of Movement 19 5 the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared to be, or satisfactorily pro-APPROXIMENT OF THE PARTY OF be, the person whose name is above subscrib IN WITNESS HEREOP, I hereby set Ilelma Notary Public 3/27/89 FEE # 871229834 OFFICIAL RECORDS COCHISE COUNTY COCHISE COUNTY
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5. The date of the location is	IAR 12,19	80	
6. The claim is 1320 feet long a	nd 600 feet wi	de. The distance from the	Location monument
to each end of the claim is 20	feet in a 50	WTHERLY direction an	100 feet in
1 NORTHERLY direction.			
7. The general course of the claim i	s from the 10	to the	SOUTH
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G&SRB&M, BNBSTONE	Mining District, _	COCHISE_	_ County, Arizona.
9. If amending or relocating, the pr	evious claim name w	/25	
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NOTICE OF MINING CLAIM LOCATION
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4. The name of the claim is SILUERPHATE NO. 6
5. The date of the location is
6. The claim is 1320 feet long and 600 feet wide. The distance from the Location monument
to each end of the claim is 20 feet in a Southerly direction and 1300 feet in
a Northorly direction.
7. The general course of the claim is from the to the to the to
8. The location of the claim is in Section 8, Township 2/5, Range 22 E
G&SRB&M, Tombstone Mining District, _ Cochise County, Arizona.
9. If amending or relocating, the previous claim name was
recorded in Docket, Book
Mining District, County, Arizona.
10. The location of the claim with reference to a natural object or permanent monument is 7 Miles
5Wot Tombstone = 314 Mile. W. of Old Keller
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Date 3/12/80 Jansh Vansen () B.
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When recorded mail to Witness my hand and official seal.	Compared:
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1. The name of the claim is SILVER PLOTE NO. 7	
5. The date of the location is MAR 12, 1980	
6. The claim is 320 feet long and 600 feet wide. The distance from the Lo	ocation monument
to each end of the claim is 20 feet in a Northerly direction and	/300 feet in
2 Southerly direction.	
7. The general course of the claim is from the Morth to the	outh
8. The location of the claim is in Section 8, Township 2/5	Range 22 E
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9. If amending or relocating, the previous claim name was	
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Witness my hand official seal. Compared:					
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County Recorder Fee: \$3.00					
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NOTICE OF MINING CLAIM LOCATION MY					
1. \(\sum \) Location \(\sum \) Amendment \(\sum \) Relocation					
2. Placer Millsite					
3. The name and address of the Locators:					
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4. The name of the claim is SILVER PLOTE NO. 8					
5. The date of the location is					
6. The claim is 1320 feet long and 600 feet wide. The distance from the Location monument					
to each end of the claim is 20 feet in a Southerly direction and 1300 feet in					
a Nontherly direction.					
7. The general course of the claim is from the North to the South.					
8. The location of the claim is in Section 8, Township 2/5, Range 22 €					
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Date 3/12/80 Jack Venson Jack Brusham Signature					
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4. The name of the claim is Silverplate No. 9				
5. The date of the location is MAR 12,1980				
6. The claim is 320 feet long and 600 feet wide. The distance from the Location monument				
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SHE CHEK BRANHAM, POBOX 1074, TOMBSTONE, HZ 83634
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4. The name of the claim is SILVER PLATE NO. 10
5. The date of the location is MAR 12, 1980.
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Mining District, County, Arizona.
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