

**SOUTH DAKOTA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY  
UNDERGROUND SERVICE CONTRACT**

*by and between*

Company  
Street or PO Address  
City, State Zip Code

South Dakota Science and Technology Authority  
630 East Summit Street  
Lead, SD 57754

Referred to as “Contractor”

Referred to as “SDSTA”

**PROJECT: DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE PERFORMED**  
**Contract #201X-XX**

**THIS CONTRACT**, made effective the **XX**th day of **Month**, 201**X**, is made for the described services with the Contractor for the consideration stated herein:

**I. THE SCOPE OF WORK OF THE CONTRACTOR**

- A. The Contractor shall provide and furnish all of the supervision, plant, labor, materials, necessary tools, expendable equipment, and all utility and transportation services required to perform and complete in a workmanlike manner and ready for operation all the Work required **type in brief description of work to be performed under the contract**, more fully described in the attached Scope of Work, as per request from the SDSTA in strict compliance with the Contractor's Proposal and any other Contract Documents herein mentioned which are a part of this Contract. Each request and the Contractor's Proposal in response thereto shall be referred to hereinafter as the “Work.” Contractor Representative ([email](#)) shall be the Contractor's designated representative in all matters pertaining to this Contract.
- B. **CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:** The following documents and any other documents incorporated in them by reference constitute the Contract Documents:
1. This Contract, including:
    - Insurance Requirements attached as Exhibit A.
    - Environment Health and Safety Requirements attached as Exhibit B.
    - Scope of Work attached as Exhibit C.
    - Contractor's Proposal attached as Exhibit D.
    - Compliance with Federal Acts attached as Exhibit E.
    - Wage Determination attached as Exhibit F.
    - Acknowledgement of Risk and Release, Agreement not to Sue, and Waiver attached as Exhibit G.
    - Release, Agreement not to Sue, and Waiver in favor of the Homestake Indemnified Parties, attached as Exhibit H.
  2. Addenda issued prior to execution of this Agreement.

These documents constitute the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto and supersede prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral.

- C. **TIME FOR COMPLETION:** The work under this Contract shall be commenced within ten (10) consecutive calendar days after date of issuance of notice to proceed by the SDSTA and shall be completed as described in the SDSTA's written request, excluding punch list items. As to each Contractor proposal, this completion date shall be referred to herein as the “Contract Time.”
- D. This Contract shall terminate as of **Date**, unless otherwise terminated according to the early termination provisions of this Contract.

**II. SDSTA REPRESENTATIVE**

The SDSTA shall from time-to-time designate in writing an SDSTA Representative. The SDSTA Representative shall be responsible for providing SDSTA-supplied information and approvals in a timely manner to permit Contractor to fulfill its obligations pursuant to this Agreement. The SDSTA Representative shall also provide Contractor with prompt notice if it observes any failure on the part of the Contractor to fulfill its contractual obligations, including any errors, omissions or defects in the performance of the work provided for in this Agreement. Unless changed in writing by the SDSTA, the SDSTA Representative is Name ([Email](#)).

### III. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SDSTA

- A. For the performance of the work specified in the Contract Documents, SDSTA will pay Contractor and Contractor will accept as full compensation a sum not to exceed the amount of Contractor's proposal amount for each request for work. Nothing in this Agreement shall require the SDSTA to accept any proposal made by Contractor. In no event may the total amount paid to Contractor during the term of this Contract exceed **WRITTEN AMOUNT DOLLARS (\$XX,XXX.XX)**.
- B. Unit Prices, if any, are as follows: *Unit prices are set forth in Exhibit D.*

Where the quantities originally contemplated are so changed that application of the agreed unit price to the quantity of work performed is shown to create a hardship to the SDSTA or the Contractor, there shall be an equitable adjustment of the Contract to prevent such hardship.

### IV. CHANGE ORDERS

- A. A Change Order is a written order to the Contractor signed by the SDSTA, issued after execution of the Contract, authorizing a change in the Work or an adjustment in the Contract Sum or the Contract Time. The Contract Sum and the Contract Time may be changed only by Change Order. A Change Order signed by the Contractor indicates Contractor's agreement therewith, including the adjustment in the Contract Sum or the Contract Time.
- B. The SDSTA, without invalidating the Contract, may order changes in the Work within the general scope of the Contract consisting of additions, deletions, or other revisions, the Contract Sum and the Contract Time being adjusted accordingly. All such changes in the Work shall be authorized by Change Order, and shall be performed under the applicable conditions of the Contract Documents.
- C. The cost or credit to the SDSTA resulting from a change in the Work shall be determined in one or more of the following ways:
  - 1. By mutual acceptance of a lump sum properly itemized and supported by sufficient substantiating data to permit evaluation and acceptance to the SDSTA Representative for such purposes. Such lump sum proposals shall be supported by a completely detailed analysis of the proposed change subdivided into the Work of the Contractor and/or the Work of each subcontractor(s) involved in the proposed change, as applicable.
  - 2. By unit prices stated in this Contract or subsequently agreed upon.
- D. If none of the methods set forth in this Article IV, paragraphs C1 and C2 is agreed upon, the Contractor, provided Contractor receives a written order signed by the SDSTA, shall promptly proceed with the Work involved. The cost of such Work shall then be determined by the SDSTA on the basis of the reasonable expenditures and savings of those performing the Work attributable to the change, including, in the case of an increase in the Contract Sum, a reasonable allowance for Contractor's fee. In such case, Contractor shall keep and present, in such form as the SDSTA may prescribe, an itemized accounting together with appropriate supporting data for inclusion in a Change Order.

### V. DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS

- A. Contractor shall promptly, and before the conditions are disturbed, give written notice to the SDSTA and Project Engineer of (1) subsurface or latent physical conditions at the site which differ materially from those

indicated in this Contract, or (2) unknown physical conditions at the site, of an unusual nature, which differ materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in work of the character provided for in this Contract.

- B. The SDSTA shall investigate the site conditions promptly after receiving the notice. If the conditions do materially so differ and cause an increase or decrease in the Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performing any part of the Work under this Contract, whether or not changed as a result of changed conditions, the Contract Sum shall be adjusted as provided in Article III, provided that the Work has been ordered in writing by the SDSTA.

## **VI. DELAYS AND EXTENSIONS OF TIME**

- A. If the Contractor is delayed at any time in the progress of the Work by any act or neglect of the SDSTA, or by any separate contractor employed by the SDSTA, or by changes ordered in the Work, or by labor disputes not caused by the labor practices of the Contractor, or by fire, unusual delay in transportation, severe and unusual weather conditions not reasonably anticipated, unavoidable casualties, or any other causes beyond Contractor's control and not occurring due to the fault or neglect of the Contractor, any subcontractor or any other person for whose acts the Contractor is responsible, then the Contract Time shall be extended by Change Order for such reasonable time as the SDSTA shall determine.
- B. Any claim for extension of time shall be made in writing to the SDSTA not more than ten (10) days after the commencement of the delay; otherwise it shall be deemed waived. In the case of continuing delay, only one claim is necessary.
- C. Time extensions will not be granted for rain, wind, snow, or other natural phenomena of normal intensity for the locality where the Work is to be performed.
- D. Contractor's right to make a claim or claims for an extension of time shall not preclude Contractor's right to make a claim for delay damages arising out of the SDSTA's significant interference, by action or inaction, with the Contractor's Work.

## **VII. CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROJECT SAFETY**

Contractor assumes responsibility for implementing and monitoring all Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) precautions and programs related to the performance of the Work, as more fully set forth in attached Exhibit B, incorporated herein by reference.

## **VIII. WORK PLAN POLICY**

- A. Contractor shall maintain a site work plan at all times. Safety and health shall be the top priority with all work plans.
- B. Contractor's work plan shall be reviewed with the SDSTA's Project Team prior to starting the Work. The Project Team shall include the Safety Liaison, Project Manager, and SDSTA's Representative. Any changes to the work plan shall be reviewed with the Project Team prior to making said change.
- C. A representative of the SDSTA's Project Team shall review the work plan daily on site with Contractor and its agents, employees, subcontractors and subconsultants prior to starting work for the day. The review shall emphasize safety and health as the top priority.

## **IX. OWNERSHIP, USE OF DOCUMENTS, CONFIDENTIALITY OF DOCUMENTS**

- A. Any plans, specifications, engineering calculations, technical data, reports, miscellaneous drawings, and all information contained therein provided by the SDSTA, its consultants, employees, contractors and agents to the Contractor for the Contractor's performance of its obligations under this agreement are the property of the SDSTA. They are to be used only with respect to this Project and are not to be used for any other project. The

Contractor may not disseminate these materials to any person or entity nor may the Contractor use these materials for purposes other than work for the SDSTA, without the express written approval of the SDSTA. The SDSTA shall not unreasonably withhold such approval for dissemination of these materials as necessary to subcontractors and suppliers.

- B. All reports, plans, specifications, engineering calculations, technical data, miscellaneous drawings, and information contained therein provided to or prepared by Contractor, its owners, officers, employees, agents, consultants, suppliers, and subcontractors in connection with Contractor's performance under this Contract are confidential and the Contractor, its owners, officers, employees, agents, consultants, suppliers, and subcontractors shall not disclose this information to any person, individual, or entity without the express written permission of the SDSTA.
- C. All documents covered by this article shall be delivered to the SDSTA's Representative at the completion of the Work. The Contractor may not retain any such documents for its own use without the express written permission of the SDSTA and any documents that are retained, with or without SDSTA permission, shall be subject to all of the requirements of this Article.
- D. Contractor shall include the requirements of this article in any contract it enters into with any consultants, subcontractors, suppliers, persons, individuals, or entities for the performance of any of the Contractor's obligations under this Contract.

## **X. PAYMENTS AND INVOICING**

- A. Progress Payments: Subject to the provisions of applicable law, the SDSTA shall make progress payments on a monthly basis for work accomplished in accordance with this Contract.
- B. Final Payment: Subject to the provisions of applicable law, final payment less amounts withheld to cover the cost of nonconforming work, shall be made by the SDSTA within thirty (30) days after the completion and acceptance of the Work by the SDSTA.
- C. Upon receipt of written notice from the Contractor that the Work is ready for final inspection and acceptance, the SDSTA's Project Representative or its authorized representative or both shall make such inspection with representatives of the Contractor and the SDSTA, and when it is found that the work is acceptable under the Contract and the Contract is fully performed as evidenced by inspection, the Project Representative shall promptly approve the voucher for payment.
- D. Contractor shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Project Representative that all claims of unpaid payrolls, material bills and other indebtedness connected with the work have been satisfied, prior to approval of the final payment.
- E. Reimbursement for pre-approved travel expenses, if any, will not exceed Federal Travel Regulations (FTR) standard rates for the applicable travel location. Lodging expenses will be reimbursed at FTR rates or the actual lodging cost, whichever is less; airfare shall be reimbursed at the actual cost of a coach class ticket. No additional burdens or overheads will be applied to travel expense reimbursements.
- F. **Invoicing:** Invoices or Payment Request Forms are to be addressed to the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority, 630 East Summit Street, Lead, SD, 57754, and may be submitted by email to: [AP@sanfordlab.org](mailto:AP@sanfordlab.org). If possible, invoices are to be submitted to the SDSTA on the **3rd day** of the month for work performed in the previous month. Invoices received after the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the month will be considered to have been received the following month.

## **XI. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

Contractor agrees that in the performance of this Contract, it and its agents, employees and consultants are acting as independent contractors and not as employees, agents or officers of the SDSTA. As such, Contractor agrees not to use SDSTA equipment, supplies, and facilities unless otherwise agreed to.

## **XII. INDEMNITY**

Contractor agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the SDSTA, the State of South Dakota, and their officers and employees from and against any and all actions, suits, damages, liability or other proceedings which may arise as a result of the negligence, misconduct, error or omission of any officer, agent, subconsultant or employee of Contractor, but only to the extent of such negligence, misconduct, error or omission. This section does not require the Contractor to indemnify the SDSTA or State of South Dakota, or their officers, agents or employees from claims or liability to the extent such claims or liability arise from the acts or omissions of the SDSTA, the State of South Dakota or their officers, agents or employees.

## **XIII. INSURANCE**

- A. During the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall maintain in effect at all times, and provide proof of such coverage to the SDSTA, insurance as described on the attached Exhibit "A," which is incorporated herein by this reference. Contractor acknowledges that the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority, its officers, agents, employees and representatives are parties to this Contract and are therefore covered under Contractor's Blanket Endorsements.
- B. Prior to the commencement of Work, Contractor shall submit certificates of insurance policies to the Project Representative and the SDSTA for review and approval.
- C. By executing this Agreement, Contractor authorizes the SDSTA to make direct inquiry of Contractor's insurer or insurance agent concerning the status of the insurance required by this Agreement.

## **XIV. AMENDMENT PROVISION**

This Contract may only be amended with written consent of both parties or as otherwise provided in this Contract.

## **XV. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

- A. The performance of this Contract depends upon the continued availability of appropriated funds and expenditure authority from state and federal sources. The SDSTA reserves the right to terminate this Contract in the event of a failure to obtain appropriated funds or grant expenditure authority. In this event, termination shall be made by written notice to Contractor. Termination for this reason is not a default by the SDSTA nor does it give rise to a claim against the SDSTA. In the event of termination of this Contract because of the unavailability of future funding, the SDSTA will make every effort to provide as much notice as possible to the Contractor. The SDSTA will be responsible for all work it authorizes the Contractor to perform, up to the date of Notice of Cancellation, and will cover all work in progress. In turn, the SDSTA would require the Contractor to make reasonable efforts to limit the SDSTA's liability for the work in progress.
- B. The SDSTA may terminate this Contract at any time without cause, in whole or in part, upon giving Contractor notice of such termination. Upon such termination, Contractor shall immediately cease work and remove from the project site all of its labor forces and such of its materials as the SDSTA elects not to purchase or to assume. Contractor shall receive as full compensation for termination and assignment the following:
  - 1. All amounts then otherwise due under the terms of this Contract,
  - 2. Amounts due for work performed subsequent to the latest Request for Payment through the date of termination,
  - 3. Reasonable compensation for the actual cost of demobilization incurred by Contractor as a direct result of such termination. Contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation for lost profits or for any other type of contractual compensation or damage other than those provided by the preceding sentence. Upon payment of the foregoing, the SDSTA shall have no further obligations to Contractor of any nature.

## **XVI. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT**

If Contractor is in default under the Contract Documents, the SDSTA may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy and upon written notice to the Contractor, terminate the Contract.

## **XVII. DISPUTES**

- A. Governing Law: The Contract shall be governed by South Dakota law.
- B. Claims for Damages: Should either party to the Contract suffer injury or damage because of any act or omission of the other party or of any of the other party's employees, agents or others for whose acts the other party is legally liable, claim shall be made in writing to such other party within 14 days after the first observance of such injury or damage.
- C. All claims, counterclaims, disputes or other matters in question between the SDSTA and the Contractor arising out of, or relating to this Contract, or the breach thereof, will be decided in the state courts of South Dakota. Contractor irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to the exclusive jurisdiction of said courts and waives any objection thereto based on the doctrine of forum nonconveniens.
- D. Contractor shall carry on the Work and maintain its progress during any dispute or litigation proceedings, and the SDSTA shall continue to make payments to the Contractor to the extent required by the Contract Documents and South Dakota law.

## **XVIII. NOTICE:**

All notices, demands and other communications required by the Contract Documents shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if emailed, personally delivered or mailed first class, postage prepaid:

- **If to Contractor:**

- Name
- Company
- Street or PO Address
- City, State Zip Code
- Email address

- **If to SDSTA:**

- Mike Headley  
Executive Director  
630 East Summit Street  
Lead, SD 57754  
[MHeadley@sanfordlab.org](mailto:MHeadley@sanfordlab.org)

- Timothy M. Engel  
Counsel for the SDSTA  
503 S. Pierre Street, P.O. Box 160  
Pierre, SD 57501

Either party may change the addresses set forth for notice herein upon written notice thereof to the other.

## **XIX. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. Documents, information and data provided to the SDSTA pursuant to the terms of this Agreement may be subject to examination and review by representatives of the Homestake Mining Company of California pursuant to the terms of the Property Donation Agreement or by representatives of federal, state or local governmental entities, including, but not limited to, the South Dakota Department of Legislative Audit. Anything elsewhere in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, any such documents, information or data may become public records open to public inspection.
- B. The terms of this Agreement shall be construed and governed under the laws of the State of South Dakota. Any lawsuit arising out of or pertaining to the Agreement shall be commenced in the state courts of South Dakota. The Contractor shall not engage the services of any subcontractors without the prior express, written consent of the SDSTA. Time is of the essence in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of the

Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties concerning its subject matter, and supersedes any prior discussions, representations or agreements, wither oral or written. The terms of this Agreement may only be amended by a written document, executed with the same formalities as this Agreement.

- C. Any agreement entered into by the Contactor with any designer, consultant, subconsultant, contractor, subcontractor or other person to perform work in connection with this Agreement shall include the provisions and requirements of Articles III, VII, VIII, IX, XI, XII, XIII, XIX, XX, XXI, XXII and XXIII of this Agreement; provided, however, that the amount of general liability insurance required of the designer, consultant, subconsultant, contractor, subcontractor or other person shall be specified by the SDSTA in writing.
- D. Debarment or Suspension: By signing this Contract, the Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and all persons associated with the Contract, including persons or corporations who have critical influence on or control over the Contract, are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation by any federal department or agency.
- E. Service Contract Act Requirements: In accordance with the clause of the General Provisions entitled Service Contract Act of 1965, As Amended (FAR 52.222-41), the Contractor shall pay its service employees, as defined, and ensure that service employees of lower-tier subcontractors are paid, not less than the minimum monetary wages, and shall furnish to them the fringe benefits, specified in the U.S. Department of Labor Wage Determination of this Contract, attached hereto as Exhibit H and incorporated by reference.
- F. Contractor agrees to use the E-Verify System ([www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)) to verify the employment eligibility of all employees assigned to this Contract and all new hires working in the United States, and to provide E-Verify documentation to the SDSTA within ten (10) days of execution of this Contract. If Contractor is a sole proprietorship with no employees, E-Verify is not required. Contractor further agrees to maintain an active registration, during the term of the Contract, with the System for Award Management ([www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov)).

## **XX. REPORTING**

Contractor agrees to report to the SDSTA any event encountered in the course of performance of this Agreement which results in injury to any person or property, or which may otherwise subject Contractor, the SDSTA or the SDSTA's officers, agents or employees to liability. Contractor shall report any such event to the SDSTA immediately upon discovery.

Contractor's obligation under this section shall only be to report the occurrence of any event to the SDSTA and to make any other report provided for by Contractor's duties or applicable law. Contractor's obligation to report shall not require disclosure of any information subject to privilege or confidentiality under law (e.g., attorney-client communications.) Reporting to the SDSTA under this Article shall not excuse or satisfy any obligation of Contractor to report any event to law enforcement or other entities under the requirements of any applicable law.

## **XXI. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Contractor agrees to avoid conflicts of interest, and to provide the SDSTA and the Project Representative with prompt written notification of any circumstances which may give rise to actual or apparent conflict of interest. The existence of an unresolved conflict of interest shall constitute cause to terminate this Agreement.

## **XXII. UNDERGROUND WORK:**

- A. Notification of Hazards: Contractor is hereby notified that the project involves work in a former underground gold mine. The surface property related and adjacent to the underground property contains heavy machinery, high-voltage electrical connections and conduits, open catwalks, and other elevated walkways, hidden hazards of tripping or falling and numerous other serious risks of health, life and safety, and risks of damage to property. The underground property also includes and contains heavy machinery, high-voltage electrical

connections and conduits, open catwalks and other elevated walkways and hidden hazards of tripping or falling. Entering the underground property involves a substantial risk of underground fires, underground floods, collapse, failure of lifts and hoists, suffocation, being trapped, being crushed to death and numerous other serious risks to health, life and safety, and risks of damage to property.

- B. Acknowledgement of Risk and Release: All persons going underground, including Contractor, Contractor's officers, directors, employees, agents, consultants, subcontractors and representatives, and each of their officers, directors, employees, agents, consultants, subcontractors and representatives must execute the Acknowledgement of Risk and the Release, Agreement Not to Sue and Waiver in the forms attached hereto, marked collectively as Exhibit G and incorporated herein by this reference.
- C. Indemnification of Homestake Indemnified Parties: Contractor, for itself and its officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives and assigns, will and does hereby release, discharge and agree not to sue the Homestake Indemnified Parties with respect to any damage or injury to any person (including natural persons, corporations, limited liability companies and other entities) or property caused in whole or in part by the Contractor or its officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, sub-contractors and subsuppliers. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "Homestake Indemnified Parties" means Barrick, Homestake and the Affiliates of Barrick and Homestake, and each of its and their Representatives.

**XXIII. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

Contractor agrees that the FAR and DEAR clauses outlined in Exhibit E are hereby incorporated by reference as part of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**IN WITNESS HERETO**, the parties signify their agreement by signatures affixed below on the day and year above first written.

**COMPANY**

**SOUTH DAKOTA SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Headley \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Director



**EXHIBIT A**

**SOUTH DAKOTA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY  
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**Insert Category 2, 3 or 4 requirements, as determined from Procurement Request information**

**EXHIBIT B**

**ENVIRONMENT HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS  
CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROJECT SAFETY**

**EXHIBIT C**  
**SCOPE OF WORK**

**EXHIBIT D**

**CONTRACTOR'S RATE SHEET**

**EXHIBIT E**  
**COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

**Fixed Price / Commercial Goods and Services**

Each of the individual Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and the Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation (DEAR) clauses identified here

<http://www.sanfordlab.org/sites/sanfordlab.org/files/docs/bs/contracts/LBNL%20Flowdown%20-%20Commercial%20Goods%20%26%20Services%20%28Fixed%20Price%29.pdf> is incorporated by reference into this subcontract when the conditions for applicability are met.

**Cost Reimbursable**

Each of the individual Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and the Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation (DEAR) clauses identified here

<http://www.sanfordlab.org/sites/sanfordlab.org/files/docs/bs/contracts/LBNL%20Flowdown%20-%20Cost%20Reimbursable.pdf> is incorporated by reference into this subcontract when the conditions for applicability are met.

The FAR and DEAR clauses incorporated by reference herein shall have the same force and effect as if printed in full text. If you are unable to access this link, you may request a print copy by contacting SDSTA Business Services Manager Sharon Hemmingson (phone 605-722-4044; email [shemmingson@sanfordlab.org](mailto:shemmingson@sanfordlab.org)).

Full text of the referenced clauses may be accessed electronically at website address: <http://www.acquisition.gov/far/> or <http://energy.gov/management/downloads/searchable-electronic-department-energy-acquisition-regulation>.

**EXHIBIT F**  
**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**  
**WAGE DETERMINATION**

In accordance with FAR 52.222-41 Service Contract Act of 1965, As Amended, set forth in Exhibit E Federal Regulations of this document, Contractor shall pay its service employees, as defined, and ensure that service employees of lower-tier subcontractors are paid, not less than the minimum monetary wages, and shall furnish to them the fringe benefits, specified in the Department of Labor Wage Determination identified here <http://www.sanfordlab.org/sites/sanfordlab.org/files/docs/bs/contracts/Wage%20determination.pdf>.

The Department of Labor Wage Determination incorporated by reference herein shall have the same force and effect as if printed in full text. If you are unable to access this link, you may request a print copy by contacting SDSTA Business Services Manager Sharon Hemmingson (phone 605-722-4044; email [shemmingson@sanfordlab.org](mailto:shemmingson@sanfordlab.org)).

Full text of the referenced clauses may be accessed electronically at website address: <http://www.wdol.gov/Index.aspx>.

## EXHIBIT G

**Attached for reference only**  
**(to be signed in the presence of SDSTA personnel**  
**at the time of entering the underground property)**

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK and RELEASE, AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE AND WAIVER

In consideration for being permitted to enter upon the property of the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority (referred to in this document as the “Authority”) located in and near Lead, South Dakota, including both the surface property and the underground workings and facilities owned by the Authority (referred to in this document as the “Authority’s Surface Property” or the “Authority’s Underground Property” and collectively, the “Authority’s Property”), which permission was granted at my request, I do hereby freely and knowingly state, declare, and agree as follows:

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 1. I have independently investigated the risks to my health, life, and safety and the risks of damage to my property resulting from my entry, presence, and activities upon and in the Authority’s Property, including both the surface property and the underground property. Based upon that investigation, I have developed an informed understanding of the risks to me and my property resulting from my entry, presence, and activities upon either or both of the Authority’s Surface Property and the Authority’s Underground Property.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 2. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 1 above, I am aware that the Authority’s Surface Property is a former commercial mine which includes and contains heavy machinery, high-voltage electrical connections and conduits, open catwalks and other elevated walkways, apparent and hidden hazards of tripping or falling, industrial and mining chemicals and other agents, naturally-occurring minerals, naturally-occurring land and environmental conditions that are potentially hazardous, fully or partially reclaimed mine facilities (including, but not limited to, open pits, underground mine workings, process plants and waste rock areas), possible air-borne contaminants, high-pressure lines and vessels, falling or low-hanging items that present a risk of head injury and numerous other serious apparent, and unapparent risks to my health, life and safety and risks of damage to my property.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 3. Without limiting the generality of paragraph number 1 above, I am further aware that in addition to the risks associated with the Authority’s Surface Property described in paragraph 2 above, the Authority’s Underground Property is also a former commercial mine and it also includes and contains heavy machinery, high-voltage electrical connections, and conduits, open catwalks and other elevated walkways, underground mine workings, apparent and hidden hazards of tripping or falling, industrial and mining chemicals and agents, naturally-occurring minerals, naturally-occurring geologic and environmental conditions that are potentially hazardous, possible air-borne contaminants, high-pressure lines and vessels and falling or low-hanging rock or other items that present a risk of head injury. I am further aware that going underground involves a substantial risk of underground fires, underground floods, roof falls and collapse, failure of lifts, hoists and ventilation equipment, suffocation, being trapped, being crushed to death and numerous other serious apparent and unapparent risks to my health, life and safety, and risks of damage to my property.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 4. I acknowledge I have the time, knowledge, and experience to make an intelligent choice concerning whether to assume the risks associated with my entry, and activities upon or in the Authority’s Surface Property, the Authority’s Underground Property, or both.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 5. I do hereby voluntarily, freely, and unconditionally assume any and all risk of damage to my health, personal injury, death, and damage to my property in any way associated with my entry, presence, or activities upon, in, or around Authority’s Surface Property and the Authority’s Underground Property.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 6. I acknowledge that I have been given a safety briefing or safety training, and I agree to abide by guidelines explained during that briefing or training.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 7. In the interest of safety and security, I agree that any person or property may be subject to inspection by Authority personnel at any time I am on Authority property.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 8. I acknowledge that my failure to comply with any applicable law, regulation, rule, or policy (including the guidelines explained during my safety briefing or safety training) is grounds for the Authority to immediately revoke my permission to enter Authority’s Property, to order me to immediately leave the Authority’s Property, and to deny me future access to the Authority’s Property. I agree to immediately comply with all directions given by the Authority to me pursuant to this paragraph.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 9. I have been provided and have read and signed (or will sign), a document entitled “RELEASE, AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE AND WAIVER.”

In consideration for being permitted to enter upon the property of the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority (referred to in this documents as the “Authority”) located in and near Lead, South Dakota, including both the surface property and the underground workings and facilities owned by the Authority (referred to in this document as the “Authority’s Surface Property” or the “Authority’s Underground Property” and collectively, the “Authority’s Property”), which permission was granted at my request, I do hereby freely and knowingly state, declare and agree as follows:

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 1. I have today been provided and have read and signed a form entitled “ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK,” which describes in general terms the numerous apparent and unapparent risks of serious personal injury, death, or damage to my property, which exists on and in both the Authority’s Surface Property, and the Authority’s Underground Property.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 2. Being fully aware of the risks as described in the accompanying “ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK,” I do hereby voluntarily, freely, and unconditionally release and agree not to sue the following persons and entities for any damage to my health, personnel injury, death and/or damage to my property in way associated with my entry, presence or activities upon, in, or around the Authority’s Surface Property and/or the Authority’s Underground Property, and I further hereby waive any such claims I may have against the following persons and entities. This release, agreement not to sue and waiver is given in favor of the following persons and entities:

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ (a). The State of South Dakota and its elected representatives and officers, unelected officers, employees, agents consultants and representatives; and

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ (b). The South Dakota Science and Technology Authority and its officers, directors, employees, agents, consultants and representatives, and any visitor, contractor, consultant, or any other person (natural or otherwise) that the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority directs to, invites or permits upon, or authorizes to use the Authority’s Property and its or their agents, representatives, consultants, lessees, licensees, and invitees; and

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ (c). Barrick Gold Corporation; any person, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or any other form of enterprise which directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by or is under common control with Barrick Gold Corporation; any officer, director, employee, agent or consultant of Barrick Gold Corporation; and any visitor, contractor, consultant, or any other person (natural or otherwise) that Barrick Gold Corporation directs to, invites, or permits upon or authorizes to use the Authority’s Property and its or their agents, representatives, consultants, lessees, licensees, and invitees; and

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ (d). Homestake Mining Company of California, any person, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or any other form of enterprise which directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with Homestake Mining Company of California; any officer, director, employee, agent, or consultant of Homestake Mining Company of California; and any visitor, contractor, consultant, or any other person (natural or otherwise) that Homestake Mining Company of California directs to, invites, or permits upon, or authorizes to use the Authority’s Property and its or their agents, representatives, consultants, lessees, licensees, and invitees; and

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ (e). Mr. T. Denny Sanford or any other person or entity providing funding or other support for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Authority, the Authority’s Property, and/or the Sanford Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 3. I understand that this document does not act to release, discharge, or waive any rights I may have to compensation or the payment of medical expenses under applicable workers compensation law.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 4. The release, agreement not to sue and waiver contained in this documents includes any and all claims I or my heirs, representatives, successors, or assigns (including, but not limited to, my family) may have as a result of any damage to my health, injury to me, my death, or damage to my property, including incidental and consequential damages and loss of income, support, and companionship.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 5. I agree that if a court or other tribunal with jurisdiction rules that some portion of this document is for any reason unenforceable, the remaining portions of this document shall remain valid and enforceable.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 6. The release and waiver contained in this document and my agreement not to sue the parties named above is and will be binding on me and my heirs, representative, successors, and assigns (including, but not limited to, my spouse and other family).

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE, AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE AND WAIVER, CONSISTING OF THREE PAGES AND SIC NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS. I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE, OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME. I INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY, AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.



DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[PRINT NAME]

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE, AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE AND WAIVER

\_\_\_\_\_  
[SIGNATURE]

THUMB  
PRINT  
HERE

I am requesting permission to enter the Authority's Property as an officer, agent, employee, consultant, scientific investigator, student, visitor, and I am otherwise affiliated with

\_\_\_\_\_.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Print Name]

Logged by: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Signature]

Date Logged: \_\_\_\_\_

I HAVE READ THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMNT OF RISK, CONSITING OF THREE PAGES AND NINE NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS. I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS AND THE RISKS DESCRIBED IN IT. I HAVE SIGNED IT FEELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE, OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[PRINT NAME]

I HAVE READ THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
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[Print Name]

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Witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Signature]

Date Logged: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT H**  
**(to be signed with the Contract Documents)**

**RELEASE, AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE, AND WAIVER**

THIS RELEASE, AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE and WAIVER is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by COMPANY NAME (“Contractor”) in favor of the Homestake Indemnified Parties (as defined below).

**RECITALS**

1. Contractor has entered into an Agreement with the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority (the “Authority”) of even date herewith, (the “Agreement”) for certain work to be performed by the Contractor in the Underground Property (as defined below).

2. Pursuant to the terms of Section 6.10(b) of the Property Donation Agreement, as amended, the Agreement requires the Contractor to execute this Release, Agreement Not To Sue and Waiver. Contractor acknowledges that it has been provided an opportunity to review the terms of Section 6.10(b) of the Property Donation Agreement (as amended).

3. The Contractor acknowledges that the award of the Agreement to it by the Authority and the payment by the Authority of the sums to be paid to the Contractor pursuant to the Agreement constitute good and valuable consideration for the Contractor’s execution of this Release, Agreement Not to Sue and Waiver.

4. The Contractor is an experienced underground mining Contractor or has made itself familiar with the risks associated with working underground, and thus has knowledge of the risk of injury, death or damage to property (including, but not limited to, the risk of injury, death or damage to third persons) resulting from working or being present in the Underground Property. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Contractor has read the *Acknowledgment of Risk* and the *Release, Agreement Not to Sue and Waiver*, and acknowledges knowledge of the risks described therein.

5. The Contractor has thoroughly and fully familiarized itself with the nature, general layout and operational history of the Mine (as defined below), and is thus familiar with the risk of injury, death or damage to property (including, but not limited to, the risk of injury, death or damage to third persons) presented by a mine of the size and nature, and with the extensive and lengthy operational history, of the Mine.

**AGREEMENT**

Based upon the foregoing Recitals, and for good and valuable consideration (including, but not limited to, the award of the Agreement), the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby conclusively and irrevocably acknowledged by Contractor, Contractor agrees as follows:

A. Definitions.

1. “Homestake Indemnified Parties” means Barrick Gold Corporation; Homestake Mining Company of California; any person, partnership, joint venture, corporation or other form of enterprise which directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by or is under common control with Barrick Gold Corporation and/or Homestake Mining Company of California; any person visiting the surface or underground property at the request or with the authorization of any of the foregoing; and any contractor, subcontractor, director, officer, employee, agent, consultant or subconsultant or any other person or entity that Barrick Gold Corporation, Homestake Mining Company of California or any of their representatives invites on, allows or authorizes to use the surface property or the underground property and each of their agents, representatives, consultants, lessees, licensees and invitees.

2. “Homestake Indemnified Party” means one of the Homestake Indemnified Parties.

3. “Mine” means the former Homestake Gold Mine in and near Lead, Lawrence County, South Dakota.

4. "Property Donation Agreement" or "PDA" means the Property Donation Agreement Between and Among Homestake Mining Company of California, the State of South Dakota and the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority, dated as of April 14, 2006, as amended effective September 17, 2009.

5. "Underground Property" means any property at the Mine owned by the Authority which is beneath the surface.

B. Release

1. Contractor hereby voluntarily, freely, irrevocably and unconditionally **releases, and agrees not to sue** the Homestake Indemnified Parties, or any of them, for any damage to health, personal injury, death and/or damage to property of the Contractor or any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, consultants, licensees and invitees in any way associated with Contractor's entry, presence or activities upon, in or around any surface property owned by the Authority and/or the Underground Property, and Contractor hereby **waives** any such claims.

2. This release, agreement not to sue and waiver includes any and all claims Contractor, its officers, directors, employees, agents and consultants, or any of its or their heirs, representatives, successors or assigns may have as a result of any damage to health, personal injury or death and/or damage to property, including incidental and consequential damages and loss of income, support and companionship.

3. This release, agreement not to sue and waiver is intended to be construed as broadly as possible so as to give the Homestake Indemnified Parties the maximum protection allowed by applicable law and as required by Section 6.10(b) of the PDA.

4. This Release, Agreement Not to Sue and Waiver shall not be amended or modified except in writing, signed by the Contractor and an authorized representative of the Homestake Indemnified Parties.

5. This Release, Agreement Not to Sue and Wavier shall be binding upon the Contractor and inure to the benefit of the Homestake Indemnified Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns, provided that Contractor shall not assign this Agreement or any rights herein without the prior written consent of the Homestake Indemnified Parties. Any purported assignment in the absence of such written consent shall be void.

6. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Release, Agreement Not to Sue and Waiver shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision hereof, each of which shall remain in full force and effect.

7. The failure of Contractor or any of the Homestake Indemnified Parties to insist, in any one or more instances, upon the strict performance of any of the terms, conditions or covenants hereof shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment for the future of such term, condition or covenant. No waiver, change, modification or discharge by the Contractor or any of the Homestake Indemnified Parties of any provision hereof shall be deemed to have been made or shall be effective unless expressed in writing and signed by the Contractor and an authorized representative of the Homestake Indemnified Parties.

8. All notices, consents, requests and approvals, any notice of change in address for the purpose of this paragraph, and other communications provided for or required herein, shall be given (a) by personal delivery; (b) by electronic communication, with a confirmation sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested; (c) by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested; or (d) by reputable express courier. All notices, consents, requests and approvals, any notice of change in address for the purpose of this Section, and other communications provided for or required herein, shall be effective and shall be deemed delivered on the date of delivery if delivered during normal business hours, and, if not delivered during normal business hours, on the next business day following delivery:

(a) If to the Contractor:

**Company Name**

**Address**

**City, State Zip Code**

(b) If to Homestake:  
Homestake Mining Co.  
ATTN: Closure Manager  
11457 Bobtail Gulch St.  
Central City, SD 57754

A true and correct copy of any notice, consent, request and approval, and of any notice of change in address for the purpose of this paragraph shall also be provided to the Authority at the following addresses:

South Dakota Science and Technology Authority  
630 East Summit  
Lead, South Dakota 57754-1700  
Attention: Executive Director

with a copy to:

Timothy M. Engel  
May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson LLP  
503 South Pierre Street  
P.O. Box 160  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

9. This Release, Agreement Not to Sue and Waiver shall be governed by and construed according to the internal laws of the State of South Dakota, without regard to conflicts of law principles. Any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be brought in the state courts of the State of South Dakota.

10. Time is of the essence in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of this Release, Agreement Not to Sue and Waiver.

11. All Exhibits referred to herein are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

12. All of the terms and provisions of this Release, Agreement Not to Sue and Waiver shall survive termination or completion of the terms of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Contractor has caused this Agreement to be executed on the day and year first above written.

**COMPANY NAME**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Its \_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)  
ATTEST:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Its \_\_\_\_\_