

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHOR

I, John M. Marek P.E. do hereby certify that:

1. I am currently employed as the President and a Senior Mining Engineer by:

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2. I graduated with the following degrees from the Colorado School of Mines
Bachelors of Science, Mineral Engineering – Physics 1974
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3. I am a Registered Professional Mining Engineer in the State of Arizona USA
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I am a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Colorado USA
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I am a member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers,
Society of Mining Engineers

4. I have worked as a Mining Engineer for a total of 29 years since my graduation from university.
5. I have read the definition of “qualified person” set out in National Instrument 43-101 (“NI43-101”) and certify that by reason of my education, affiliation with a professional association (as defined in NI43-101) and past relative work experience, I fulfill the requirements to be a “qualified person” for the purposes of NI43-101.
6. I am in part responsible for the preparation of the Executive Summary of the report titled “Technical Report Preliminary Resource Estimate Update for the Penasco Deposit, April 2005 I have not visited the property but have relied on the opinions and observations qualified staff members at IMC who have visited the property.
7. I have had prior involvement with the property as an arm’s length consultant on mine planning and project evaluation issues at the Penasquito project.
8. I am not aware of any material fact of material change with respect to the subject matter of the Technical Report will not be reflected in the final Technical Report, the omission to disclose which would make the Technical Report misleading.
9. I am independent of the issuer applying all of the tests in Section 1.5 of NI 43-101.

10. I have read national Instrument 43-101 and Form 43-101F1, and to my knowledge, the Technical Report Executive Summary has been prepared in compliance with that instrument and form.
11. I consent to the filing of the Technical Report Executive Summary with any stock exchange and other regulatory authority and any publication by them, including electronic publication in the public company files on their websites accessible by the public, of the Technical Report.

Dated 6th Day of April 2005.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John M. Marek".

John M. Marek P.E.
President
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