

**Cost Sharing Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA")  
Between the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, the United States  
Environmental Protection Agency and Hecla Limited Regarding Bunker Hill  
Mining and Metallurgical Complex Superfund Site Operable Unit 1&2**

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho ("State"), the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and Hecla Limited ) (collectively "Parties") share responsibility for implementation of a Consent Decree entered in the United States District Court for the District of Idaho in the matter captioned *United States v. Asarco, Inc., et al* CV-94-206-N-EJL (hereinafter the "Box Consent Decree") governing remedial actions in operable units 1 and 2 ("OU-1&2") of the Bunker Hill Mining and Metallurgical Complex Superfund Site.

WHEREAS, Hecla Limited has entered into a settlement with the State and EPA in *United States v. Hecla Mining, Inc., et al*, CV- 96-0122-N-EJL (hereinafter the "Basin Consent Decree") concerning its liabilities which is currently pending approval before the United States District Court and which will relieve Hecla Limited of further obligations concerning the Box Consent Decree.

WHEREAS the Parties wish to establish an agreement concerning the sharing of costs under the Box Consent Decree to govern their relationship until such time as the Settlement Agreement is approved and the Basin Consent Decree is entered in the Court.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree that for the duration of this agreement, costs associated with implementation of the Box Consent Decree shall be shared as follows:

1. Hecla Limited will fund 50% of the OU-1 Institutional Controls Program ("ICP") and repository operating costs through the remainder of this agreement;
2. The State of Idaho will fund the remaining 50% of the OU-1 ICP and repository operating costs using monies received from the settlement with Asarco, Inc.;
3. The State and EPA will fund the OU-2 ICP and repository operating costs;
4. The State and EPA will fund the costs associated with expansion of the Page Pond Repository.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION. This MOA takes effect upon the signature by the Director of DEQ and is retroactive to cover all costs associated with the OU-1&2 operations and repository costs commencing on January 1, 2011. This MOA shall govern payment of costs up through the date upon which the Basin Consent Decree is entered by the Court and remain in effect until such time as final payment for costs under this MOA is made and this MOA is terminated in writing by the DEQ. This agreement may not be extended or amended.

SIGNATORIES:

Department of Environmental Quality

  
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Toni Hardesty, Director

Date 11/2/11

United States Environmental Protection Agency,  
Region 10

  
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Dan Opalski,

Date 10/25/2011

Hecla Limited

  
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James A. Sabala, Vice President & Treasurer

Date 9/22/11