

OPTION AGREEMENT ON MINING PROPERTIES

THIS AGREEMENT made as of this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1970, by and between ALAN ROBERT GRANT and LOUISE DE GUISE GRANT, his wife, both of Route 4, Box 6467, Issaquah, Washington, hereinafter referred to as "OPTIONORS", and MIDDLE FORK COPPER MINES, INC. of #700, 1177 West Hastings Street, Vancouver 1, B.C., hereinafter referred to as "OPTIONEE":

## W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS OPTIONORS represent and warrant that they hold title free and clear of any liens or encumbrances (subject only to paramount title in the United States of America) of eighteen unpatented lode mining claims situate in the County of Skamania, State of Washington, and more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto including all rights, privileges and easements incident thereto (herein referred to as the "Mining Claims"); and

WHEREAS OPTIONEE is willing to examine, investigate, explore and develop the Mining Claims in order to determine the presence of ores, metals or minerals in commercial quantities;

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in United States currency paid by OPTIONEE to OPTIONORS, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and in further consideration of the premises and covenants herein contained, it is hereby mutually agreed as follows:

1. OPTIONORS hereby grant to OPTIONEE the exclusive option for a period of twenty-one years from the date hereof to purchase the said Mineral Claims for a full price of