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Top Hat Plan Exemption  
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration  
Room N-5644  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20210

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Re: Statement Pursuant to Regulation §2520.104-23(b)(1)

Dear Secretary of Labor:

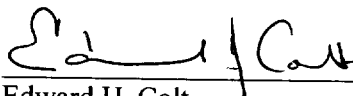
Pursuant to §2520.104-23(b)(1) of the regulations issued by the Department of Labor, Meridian Gold Company, as the plan administrator of the Meridian Gold Company Supplemental Retirement Plan, provides the following information:

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|----------------------|---|
| Name of Employer:    | Meridian Gold Company                             |
| Address of Employer: | 9670 Gateway Drive<br>Suite 200<br>Reno, NV 89511 |
| EIN of Employer:     | 88-0226676  |

The Employer maintains a plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees.

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| Number of plans:             | One   |
| Number of employees in plan: | Eight |

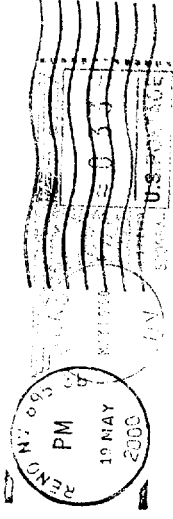
Very truly yours,

  
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Edward H. Colt  
for Meridian Gold Company

5/19/2000  
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Date



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