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ASARCO GLOBE PLANT ISO 14001 CERTIFICATION RENEWED

*Environmental Management System Audited,
Certification Renewed at Denver Specialty Metals Plant*

PHOENIX – April 15, 2003 – The Asarco Globe Specialty Metals Plant in Denver was notified last week that ISO 14001 certification was renewed for activities associated with the production and distribution of high-purity metals and specialty chemicals.

ISO 14001 is an environmental management system standard that is specified by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). Organizations seeking certification undergo a rigorous auditing process of their system for managing the impact of their activities on the environment. The Asarco Globe Plant originally obtained ISO 14001 certification in June 2000. The re-registration audit was conducted by Orion Registrar Inc. in January 2003 and the renewed certification is valid until February 2006.

“International certification of the practices at our specialty metals plant is increasingly important to our customers and to governmental regulatory agencies, who expect us to conform with the highest standards of environmental performance,” said Genaro Larrea, president of Asarco.

Asarco’s Globe Specialty Metals Plant produces high-purity metals, specialty compounds and alloys. Its product lines include Enviroloy™, used in the manufacture of lead-free EnviroBrass, assay chemicals and electronic-grade, high-purity metals. It operates as a business unit of Asarco, Inc., a longstanding producer of copper and other metals. Asarco is a subsidiary of Americas Mining Corporation (AMC), which is the mining division of Grupo Mexico, S.A. de C.V.

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