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**DIVISION OF
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Mr. Thomas N. Tetting
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Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

RE: Apparent Completeness Review

Dear Mr. Tetting:

At the present time, Valley Camp is actively involved in the preparation of a response to the Apparent Completeness Review (ACR) of our Underground Mining Permit Application, which was submitted on February 10, 1981. The preparation of this response, under normal circumstances, is expected to continue over a period of months, and incur considerable cost due to the extensiveness of the ACR, which requires such things as generating additional maps, conducting additional studies, and providing additional information dependent upon seasonal availability, just to mention a few.

It has now come to our attention that the Office of Surface Mining is desirous of our submitting the ACR response by May 31, 1982. This, apparently, would fit a schedule designed to result in the final approval of our plan being issued by the end of 1982, and would, therefore, only require interim approval for development of the Belina No. 2 Mine for a period of some nine more months.

Valley Camp of Utah, Inc. does hereby agree to attempt to meet the said deadline of May 31, 1982, based upon your awareness of the following:

1. Additional consulting assistance will be required.
2. A certain amount of data cannot be furnished within the time frame allotted due to weather conditions, availability of personnel, scheduling delays and etc.

This material will require submission at later dates, as it is completed.

3. Additional costs will be encountered due to the process of expedition.
4. Valley Camp should not be penalized for failure to meet the May 31, 1982, deadline.

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5. Interim approval, to continue development of the Belina No. 2 Mine, will be required until final approval is issued.
6. Interim approval for the Belina No. 2 Mine should not be dependent upon the fulfillment of proposed deadlines, as related to this agreement by any of the parties involved. A contrasting position by the permitting agencies would surely jeopardize that operation and present possibilities of severe economic hardship for the operator.

We will diligently pursue the completion of the ACR response in an effort to further cultivate better working relations with both the Division and the Office of Surface Mining, and through such cooperation, assist in the expedition of approval for our permit application.

Thank you for your assistance thus far in this process; your attention and consideration in future proceedings will certainly be appreciated.

Sincerely,



T. G. Whiteside
Senior Mining Engineer

Copy to: Shirley Lindsey, OSM