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Mr. Donald P. McMillan  
Director  
Utah Geological and Mineral Survey  
606 Blackhawk Way  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84108

Dear Mr. McMillan:

Alumet proposes to develop and operate an underground coal mine on lands owned by the State of Utah, in the vicinity of Price, Utah. The minerals are held in lease ownership by Alumet. Production from the proposed mine will range from 1 to 2.5 million tons per year. Coal will be transported to the surface from a vertical shaft, crushed, loaded onto a cross country conveyor, and loaded into railroad cars at a new railroad siting (exact location as yet undetermined) to be constructed near Price. Some of the coal will be utilized by Alumet's proposed alunite plant complex near Milford, Utah, and the remainder sold to other markets.

Two vertical shafts, each approximately 1700 to 2000 feet in depth, will be constructed to the coal horizon. The coal zone, located in the Ferron Sandstone, is covered by approximately 1700 feet of Mancos Shale. The shale is probably impermeable, but the Ferron Sandstone may not be. Therefore, some water production (and discharge) by the mine is possible.

Surface facilities will include maintenance sheds, an administration building, a coal storage area, conveyor system, and railroad loading system. In total, the mining operation will employ approximately 300 persons. Alumet plans to obtain potable water from the city of Price. A new pipeline will have to be constructed to the mine site southwest of Price, across private and state lands. Sewage treatment will probably be provided by an on-site lagoon system. Solid waste from the mine and surface activities will be buried in an on-site sanitary



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landfill or hauled to the city's solid waste disposal area. Access to the site will be provided by the construction of new roads. These roads will extend from the existing county road north of the property, and/or State Highway 10, across private and state lands. Electric power and communication service for the mine complex probably will parallel the access roads, although this is not absolutely certain.

By this letter I am requesting a statement from you identifying any permits required by your office, to complete this proposed action; description of filing procedures; and, if possible, an estimate of the time required to complete the permitting process. A map is attached which shows the general project area. Should you desire additional information, please feel free to call me directly. [At (303)279-7641]

Sincerely,

ALUMET



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Project Manager

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