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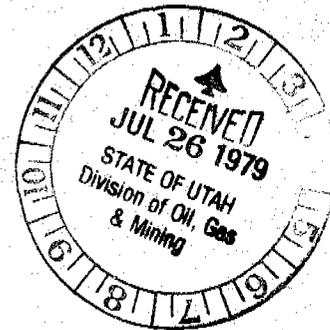
ACT/007/004 # 3

# BRAZTAH CORPORATION

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July 25, 1979

Board of Oil, Gas and Mining  
Department of Natural Resources  
State of Utah  
1588 West North Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116



Gentlemen:

Re: In the Matter of the Modification  
of Braztah Corporation Mine Plan  
For Braztah Mine No. 5, Carbon  
County, Utah

Cause No. ACT/007/004

As part of Braztah Corporation's ("Braztah") continuing effort to comply with applicable laws, rules and regulations in the conduct of its underground coal mining and reclamation operations in Carbon County, Utah, Braztah, within the next two weeks, will file its Underground Mining and Reclamation Permit Application ("Permit Application") with the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. Said Permit Application will be filed pursuant to the Cooperative Agreement by and between the State of Utah and the United States Department of Interior and the permanent regulatory program under the Utah Statute Regulating Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations (UCA (1957) §40-10-1 et seq.), the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

The underground mining and reclamation operations contemplated under the Permit Application are currently being conducted by Braztah, as operator, pursuant to its Mine Plan U-058184 et al, approved by the United States Geological Survey ("USGS") in April 1977.

As a part of the approved Mine Plan, Braztah contemplated, among other things, to construct an intake air shaft in Sowbelly Canyon to ventilate the existing Mine No. 5. Although the details and specific location of the air shaft were not known at the time of the original Mine Plan approval, the shaft concept was included in the Mine Plan and related drawings.

The design details and specific locations of said intake air shaft has been determined and Braztah therefore respectfully requests that the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining ("the Board") grant permission to construct the subject intake air shaft.

To assist the Board in its consideration of Braztah's request, transmitted herewith are nine (9) copies of a report outlining the proposed modifications at the Mine No. 5 Area. The report has in large part been abstracted from Braztah's aforementioned Permit Application. In addition, Braztah personnel and consultants will present testimony and respond to questions of the Board and/or staff at the hearing of the Board on Friday, July 27, 1979, at 9:00 a.m..

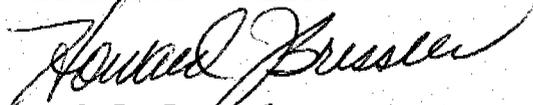
It is submitted that the intake air shaft in Sowbelly Canyon was contemplated when approval of the Mine Plan was granted by the USGS in April 1977. As a result, the action of the Board requested hereby is at most the approval of a minor modification to that approved Mine Plan now that design details and specific location have been determined.

The ventilation requirements of the No. 5 Mine dictate prompt construction of the intake air shaft thereby insuring the health and safety of the mine and the Braztah work force located thereat. As a result, we respectfully request your prompt consideration of our proposed shaft construction permitting the orderly and timely development of the mine while making the "coal resource" derived therefrom available to help meet our nation's "energy crisis".

Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully submitted,

BRAZTAH CORPORATION



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