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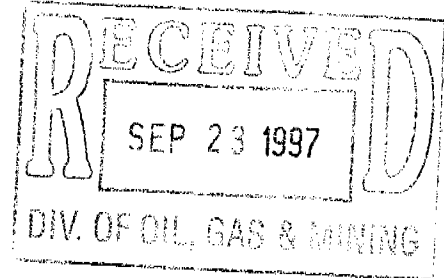
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Cyprus Amax Coal Company CC: Folder #4
9100 East Mineral Circle Pam
Post Office Box 3299
Englewood, Colorado 80155
303-643-5000



September 22, 1997

Mr. Daron R. Haddock
State of Utah
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
P. O. Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801



RE: Increase Rider for Bond No. 929 80 55

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Attached please find the original of the above referenced Rider Bond for the Castle Gate Mine in the amount of \$1,804,000.00.

Please execute this rider and return a signed copy of this letter as an acceptance of the rider.

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (303) 643-5116.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Mary Wong', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mary Wong
Account Administrator

enclosure

cc: Johnny Pappes

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Laurel P. Braxton', with a horizontal line underneath.
Acceptance Signature

9/23/97
Date



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GENERAL PURPOSE RIDER

To be attached to and form part of Bond Number 929 80 55

effective January 31, 1986

issued by the National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford in the amount of
Six Million Seven Hundred Fifty Seven
Thousand Four Hundred Fifty DOLLARS, on behalf of Amax Coal Company
One and No/100-----

as Principal and in favor of State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, and as obligee:
the U.S. Department of the Interior

Now, Therefore, it is agreed that:

The penal sum of the bond is hereby decreased from the above to:

One Million Eight Hundred Four Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,804,000.00)

It is further understood and agreed that all other terms and conditions of this bond shall remain unchanged.

This rider is to be effective the 9th day of September 19 97

Signed, sealed and dated this 9th day of September 19 97

Amax Coal Company (Principal)

By: Denise R. Danvers

National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford (Surety)

By: Wendy W. Stuckey
Wendy W. Stuckey Attorney-in-Fact

Accepted By:

James P. Braxton 9/23/97



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AN ILLINOIS CORPORATION

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men by these Presents, That CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, and having its principal office in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, does hereby make, constitute and appoint Mary C. Jones, William N. Burke, Jr., Dan W. Burton, Michelle M. Utery, Karen D. Grammer, Wendy W. Stuckey, Individually

of Houston, Texas its true and lawful Attorney-in-fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute in its behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature - In Unlimited Amounts -

and to bind CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by the duly authorized officers of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

Article IX - Execution of Documents

Section 3. Appointment of Attorney-in-fact. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may, from time to time, appoint by written certificates attorneys-in-fact to act in behalf of the Company in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach the seal of the Company thereto. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President or the Board of Directors, may, at any time, revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

Resolved, that the signature of the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 3 of Article IX of the By-Laws, and the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power, and any such power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company.

In Witness Whereof, CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its Group Vice President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed on this 8th day of August, 1994.

State of Illinois } ss
County of Cook }

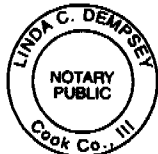


CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY

M. C. Vonnahme Group Vice President.

Handwritten signature of M. C. Vonnahme

On this 8th day of August, 1994, before me personally came M. C. Vonnahme, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the Village of Downers Grove, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said Corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed pursuant to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporation.



Handwritten signature of Linda C. Dempsey, Notary Public. My Commission Expires October 19, 1994

CERTIFICATE

I, George R. Hobough, Assistant Secretary of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that Section 3 of Article IX of the By-Laws of the Company and the Resolution of the Board of Directors, set forth in said Power of Attorney are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said Company this 9th day of September, 1997.



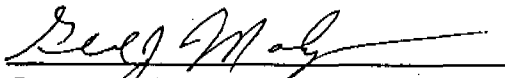
Handwritten signature of George R. Hobough, Assistant Secretary.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

January 2, 1997

I, Gerald J. Malys, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Cyprus Amax Minerals Company ("Cyprus"), hereby delegate my authority to Denise R. Danner, Director of Financial Reporting, to execute on behalf of Cyprus, and any of its subsidiaries, surety bonds, routine insurance applications, and any and all documents relating to workers' compensation matters, including but not limited to, self-insurance permits, state fund accounts, assigned risk accounts, Federal USL&H permits, and Federal black lung permits.

This delegation of authority will expire on December 31, 1997.



Gerald J. Malys
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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Certificate of Insurance

TO: State of Utah
Address: Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
P.O. Box 145801
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

Date: September 2, 1997
Re: Castle Gate Mines
Permit No. ACT/007/004
Folder No. 4
Carbon County, Utah
Fax to: Ben Grimes - 801-637-2247

This is to certify that the policies designated below are in force on the date borne by this Certificate.

NAME OF INSURED: Cyprus Amax Minerals Company et al including Amax Coal Company
9100 East Mineral Circle
Address: Englewood, CO 80112

TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY #	POLICY PERIOD	POLICY LIMITS / VALUES
A) Commercial General Liability -Claims Made Retro Date: Other States 4/1/94 Wyoming 4/1/86	RMGL1135325	07/01/97 - 07/01/98	\$ 6,000,000 General Aggregate \$ 6,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate \$ 1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury \$ 1,000,000 Each Occurrence \$ 1,000,000 Fire Damage (Any One Fire) \$ 10,000 Medical Expense (Any One Person)
B) Auto Liability	RMCA3207268	07/01/97 - 07/01/98	\$ 2,000,000 CSL Each Occurrence
C) Workers' Compensation Employers' Liability	OC-01611905	09/01/97 - 09/01/98	WC: Statutory EL: \$1,000,000 Each Accident \$1,000,000 Disease - Policy Limit \$1,000,000 Disease - Each Employee
D) Excess Workers' Compensation	EX357	09/01/97 - 09/01/98	Statutory Excess of a Self Insured Retention: \$1,000,000 any one occurrence

Commercial General Liability includes X, C, U Coverage.