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**Castle Gate
Holding Company**
A Cyprus Amax Company

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June 30, 1998

Mr. Lowell Braxton, Director
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
P.O. Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

RE: Castle Gate Holding Company - Castle Gate Mine
Permit No. ACT/007/004

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Dear Mr. Braxton:

Castle Gate Holding Company is submitting the enclosed "Application for Approval of Transfer, Assignment, or Sale of Permit Rights Pursuant to R645-303-300" for transfer of the permit rights granted pursuant to the coal mining operations permit ACT/007/004. This transfer application is being submitted to reflect the change in corporate ownership and control of the mining operations as a result of the proposed stock and asset transfer from Amax Coal Company to Castle Gate Holding Company. The \$5.00 application filing fee is enclosed with this application. Your assistance in accomplishing the requested permit transfer in an expeditious manner will be greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. James W. Buck of Buckridge Environmental Engineering, Inc. at (812) 858-9970.

Application Certification

I the undersigned, hereby certify that the material and information contained in this application for transfer of Permit ACT/007/004 are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Castle Gate Holding Company

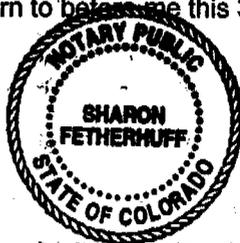
By:

Randall J. Scott

Randall J. Scott
President

State of Colorado
County of Arapahoe

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of June, 1998.



Sharon Fetherhuff
Notary Public

Residing at: *537 Stafford Cir.*
Castle Rock, CO 80104

My Commission Expires: *2/17/2000*

cc: J. Pappas - Cyprus Plateau Mining
J. Buck - Buckridge Environmental Eng.

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