

AMAX Coal Company

A Cyprus Amax Company

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June 29, 1998

Mr. Lowell Braxton, Director
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
355 West North Temple
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RE: Amax Coal Company - Castle Gate Mine
Permit No. ACT/007/004

Dear Mr. Braxton:

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Please accept this letter as authorization on behalf of Amax Coal Company for the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining to transfer the above referenced mining permit from Amax Coal Company to Castle Gate Holding Company. The permit transfer is necessary due to the proposed stock and asset transfer from Amax Coal Company to Castle Gate Holding Company. The proposed stock and asset transfer is part of the restructuring of Cyprus Amax Minerals Company's coal business.

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

I the undersigned, hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Amax Coal Company

By: *Randall J. Scott*
Randall J. Scott
President

State of Colorado
County of Arapahoe

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of June, 1998.



Sharon Fetherhuff
Notary Public
Residing at: *537 Stafford Circle*
Castle Rock, CO 80104
My Commission Expires: *2/17/2000*

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