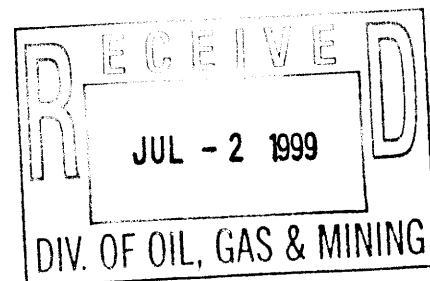


Castle Gate Holding Company

9100 E. Mineral Circle
Englewood, Colorado 80112
(303) 643-5000

June 30, 1999

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



RE: Insignificant Permit Revision – Changes in Certain Officers and Directors

Dear Mr. Braxton:

Castle Gate Holding Company is requesting approval of insignificant revisions to the following permits for its Castle Gate Mine: ACT/007/004.

The permit revision is necessitated due to the sale of Cyprus Amax Minerals Company's coal business. Effective June 30, 1999, Castle Gate Holding Company is no longer in any way affiliated with Cyprus Amax Minerals Company or Amax Energy Inc. Neither the above permit nor Castle Gate Holding Company, the permittee, have been transferred. However, the stock of its indirect parent company, Cyprus Amax Coal Company, has been sold to RAG American Coal Company. Subsequently, Cyprus Amax Coal Company was merged into RAG American Coal Company, with RAG American Coal Company being the surviving entity. An organization chart showing the corporate ownership of the permittee up to and including the ultimate U.S. parent company is enclosed.

Enclosed with this letter is a page listing all the officers and directors of Castle Gate Holding Company that resigned on June 30, 1999, and all of the new officers and directors that were elected on June 30, 1999. As evidence of these resignations and elections, attached are copies of the resolutions of Castle Gate Holding Company accepting the resignations of those officers and directors resigning and electing new officers and directors effective June 30, 1999.

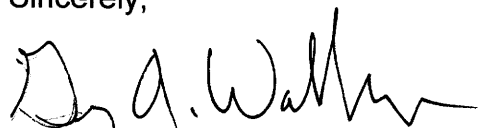
At this time, all bonds posted by the permittee remain in place without change. At a later date, we may submit replacement bonds for some or all of the existing bonds due to changes in the surety. A new insurance certificate for the permittee is enclosed.

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Please incorporate these revisions into the existing permit to reflect the changes in name and in officers and directors. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Johnnie Greene at (303) 643-5147.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg A. Walker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Greg A. Walker
Senior Vice President

Enclosures

cc: Johnny Pappas, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation