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Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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**RE: Surety Bonds, Castle Gate Holding Company, Castle Gate Mine, ACT/007/004,
Carbon County, Utah**

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Dear Ms. Littig:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is herewith submitting updated Exhibits "A" and "B" for the Castle Gate Mine. The issuance of new bonds is in response to the recent sale of Cyprus Amax Coal Company's stock to RAG American Coal Company.

The \$1,804,000.00 reclamation bond is being submitted using three separate bonds where two are for \$601,333.00 and one is for \$601,334.00. If the enclosed bonding information is complete, please have Mr. Lowell P. Braxton sign each bond and keep the original for your records and send Castle Gate Holding Company (CGHC) a copy for its records. Also, could you please insert an approved copy into the recent Castle Gate Mine renewal application package, since this information was received after the August 24, 1999, submittal.

CGHC believes that the surety bonds submitted adequately address and fulfill the requirements to be deemed complete, but should the Division need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures