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Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Incoming

RE: Hardscrabble Canyon Reclamation As-Built, ACT/007/004, Castle Gate Holding Company, Castle Gate Mine, Carbon County, Utah

*As-Built
Amendment AMCOA*

Dear Ms. Littig:

Castle Gate Holding Company (CGHC) is submitting the aforementioned. Reclamation activities were finally completed in 1999, whereby CGHC can now submit certified as-built conditions existing in Hardscrabble Canyon for review by the Division.

CGHC believes that Division will find all as-built drawings and certification adequate and in compliance with the approved reclamation plan. Upon review by the Division, and pending no deficiencies, CGHC will prepare and submit its Phase 1 Bond Release application.

CGHC did not prepare a detailed cost estimate for the remaining reclamation work and monitoring, substation removal and long-term monitoring, to be performed in Hardscrabble Canyon because it felt that the remaining bond amount of \$522,000.00 is more than adequate to cover any cost associated with the substation. Given that the costs incurred to perform the reclamation work associated with the main canyon was approximately \$680,000.00.

If CGHC did prepare a detailed cost estimate for Hardscrabble, it would then be requesting a further reduction in its surety bond, whereby only those costs associated with the substation removal, water and vegetation monitoring, maintenance costs, and a small contingency would be itemized. This would be significantly less than \$522,000.00. CGHC does not believe this is what the Division had intended.

CGHC does see where such an action would be applicable to projects where active operations perform contemporaneous reclamation activities and only small portions of the bonded disturbed areas are affected.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

File: Castle Gate Mine - Hardscrabble
Chrono: JP000310.ltr

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit Change	<input type="checkbox"/> New Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration	<input type="checkbox"/> Bond Release	Permit Number: ACT/007/004
Title of Proposal: Hardscrabble Canyon Reclamation As-Built						Mine: CASTLE GATE MINE
						Permittee: CASTLE GATE HOLDING CO

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement:

Provide as-built conditions following reclamation activities in Hardscrabble Canyon

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your reclamation specialist.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? _____ acres <input type="checkbox"/> increase <input type="checkbox"/> decrease.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO #
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV #
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

Attach 3 complete copies of the application.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein. (R645-301-123)

J. Pappas - JOHNNY PAPPAS - Sr. Env. Engineer - 3/21/00
 Signed - Name - Position - Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of May, 2000

Jackie D. Bogdin
 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires 3/15 2001
 Attest: STATE OF UT COUNTY OF CARBON



Notary Public
 JACKIE D. BOGDIN
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 March 15, 2001
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Application for Permit Change Detailed Schedule of Changes to the Permit

Title of Change: Hardscrabble Canyon Reclamation As-Built, Castle Gate Mine, Castle Gate Holding Company	Permit Number: ACT/007/004
	Mine: Castle Gate
	Permittee: Castel Gate Holding Co.

Provide a detailed listing of all changes to the mining and reclamation plan which will be required as a result of this proposed permit change. Individually list all maps and drawings which are to be added, replaced, or removed from the plan. Include changes of the table of contents, section of the plan, pages, or other information as needed to specifically locate, identify and revise the exiting mining and reclamation plan. **Include page, section and drawing numbers as part of the description.**

			DESCRIPTION OF MAP, TEXT, OR MATERIALS TO BE CHANGED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Exhibits (Maps) 3.3-19, 3.3-20A, 3.3-20B, 3.3-20C, 3.3-21A, 3.3-21B, 3.3-21C, 3.3-22, and 3.3-23
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Section 3.3, Table of Contents, Pages 1 through 6, 17, and 23 through 44
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Tables, 3.3-9, 3.3-10, 3.3-10B, 3.3-13, and 3.3-15
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	APPENDIX 3.3N HARDSCRABBLE CANYON RECLAMATION AS-BUILT HYDROLOGY CALCULATIONS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	APPENDIX 3.3O HARDSCRABBLE CANYON RECLAMATION AS-BUILT CHANNEL CERTIFICATIONS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	APPENDIX 3.3P HARDSCRABBLE CANYON RECLAMATION AS-BUILT MAIN CANYON MASS BALANCE VOLUMES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	APPENDIX 3.3Q HARDSCRABBLE CANYON RECLAMATION AS-BUILT FILTER BLANKET PLACEMENT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	APPENDIX 3.3R HARDSCRABBLE CANYON PHASE I BOND RELEASE NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT
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Any other specific or special instructions required for insertion of this proposal into the Mining and Reclamation Plan?

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