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Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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J. Pappas
11/07/02 *OK*

RE: Response to Deficiencies, Phase II Bond Release, Hardscrabble Canyon No. 3 and No. 4 Mines, Castle Gate Holding Company, Castle Gate Mine, ACT/007/004, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Castle Gate Holding Company is herewith submitting revised Exhibit 3.3-23, sediment yield calculations, and proof of publication as directed by Ms. Priscilla Burton and Mr. Wayne Western. The Permittee hopes that the deficiencies identified by the Division have been adequately addressed.

It took the Permittee longer than it had hoped to get the map issue resolved because the original computer files for the drawing could not be located, which complicated the issue greatly.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Pappas', written in a cursive style.

Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

File: Hardscrabble Canyon -Phase II Bond Release Application
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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change <input type="checkbox"/>	New Permit <input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	Transfer <input type="checkbox"/>	Exploration <input type="checkbox"/>	Bond Release <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Permit Number: C/007/004
Title of Proposal: Hardscrabble Canyon Reclamation Phase II Bond Release					Mine: Castle Gate Mine	
					Permittee: Castle Gate Holding Company	

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

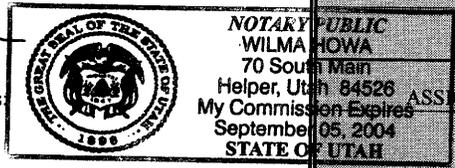
Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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)

Signed - Name - Position - Date John Pappas - Sr. Envt. Engineer - 11/13/02
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of Nov, 2002.
 Notary Public Wilma Howa
 My Commission Expires: Sept 05, 2004
 Attest: STATE OF Utah } ss.
 COUNTY OF Carbon }



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