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Mr. James W. Smith
Coordinator of Mine Land Development
Utah State Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
1588 W. North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter is to inform you that the Office of Surface Mining, Region V, is giving formal approval to the minor modification proposed for the existing Starpoint No. 2 mine approved under the 211 regulations. We understand that this modification involves the addition of three entries proceeding westward in addition to the mining taking place in a northward direction. These new entries are needed in order to maintain production, since the company expects to encounter a fault in the northerly direction very soon. We understand that no additional surface disturbance will result from this modification and that maximum recovery of the resource will be ensured.

The U. S. Forest Service has given verbal approval for the modification and a letter from them is forthcoming, and the USGS has also given written approval. OSM is approving Plateau Mining Company's request of October 2 by copy of this letter to them.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Dawes
Deputy Administrator
Technical Center West

cc: Plateau Mining Co.