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October 6, 1981

Mr. James W. Smith
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1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Smith:

We have received a copy of a letter addressed to you from Plateau Mining Company dated October 2, 1981. The company has requested approval to advance development mining beyond that previously approved by OSM with GS concurrence.

As noted in the letter we have carefully reviewed the mining proposal with Plateau officials and have determined that it conforms to the formal mining plan under review by your Division. The proposed entries would have no effect on surface resources and would be approved as a minor modification by GS if the mining and reclamation plan for the Star Point No. 2 plan were approved and permitted. I, therefore, concur with the proposal as presented and recommend that the requested limited additional mining be approved.

Sincerely yours,

J. Gordon Whitney
FOR Jackson W. Moffitt
District Mining Supervisor

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Re: Modification of Mine Plan Extension
Starpoint No. 2 Mine
ACT 007/006
Carbon County, Utah

DIVISION OF
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Dear Mr. Smith:

By letter dated July 10, 1981, the U.S. Geological Survey gave approval to Plateau Mining Company to mine north and south and thence westerly from the existing workings in the "Green Box" area of the Starpoint No. 2 Mine (Wattis Seam). Plateau commenced mining north September 14, 1981.

The machine being used in this section is the one which will continue north and thence easterly to the break out in Seeley Canyon. With this same machine, we would like to establish our next two (2) production sections (2N-2W and panel Q on the enclosed map) while advancing northward. This would involve driving four (4) entries to a depth of 300 feet (3 crosscuts) westward from the Main North entries on the south side of the projected fault (see map) and three (3) entries to a depth of 300 feet eastward from the Main North entries on the north side of the projected fault. Once this is done the machine would continue to advance northward. Both of these panels are situated such that maximum recovery of the resource is insured, and both are in accordance with our submitted MRP.

Starting these two panels while proceeding northward will enable us to bring them into production in the future with a minimum amount of lost time. An additional benefit which would be derived from being able to start panel 2N-2W is that it would enable us to keep up production while doing the rock and support work which will be necessary in order to proceed past the fault which we expect to encounter (see map). Based on current production rates we

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expect to encounter the fault in mid-October (15th to 20th). We anticipate commencing production in 2N-2W on November 1, 1981 and in panel Q on January 1, 1982.

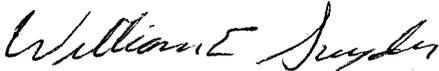
On September 21, 1981, Steve Rigby and I met with Jackson Moffitt, Boyd McKean, and Gordon Whitney of the U.S.G.S. to discuss this proposal and ask for their approval as a minor modification of the approved plan. Mr. Moffitt, Mr. McKean, and Mr. Whitney concurred with the proposal but felt that it constituted more than a minor modification and, hence, required approval from the Division. Plateau Mining Company is, therefore, now requesting the Division's approval of the proposal as outlined above.

Since the anticipated fault is so close at hand, your immediate response to this request would be greatly appreciated.

Seven copies of the map indicating this proposal are enclosed for your use in expediting this request.

Sincerely,

PLATEAU MINING COMPANY



William E. Snyder
General Superintendent

Enclosure

cc: Donald A. Crane, O.S.M. w/attachment
Reed Christensen, U.S.F.S. w/attachment
Jackson W. Moffitt, U.S.G.S.w/attachment
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