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Mr. Jim Smith
 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
 1588 West North Temple
 Salt Lake City, UTAH 84116

Dear Mr. Smith:

In order to bring our sediment ponds into compliance with the State Regulation UMC 817.46, it has become necessary to reinstall drainage structures of sediment ponds Nos. 1, 3, 4, and 6. Because pond drainage structures listed had been improperly installed previously, they must be removed and installed according to engineer's specifications to certify them as required in UMC 817.46. The following are areas addressed in this reconstruction project.

Clearing and Grubbing - Clearing and grubbing shall only be done on an eighty foot, temporary access road, necessary for a temporary embankment on pond #4. All other reconstruction sites will not necessitate clearing. Trees, shrubs, and other vegetation shall be removed from the site. Top soil shall be stockpiled and protected until it shall be reused to reclaim areas disturbed incidental to this project.

Demolition - All earth and metal removed shall be done with minimal disturbance to surrounding areas. Excess earth shall be removed to Plateau's barrow pit. Metal removed shall be hauled from the property and disposed of. All water to be removed, while reconstruction is underway, shall be pumped behind temporary embankments located just upstream from the work being done. Water shall remain until repair is complete, at which time it shall be released back into the pond.

Earthwork - In order to contain effluents from runoff while reinstallation of drainage structure is underway, temporary embankments shall be constructed. These embankments shall be of sufficient size to retain all water pumped from the original pond and be located upstream from the embankments to be repaired. Earth employed in construction of temporary facilities shall be excavated from local barrow pit. This temporary embankment and pond add no new disturbed areas. The effectiveness of the temporary pond during reconstruction will be less than the permanent pond but will be sufficient in normal precipitation.

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Access to the temporary embankments necessitates an 80 foot temporary road at pond number four [4] and a thirty foot one at number six [6]. Every effort to minimize any new disturbance will be expended. Earth removed from the temporary embankments plus top soil removed shall be used to reclaim the areas disturbed in developing the access roads.

Fill and Grading - All fill material shall be native to the area and properly compacted. All areas disturbed, as a result of work, shall be filled to original grades and covered with top soil. A twenty percent mixture of bentonite and earth shall be spread on the entire inside surface of the permanent embankment to a depth of twenty-four inches and from the bottom of the pond to its crest. Final configurations and grades will be the same as existing with exception of ponds 3 and 5 which will be enlarged to come up to design size.

Reclamation - At completion of each pond, all areas disturbed shall be reclaimed and reseeded during the first planting season to prevent erosion and restore any vegetation removed incidental to this project.

Scheduling - To insure containment of effluents each embankment shall be finished before going on to the next thus disturbing only one pond at a time where possible.

At the completion of this project all sediment ponds will be certified by an engineer in accordance with our permanent Mine Plan.

Bids for this reconstruction work will be requested by July 20th. A tentative schedule has been set to have all construction completed by September 10th. Any comments or suggestions from your office are welcome. You and your staff are invited to come to the site for a preview of the project. Since this work must be expedited to avoid winter weather, please reply with any recommendations or suggestions as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

PLATEAU MINING COMPANY



Ben Grimes
Engineer & Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure

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