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Dear Mr. Smith:

Plateau Mining Company appreciates the participation of the regulatory agencies in planning review meetings of the type held on March 15th.

We believe that this communication is an essential step to conducting project permitting as it assists Plateau in obtaining the guidance necessary to address the concerns of the agencies.

Development projects such as the Unit Train Loadout and the Corner Canyon fan are essential to the continued operation of Plateau and its position in the market place.

Getty Coal/Plateau Mining invests considerable in-house resources in planning and forecasting. Consultants are also utilized to provide independent viewpoints and detailed studies and designs. Getty Coal/Plateau selected Ford, Bacon and Davis, Utah Inc., as its consultant on the Corner Canyon Fan Project.

Their charge is to review the conceptual plans prepared by Plateau and develop detailed construction plans for the project.

Following our meeting on the 15th, we finalized the parameters upon which to submit an addendum to the Corner Canyon permit application. This supplement to the initial application will provide the construction details requested by the agencies and address those concerns expressed as a result of the previous submittal.

Attached is a topographic map with projected entries prepared by Plateau following the breakout of #1 Entry. Number 4 Entry fan return was stopped approximately sixty feet horizontally of completing the breakout.

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This allows cover to remain over the rock tunnel to prevent caving to the surface. The roof of the tunnel has been supported to the face with steel sets and supplemental timber support.

Plateau will now core drill the roof and floor ahead of #4 Entry to obtain geotechnical information and to obtain the site specific top soil depth.

We have also continued underground development next to these entries to stow excavated rock from surface construction.

At this time, Plateau requests agency permission to continue #4 Entry to the surface. The primary reason for this request is the timing and safety parameters. The near surface rock is severely fractured; the mining of this last fifty feet will be difficult and tedious. The presence of ground frost helps support the rock until steel sets can be put in place. The object is to get the steel in place with extra timber support to allow the weight of the rock to gradually set down on the steel.

Plateau's procedure will be the same as that observed in #1 Entry; all material will be taken into the mine. Plateau proposes to square up the portal face to appropriate safety standards. A berm, as in #1 Entry, will be retained around the opening. No surface activity will take place until the application is approved by the agencies.

Plateau anticipates submission of the addendum to the application during the first week of April, 1983.

Sincerely,

PLATEAU MINING COMPANY



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Attachment

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