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April 4, 1984

Mr. James Smith
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
4241 State Office Building
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

ATTN: David Lof

RE: SEDIMENT PONDS 1, 3 & 5

Dear Jim;

We would like to ask for a variance from part of UMC 817.46(r), for Ponds 1, 3 and 5; specifically, the requirement that the ponds be inspected during construction by a professional engineer. The other two requirements were met. Our request is based on the following:

1. The Division has accepted our request for exemption from design criteria of UMC 817.42(a)(3) and redesignated Pond No. 1 as a treatment facility; see DOGM letter dated August 16, 1983.

2. The Division has accepted our presentation and re-examination of the static safety factor for Pond No. 3 and determined that Stipulation No. 7 has been met; see DOGM letter dated August 16, 1983.

3. The Division has accepted our presentation and re-examination of the static safety factor for Pond No. 5 and determined that Stipulation No. 7 has been met; see DOGM letter dated August 16, 1983.

4. In the "Review Of As-Built Runoff And Sedimentation Control Plan, Star Point Mines, Plateau Mining Company", prepared by Vaughn Hansen Associates, Inc. in December 1983, submitted to the Division January 13, 1984, the sediment ponds have been certified as having been constructed in accordance with the original design configuration; refer to Page 8 and 9.

We believe the ponds are functional and trust that this request will put to rest this issue.

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We also hope that the Division will soon approve our request of July 1983 to modify the outlet pipes in Ponds 4, 5 and 6. We are anxious to make the modifications before another season passes.

If you have any questions, please call.

Respectfully,

PLATEAU MINING COMPANY

Ben Grimes
Environmental Coordinator

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