



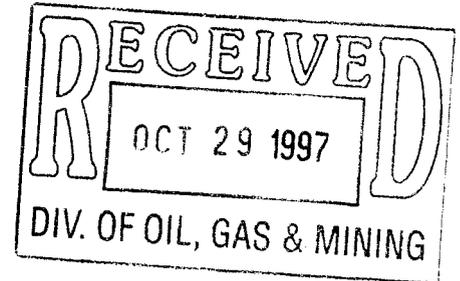
**CYPRUS PLATEAU
MINING CORPORATION**

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Re: Deficiencies in Renewal Response (Round 2), Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine, ACT/007/006-96C, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Haddock:

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Regarding the aforementioned, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation needs an extension to the Division's October 31, 1997, deadline. The extension is necessary in order to properly address the vegetation and bonding deficiencies.

In order to address the vegetation deficiencies, CPMC has gone out for bids with various consultants and are awaiting their cost estimates and the subsequent awarding of the job. Upon awarding the job, CPMC's representative will meet with Ms. Susan White of the Division and commence with addressing the deficiencies in a time frame acceptable to Ms. White.

With respect to the bonding issues, Mr. Chris Hansen (Earth Fax Engineering) met with Mr. Wayne Western of the Division to discuss the Division's bond cost discrepancies. As a result of this meeting, both Mr. Hansen and Mr. Western were going to go back and review their costs based on information brought up during their meeting and provide additional justification or information for their next meeting. Mr. Hansen was asked to, more or less, prove why the Division's calculations are in error and why the Division should accept CPMC's costs over theirs. Mr. Western was asked to please review his costs and to generate a cost based of the efficient use of equipment and personnel. To date Mr. Western has not contacted Mr. Hansen about scheduling another bond meeting to discuss their findings, therefore it is very doubtful that the discrepancies can be resolved by October 31, 1997.

Based on the above, CPMC is requesting an extension until November 14, 1997, to address everything except for the vegetation and other deficiencies identified by Ms. Susan White. Her deficiencies will be addressed as soon as possible and within her time frame.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer