

**PLATEAU  
MINING  
CORPORATION**

Willow Creek Mine  
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Helper, Utah 84526  
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October 7, 1999

Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig  
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
1594 West North Temple, STE 1210  
P.O. Box 145801  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

original permits in  
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ACT/007/006 #2

Copy ACT/007/038 #2  
Darin, Pam

**RE: Updated Permit for Star Point Mines and Willow Creek Mine, Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mines, ACT/007/006, Willow Creek Mine, ACT/007/038, Folder #2 Carbon County, Utah**

Dear Ms. Littig:

Enclosed are signed originals of the aforementioned. However, it just appeared to me while I was typing this letter that on page 1 of the updated Star Point Mines Permit, it states that a surety bond is filed with the Division in the amount of \$5,180,000.00. It should state that a surety bond is filed with the Division in the amount of \$10,581,000.00. Also, noticed that the telephone number on page 1 of the Willow Creek Mine Permit is incorrect.

Is it possible to only replace page 1 or does the Division need to resubmit the entire Permit for resigning? What ever way the Division sees appropriate to handle this oversight, PMC will either replace page 1 with the amended page or have an authorized representative of the permittee resign the revised Permit.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

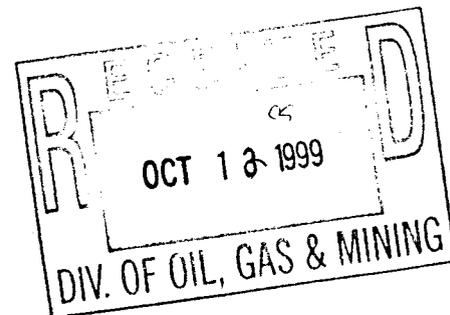
Sincerely,



Johnny Pappas  
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

File: Star Point Mines and Willow Creek Mine Permits  
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PERMIT  
ACT/007/006

July 1, 1999

STATE OF UTAH  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING  
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

This permit, ACT/007/006, is issued for the State of Utah by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) to:

Plateau Mining Corporation  
847 Northwest Highway 191  
Helper, Utah 84526  
(435) 472-0475

for the Star Point Mines. A Surety Bond is filed with the Division in the amount of \$10,581,000, payable to the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM). The Division must receive a copy of this permit signed and dated by the permittee.

**Sec. 1 STATUTES AND REGULATIONS** - This permit is issued pursuant to the Utah Coal Mining and Reclamation Act of 1979, Utah Code Annotated (UCA) 40-10-1 et seq, hereafter referred to as the Act.

**Sec. 2 PERMIT AREA** - The permittee is authorized to conduct underground coal mining activities on the following described lands within the permit area at the Star Point Mines situated in the state of Utah, Carbon County, and located in:

Township 14 South, Range 7 East, SLB & M

Section 34: Lots 3, 4, N1/2 SE1/4

Township 15 South, Range 7 East, SLB & M

Section 1: S1/2;

Section 2: Lots 2 through 7, 10 through 12, SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4

Section 3: Lots 1,2, 7 through 10, E1/2SE1/4, E1/2W1/2SE1/4

Section 10: E1/2E1/2, E1/2NW1/4NE1/4;

Section 11: All;

Section 12: All;

Section 13: N1/2

Section 14: All;

Section 15: E1/2E1/2NE1/4, E1/2E1/2SE1/4

Section 22: E1/2E1/2NE1/4NE1/4, Parts of  
E1/2SE1/4NE1/4, Parts of E1/2NE1/4SE1/4, Parts of  
E1/2SE1/4NE1/4;  
Section 23: All;  
Section 25: W1/2NW1/4;  
Section 26: N1/2;  
Section 27: Parts of E1/2E1/21/2NE1/4NE1/4.

Township 15 South, Range 8 East

Section 5: Lots 4, 5, 12, NW1/4 SW1/4;  
Section 6: Lots 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, E1/2 SW1/4, SE1/4;  
Section 7: All;  
Section 8: W1/2 NW1/4, SW1/4, SE1/4 SE1/4, S1/2  
SE1/4;  
Section 9: SW1/4 SW1/4, E1/2 SW1/4, SE1/4;  
Section 10: SW1/4, W1/2 SE1/4, SE1/4 SE1/4;  
Section 15: N1/2 N1/2;  
Section 16: All;  
Section 17: E1/2, NW1/4, NW1/4 SW1/4 North of the  
Right Fork North Fork Miller Creek;  
Section 18: N1/2, N1/2 SE1/4, NE1/4 SW1/4, N1/4 NW1/4  
SW1/4;  
Section 20: NE1/4;  
Section 21: E1/2 NW1/4.

This legal description is for the permit area of the Star Point Mines. The permittee is authorized to conduct underground coal mining activities and related surface activities on the foregoing described property subject to the conditions of all applicable conditions, laws and regulations.

- Sec. 3** **COMPLIANCE** - The permittee will comply with the terms and conditions of the permit, all applicable performance standards and requirements of the State Program.
- Sec. 4** **PERMIT TERM** - This permit became effective on July 1, 1999 and expires on January 29, 2002.
- Sec. 5** **ASSIGNMENT OF PERMIT RIGHTS** - The permit rights may not be transferred, assigned or sold without the prior written approval of the Division Director. Transfer, assignment or sale of permit rights must be

done in accordance with applicable regulations, including but not limited to 30 CFR 740.13{e} and R645-303-300.

- Sec. 6**      **RIGHT OF ENTRY** - The permittee shall allow the authorized representative of the Division, including but not limited to inspectors, and representatives of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), without advance notice or a search warrant, upon presentation of appropriate credentials and without delay to:
- (a)      have the rights of entry provided for in 30 CFR 840.12, R645-400-220, 30 CFR 842.13 and R645-400-110;
  - (b)      be accompanied by private persons for the purpose of conducting an inspection in accordance with R645-400-100 and R645-400-200 when the inspection is in response to an alleged violation reported to the Division by a private person.
- Sec. 7**      **SCOPE OF OPERATIONS** - The permittee shall conduct underground coal mining activities only on those lands specifically designated as within the permit area on the maps submitted in the approved plan and approved for the term of the permit and which are subject to the performance bond.
- Sec. 8**      **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS** - The permittee shall take all possible steps to minimize any adverse impact to the environment or public health and safety resulting from noncompliance with any term or condition of the permit, including, but not limited to:
- (a)      Any accelerated or additional monitoring necessary to determine the nature of noncompliance and the results of the noncompliance;
  - (b)      Immediate implementation of measures necessary to comply; and
  - (c)      Warning, as soon as possible after learning of such noncompliance, any person whose health and safety is in imminent danger due to the noncompliance.
- Sec. 9**      **DISPOSAL OF POLLUTANTS** - The permittee shall dispose of solids, sludge, filter backwash or pollutants in the course of treatment or control of waters or emissions to the air in the manner required by the approved Utah State Program and the Federal Lands Program which prevents violation of any applicable state or federal law.

- Sec. 10 CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS** - The permittee shall conduct its operations:
- (a) In accordance with the terms of the permit to prevent significant, imminent environmental harm to the health and safety of the public; and
  - (b) Utilizing methods specified as conditions of the permit by the Division in approving alternative methods of compliance with the performance standards of the Act, the approved Utah State Program and the Federal Lands Program.
- Sec. 11 EXISTING STRUCTURES** - As applicable, the permittee will comply with R645-301 and R645-302 for compliance, modification, or abandonment of existing structures.
- Sec. 12 RECLAMATION FEE PAYMENTS** - The operator shall pay all reclamation fees required by 30 CFR Part 870 for coal produced under the permit, for sale, transfer or use.
- Sec. 13 AUTHORIZED AGENT** - The permittee shall provide the names, addresses and telephone numbers of persons responsible for operations under the permit to whom notices and orders are to be delivered.
- Sec. 14 COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS** - The permittee shall comply with the provisions of the Water Pollution Control Act (33 USC 1151 et seq.), and the Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401 et seq.), UCA 26-11-1 et seq., and UCA 26-13-1 et seq.
- Sec. 15 PERMIT RENEWAL** - Upon expiration, this permit may be renewed for areas within the boundaries of the existing permit in accordance with the Act, the approved Utah State Program and the Federal Lands Program.
- Sec. 16 CULTURAL RESOURCES** - If, during the course of mining operations, previously unidentified cultural resources are discovered, the permittee shall ensure that the site(s) is not disturbed and shall notify the Division. The Division, after coordination with OSM, shall inform the permittee of necessary actions required. The permittee shall implement the mitigation measures required by Division within the time frame specified by Division.
- Sec. 17 APPEALS** - The permittee shall have the right to appeal as provided for under R645-300-200.

**Sec. 18 SPECIAL CONDITIONS** - There are special conditions associated with this permitting action, as described in Attachment A.

The above conditions (Secs. 1-18) are also imposed upon the permittee's agents and employees. The failure or refusal of any of these persons to comply with these conditions shall be deemed a failure of the permittee to comply with the terms of this permit and the lease. The permittee shall require his agents, contractors and subcontractors involved in activities concerning this permit to include these conditions in the contracts between and among them. These conditions may be revised or amended, in writing, by the mutual consent of the Division and the permittee at any time to adjust to changed conditions or to correct an oversight. The Division may amend these conditions at any time without the consent of the permittee in order to make them consistent with any federal or state statutes and any regulations.

**THE STATE OF UTAH**

By: *Walter D. Smith*

Date: *September 22, 1999*

I certify that I have read, understand and accept the requirements of this permit and any special conditions attached.

**PERMITTEE**

*Lucas J. Wood*  
Authorized Representative of  
the Permittee

*September 30, 1999*  
Date

## ATTACHMENT A

### Special Conditions

- #1 The permittee must drill horizontally ahead of the advance of the mains in a westerly direction toward the fault zone. If water is encountered during drilling in excess of the amounts anticipated in the PHC and CHIA, Plateau Mining Corporation must cease driving entries to the west and contact the responsible officials of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, the Bureau Land Management, and the Forest Service. Further advance of the entries to the west will not be authorized unless the operator can demonstrate that significant impacts to the ground water will not occur.