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Ms. Susan White
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, STE. 1210
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RE: Authorization to Receive and Submit Permit Related Information and Data, Vicky Miller, Plateau Mining Corporation, Castle Gate Holding Company, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Ms. White:

As the Sr. Environmental Engineer, I am duly authorized to sign the name of the Corporation to and in respect of all applications to federal, state and local authorities for the issuance of permits with respect to the mining of coal by the surface and underground methods in the State of Utah and, in addition, all letters, affidavits, certificates and other documents related to any such application or the issuance thereof.

Since Ms. Vicky Miller reports directly to me and as part of her approved job description, she is authorized to prepare, submit and receive applications, information and data applicable to coal mining permits held by Plateau Mining Corporation and Castle Gate Holding Company.

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

Sincerely,

Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

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