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August 30, 2001

Mr. Daron R. Haddock
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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New Amendment
[Redacted]
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AM01D

Re: Unit Train Loadout Seed Mix Amendment and Silo Blast Plan, Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine, C/007/006, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is submitting clean copies of the revised Table 341.220a, Revegetation Seed Mix, for the unit train loadout and areas near the conveyor and other structures associated with it and located on the Mancos Shale slopes. Furthermore, the reference in the text regarding the use of fertilizer and investigating the available methods to enhance soils derived from Mancos Shale located on page 200-27 has been removed.

The revised seed mix was developed using Ms. Susan White's expertise and has been reviewed by her for adequacy. The above mentioned revisions have been reviewed by the Division and found to be adequate, therefore, clean copies are being submitted for inclusion into the approved Plan.

Regarding the silo blast plan submitted to the Division on August 13, page 500-13 has been revised in order to create a new Exhibit 524 to facilitate the incorporation of this blast plan and any future blasting plan or design into the mining and reclamation plan. The Star Point Mine Plan addresses blasting and explosives, but did not have a place in the plan for inclusion of such. It has a Table 524.200a, Blasting Record, and states that a blasting record similar to that in Table 524.200a will be completed and submitted to the Division for approval prior to initiating any blast.

If PMC appeared somewhat confused when the Division requested the silo blasting plan be incorporated into the mining and reclamation plan, hopefully now the Division can understand why PMC was hesitant to do so, and not view PMC's reluctance as those of indifference to regulation.

If the Division has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 472-4741.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

File: Star Point Mine - Silo Demolition
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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit Change X | <input type="checkbox"/> New Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal | <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer | <input type="checkbox"/> Exploration | <input type="checkbox"/> Bond Release | Permit Number: C/007/006 |
| Title of Proposal: Clean Copy Submittal of Changes Associated with the Reclamation of the Silo and Adjacent Area. | | | | | | Mine: Star Point |
| | | | | | | Permittee: Plateau Mining Corporation |

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement:

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), this may be a Significant Revision and require Public Notice. Any questions, please call a Permit Supervisor.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? _____ acres <input type="checkbox"/> increase <input type="checkbox"/> decrease. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO # _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities? |

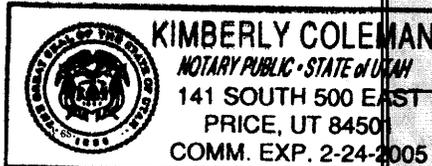
Attach are 6 complete copies of the application for the Salt Lake Office.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein.

Johnny Pappas - JOHNNY PAPPAS - Sr. Env. Engineer - 8/31/01
Signed - Name - Position - Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of August, 2001.

Kimberly Coleman
Notary Public
STATE OF Utah
COUNTY OF Carbon
My Commission Expires February 24, 2005
Attest:



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Application for Permit Change

Detailed Schedule of Changes to the Permit

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| Title of Change: Clean Copy Submittal of Changes Associated with the Reclamation of the Silo and Adjacent Area | Permit Number: ACT/007/006 Mine: Star Point Permittee: Plateau Mining Corp. |
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Provide a detailed listing of all changes to the mining and reclamation plan which will be required as a result of this proposed permit change. Individually list all maps and drawings which are to be added, replaced, or removed from the plan. Include changes of the table of contents, section of the plan, pages, or other information as needed to specifically locate, identify and revise the exiting mining and reclamation plan. **Include page, section and drawing numbers as part of the description.**

| | | | DESCRIPTION OF MAP, TEXT, OR MATERIALS TO BE CHANGED |
|---|---|---------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE | <input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE | Chapter 2, R645-301-200 - Page 200-27 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE | <input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE | Chapter 3, R645-301-300 - Page 300-58, Table 341.220a |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE | <input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE | Chapter 5, R645-301-500 - Table of Content, List of Exhibits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE | <input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE | Chapter 5, R645-301-500 - Page 500-13 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADD | <input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE | <input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE | Exhibit 524 - Blast Design - Submitted to Division on August 13, 2001(see note below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADD | <input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE | <input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE | |
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Any other specific or special instructions required for insertion of this proposal into the Mining and Reclamation Plan?

The cover for the exhibit is included with this submittal, however the Division will need to make additional copies (as needed) of the Blast Plan they received on August 13, 2001. A copy of the blast plan needs to go behind the Exhibit 524 cover and then be incorporated into the permit.

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