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In Reply Refer To:
3452
UTSL-031286
U-13097
U-37045
UTU-64263
(UT-924)

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*Incoming
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Mr. Lowell Braxton, Director
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
P.O. Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Dear Mr. Braxton:

On November 16, 2001, Plateau Mining Corporation filed, in this office, requests for full relinquishments of Federal coal leases UTSL-031286, U-13097, U-37045, and UTU-64263. Enclosed are copies of the relinquishment documents.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 3452.1-3, a relinquishment can be accepted if it is determined that the relinquishment will not impair the public interest and that all obligations of the lessee under the regulations and the terms of the lease have been met. Please advise whether you have any input or information, regarding these relinquishments, that should be considered by BLM in making these determinations. If a response is not received by January 1, 2002, we will conclude that you have no objections to the relinquishments. The leases consist of the following land descriptions:

UTSL-031286:

T. 15 S., R. 7 E., SLM, UT
Sec. 1, S2;
Sec. 2, SESE;
Sec. 11, E2NE, NESE;
Sec. 12, All;
Sec. 13, N2.

T. 15 S., R. 8 E., SLM, UT
Sec. 7, lots 1-4, E2W2;
Sec. 8, SWNW.

Containing 1,791.12 acres Carbon and Emery Counties

U-13097

T. 15 S., R. 7 E., SLM, UT
Sec. 11, SESE;
Sec. 14, S2, NENE, S2NE;
Sec. 23, All;
Sec. 25, W2NW;
Sec. 26, N2.

Containing 1,520.00 acres Carbon and Emery Counties

U-37045

T. 15 S., R. 8 E., SLM, UT
Sec. 5, lots 4,5,12, NWSW;
Sec. 6, lots 2,3,6,7,9-11,14, E2SW, SE;
Sec. 7, NENE;
Sec. 8, NWNW.

Containing 697.26 acres Carbon County

UTU-64263

T. 14 S., R. 7 E., SLM, UT
Sec. 34, lots 3,4, N2SE.

T. 15 S., R. 7 E., SLM, UT
Sec. 2, lots 2-7, 10-12, SW, W2SE;
Sec. 3, lots 1,2, 7-10, E2W2SE, E2SE;
Sec. 10, E2NWNNE, E2E2;
Sec. 11, W2, W2E2;
Sec. 14, NWNNE, NW;
Sec. 15, E2E2NE, E2E2SE;
Sec. 22, E2E2NENE, E2SENE, E2NESE, E2E2SESE;
Sec. 27, E2E2NENE.

Containing 2,097.46 acres Carbon and Emery Counties



Roger Zortman
Deputy State Director
Lands and Minerals

Enclosures

1. Relinquishments (4 ea.)



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LMS REF. #PLA-001-0088-0000
Relinquishment of U.S. Coal Mining Lease No. ^{sl}031286
and Request for Bond Reduction
Star Point Mine
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Merritt:

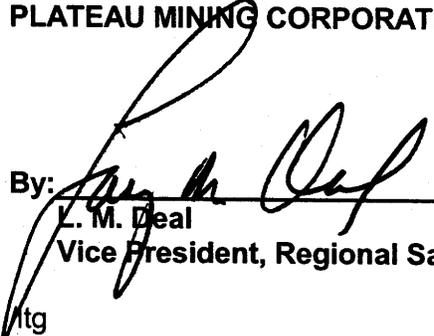
In accordance with Section 9(b) of that certain Readjusted Coal Mining Lease No. ^{sl}031286 dated effective September 4, 1993 between the United States of America, Lessor, and Plateau Mining Corporation, successor in interest to Cyprus Western Coal Company, Lessee, Plateau Mining Corporation hereby requests full relinquishment of Readjusted Coal Mining Lease No. ^{sl}031286.

In addition, Plateau Mining Corporation hereby requests Bureau of Land Management authorization to reduce Coal Lease Bond Nos. 210067-040, KA2990-040 and 103198931-040 from 1/3 of \$6,000 each to 1/3 of \$5,000 each.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Cory Bromley, Esq., at (303) 749-8438 or Lee Gaskins at (303) 749-8410. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely yours,

PLATEAU MINING CORPORATION

By: 
L. M. Deal
Vice President, Regional Sales (West)

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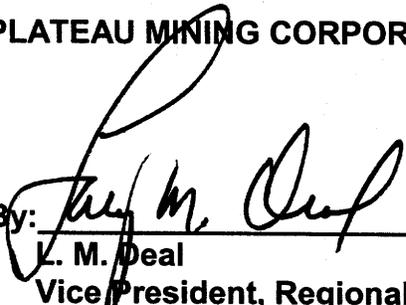
Dear Mr. Merritt:

In accordance with Section 9(b) of that certain Readjusted Coal Mining Lease No. U-13097 dated effective May 1, 1994 between the United States of America, Lessor, and Plateau Mining Corporation, successor in interest to Cyprus Western Coal Company, Lessee, Plateau Mining Corporation hereby requests full relinquishment of Readjusted Coal Mining Lease No. U-13097.

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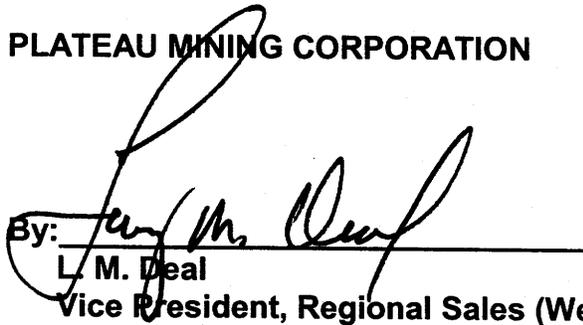
Dear Mr. Merritt:

In accordance with Section 9(b) of that certain Readjusted Coal Mining Lease No. U-37045 dated effective April 1, 2000 between the United States of America, Lessor, and Plateau Mining Corporation, Lessee, Plateau Mining Corporation hereby requests full relinquishment of Readjusted Coal Mining Lease No. U-37045.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Cory Bromley, Esq., at (303) 749-8438 or Lee Gaskins at (303) 749-8410. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

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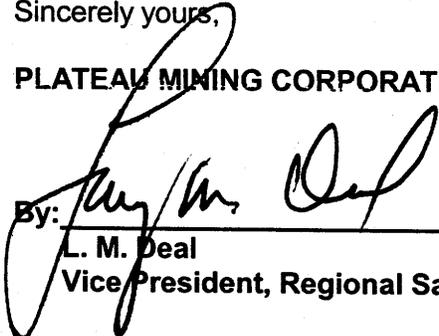
In accordance with Section 9(b) of that certain Coal Mining Lease No. UTU-64263 dated effective April 1, 1990, as modified March 29, 1993, between the United States of America, Lessor, and Plateau Mining Corporation, successor in interest to Cyprus Western Coal Company, Lessee, Plateau Mining Corporation hereby requests full relinquishment of Readjusted Coal Mining Lease No. UTU-64263.

In addition, Plateau Mining Corporation hereby requests Bureau of Land Management authorization to reduce Coal Lease Bond Nos. 210067-086, KA2990-086 and 103198931-086 from 1/3 of \$7,000 each to 1/3 of \$5,000 each.

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