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**DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS AND MINING**

Re: Request for Extension, Post Mining Land Use Change, Phillips Petroleum Gas Wells and Utility Corridor, Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine, C/007/006-02C, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is requesting an extension to the July 16 date set by the Division for responding to the deficiencies in its application. In order to adequately address a few of the deficiencies, PMC needs to resolve certain oil and gas lease and land issues with Phillips Petroleum.

All the other deficiencies identified by the Division are relatively simple to address, and for the most part have been corrected internally at PMC. However, PMC is reluctant to submit the corrected deficiencies at this time, because Phillips Petroleum is trying to carve out the surface access to PMC property from the current draft lease agreement and generate a separate surface access agreement.

Should this be agreed upon, then PMC would need to make further changes to already submitted and reviewed pages, tables, exhibits, and etc. to accommodate the additional document. PMC does not believe it is in its or the Division's best interest to submit revisions to this amendment application at this time until the appropriate documents are finalized between PMC and Phillips.

PMC would like an extension until August 16. Hopefully the details for leasing of the oil and gas, and access to PMC property can be reached, so that permitting of the post mining land use change can move forward. If the Division has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 472-4741.

Sincerely,



Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer