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Mr. Daron R. Haddock  
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

**Re: Lion Deck Reclamation Plan Enhancement, Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine, C/007/006, Carbon County, Utah**

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is submitting a permit change to enhance the reclamation plan for the Lion Deck area and the area from Pond 001 down to Pond 002. The Division sent a letter dated July 14, 2000, asking PMC to improve its reclamation plan for the Lion Deck area. PMC believes that it has addressed the Division's request with this submittal, but also went a few steps further to improve the reclamation plan around the Pond 001 area and the corridor leading down to Pond 002.

The attached permit change uses new surface topography generated from the 2001 flyover; whereby, the disturbed areas are provided at a contour accuracy of 2 feet. This level of accuracy allowed PMC to better quantify the earthmoving volumes necessary for its backfilling and grading activities associated with the above mentioned areas.

The Division will notice on Table 542.200a, that the cut and fill quantities for the Lion Deck and Pond 001 areas have changed as a result of the tighter contour accuracy and overall enhancement to the reclamation plan. Maps are also provided to the Division at a scale of 1"-40' along with cross-sections clearly showing the proposed final contours and location of the county road.

Furthermore, the reclamation enhancement has replaced the previously approved road culverts with swale crossings and reestablished the main drainages along the access road to Pond 001 where one culvert is removed and the other relocated next to the county road.

Plateau Mining Corporation takes pride in its reclamation work and Division can rest assured that it will reclaim these areas using prudent engineering practices. PMC would also like to have the Division involved during its reclamation construction activities.

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The Division requested that any proposed changes to the backfilling and grading plan or drainage design be submitted at least 60 days prior to commencement of any on site earthwork. PMC plans on distributing bid packages to prospective contractors on March 8, and awarding the contract by the end of April. Reclamation construction activities are expected to commence in May.

PMC would greatly appreciate the Division's timely review of this permit change. If the Division has any questions or needs additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 472-4741.

Sincerely,



Johnny Pappas  
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

File: Star Point Mine - Lion Deck Reclamation Improvement  
Chrono: JP020203.ltr

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit Change	<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: Lion Deck Reclamation Plan Improvement, Response to Letter dated July 14, 2000.						Mine: STAR POINT MINES
						Permittee: PLATEAU MINING CORP.

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

**Instructions:** If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your reclamation specialist.

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input 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 3 complete copies of the application.

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. (R645-301-123)

Johnny Pappal - Sr. Env. Engineer - 2/12/02  
 Signed Name - Position - Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 2002.

Wilma Howa  
 Notary Public

My Commission Expires: Sept 05, 2004  
 Attest: STATE OF Utah  
 COUNTY OF Carbon



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