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April 2, 2003

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*Incoming
C/007/006*

RE: Clean Copies, Phase III Bond Release at Oil and Gas Wells at Star Point Mine, Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine, C/007/006-BR03A, Carbon County

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Enclosed are seven copies of the affidavit of publication and notarized statement along with the appropriate C1 and C2 forms.

Plateau Mining Corporation looks forward to the onsite inspection and the eventual permit area reduction being handled in amendment AM02D that is conditional upon approval of amendment BR03A.

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

Sincerely,



Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

File: Star Point Mine - Phase III Bond Release
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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

APPLICATION FOR COAL PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change New Permit Renewal Exploration Bond Release Transfer

Permittee: Plateau Mining Corporation

Mine: Star Point Mine

Permit Number: C/007/006

Title: Phase III Bond Release on 5.46 acres of disturbed lands associated with approved Post Mining Land Use Change

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

Clean copies. To facilitate disturbed and permit area reduction on approved and achieved post mining land use.

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first eight (gray) questions, this application may require Public Notice publication.

- Yes No 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? Acres: 11.77 Disturbed Area: 5.46 increase decrease.
- Yes No 2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO# _____
- Yes No 3. Does the application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
- Yes No 4. Does the application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
- Yes No 5. Does the application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
- Yes No 6. Does the application require or include public notice publication?
- Yes No 7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
- Yes No 8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
- Yes No 9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____
- Yes No 10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies?

Explain: _____

- Yes No 11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
- Yes No 12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2)
- Yes No 13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
- Yes No 14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
- Yes No 15. Does the application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
- Yes No 16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
- Yes No 17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
- Yes No 18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
- Yes No 19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps or calculation?
- Yes No 20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
- Yes No 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided?
- Yes No 22. Does the application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
- Yes No 23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

Please attach four (4) review copies of the application. If the mine is on or adjacent to Forest Service land please submit five (5) copies, thank you. (These numbers include a copy for the Price Field 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.

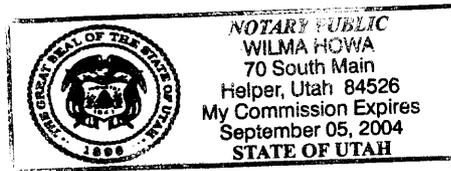
Johnny Pappas
Print Name

[Signature] - Sr. Env. Engineer - 4/2/03
Sign Name, Position, Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of April, 2003

Wilma Howa
Notary Public

My commission Expires: Sept 05, 2004
Attest: State of Utah } ss:
County of Carbon



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**Plateau Mining Corporation
Star Point Mine
C/007/006**

**Phase III Bond Release on 5.46 acres of disturbed lands associated with approved Post
Mining Land Use Change.**

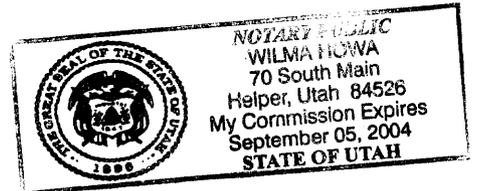
I hereby certify to the best of my information and belief that all applicable reclamation activities have been accomplished in accordance with the requirements of the Act, the regulatory program, and the approved reclamation plan.

Johnny Pappas
Print Name

[Signature] - Sr. Env. Engineer - 4/2/03
Sign Name, Position, Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of April, 2003

Wilma Howa
Notary Public



My Commission Expires: Sept 05, 2004

Attest: State of Utah } ss:
County of Carbon

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF UTAH)

SS.

County of Carbon,)

I, Ken Larson, on oath, say that I am the Publisher of the Sun Advocate, a twice-weekly newspaper of general circulation, published at Price, State a true copy of which is hereto attached, was published in the full issue of such newspaper for 4 (Four) consecutive issues, and that the first publication was on the 4th day of February, 2003, and that the last publication of such notice was in the issue of such newspaper dated the 27th day of February, 2003.

Ken G. Larson

Ken G Larson - Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of February, 2003.

Linda Thayne

Notary Public My commission expires January 10, 2007 Residing at Price, Utah

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**APPLICATION FOR PHASE III BOND RELEASE
STAR POINT MINE
PLATEAU MINING CORPORATION
PERMIT C/007/006, APPROVED 01/28/92**

Notice is hereby given that Plateau Mining Corporation, P.O. Box 30, 847 Northwest Highway 191, Helper, Utah 84526, a subsidiary of RAG American Coal Company, 999 Corporate Blvd., Linthicum Heights, MD 21090, has filed an application with the Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining pursuant to R645-301-880 for Phase III bond release to Permit C/007/006. The Phase III bond release applies to 5.46 acres of disturbed lands on the approved and achieved land use change for oil and gas development on fee surface within the Drunkards Wash Unit under the provisions of the Utah Coal Mining and Reclamation Act pursuant to R645-301-413.300 of the Utah Coal Program Regulations. The portion of the permit area that is affected is located in Carbon County, Utah and follows:

Township 15 South, Range 8 East, SLB&M

Section 10: N1/2NE1/4SE1/4SE1/4, N1/2NE1/4SW1/4SE1/4, E1/2N1/2, NW1/4SW1/4SE1/4, W1/2N1/2NE1/4SE1/4SW1/4, N1/2NW1/4SE1/4SW1/4, N1/2SW1/4SW1/4, a tract or parcel of land lying north of County Road 290 comprising 5.46 acres more or less.



The permit are is shown on the Wattis U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute map.

The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining will now evaluate the proposal to determine whether it meets all the criteria of the Permanent Program Performance Standards according to the requirements of the Utah Coal Mining Rules.

Written comments, objections and requests for information conferences on this proposal may be addressed to:

Utah Coal Program
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
P.O. Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Closing date for submission of such comments, objections and requests for public hearing or information conference on the proposal must be submitted by March 27, 2003.

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