

Plateau Mining Corporation

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July 30, 2004

Mr. Lowell Braxton, Director
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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RE: Notification of Parent Ownership Name Change

Dear Mr. Braxton:

On behalf of Plateau Mining Corporation, I am notifying you of an ownership name change affecting the parent company for the following permits: Star Point Mine - C/007/006; Willow Creek Mine - C/007/038.

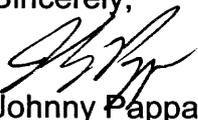
This is necessitated due to the acquisition by Foundation Coal Corporation of the stock of all the subsidiaries of RAG American Coal Holding, Inc. effective July 30, 2004. The above permits were not transferred. Rather, the ownership structure above the permittee, Plateau Mining Corporation, has changed. RAG American Coal Holding, Inc. has changed its name to Foundation Coal Holding, Inc. Please see the attached organization chart showing the corporate ownership of the permittee up to and including Foundation Coal Corporation.

Plateau Mining Corporation will not change its name as a result of this acquisition.

Changes to officers and directors of Plateau Mining Corporation, if any, will be submitted within 30 days. Listings of or changes to officers and directors of the parent companies also will be submitted. Bonds and insurance certificates will be submitted, if necessary.

If the Division has any questions or needs additional information concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 472-4741.

Sincerely,


Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosure

cc: Sharon Fetherhuff, Englewood

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Summary of Organization Plateau Mining Corporation

