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PLATEAU MINING CORPORATION

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March 12, 2010

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

Re: 2009 Annual Report, Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine – C/007/0006

Dear Mr. Haddock

Plateau Mining Corporation is herewith submitting one copy of the Star Point Mine 2009 Annual Report for the Salt Lake City Office. One copy for the Price Field Office has been hand delivered to Mr. Steve Demczak.

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

Sincerely,



Dennis N. Ware  
Controller and Administrative Manager  
(435) 650:2951  
dware@alphanr.com

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**DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING**

**STAR POINT MNE**

**C/007/0006**

**2009 ANNUAL REPORT**

This Annual Report shows information the Division has for your mine. Please review the information to see if it is current. If the information needs to be updated please do so in this document. At the end of each section the operator is asked to verify if the information is correct. Please answer these questions and make all comments on this document. Submit the completed document and any additional information identified in the Appendices to the Division by April 30, 2010. During a complete inspection an inspector will check and verify the information. To enter text, click in the cell and type your response. You can use the tab key to move from one field to the next. To enter an X in a box, click next to the box, right click, and select properties, then the checked circle, then hit enter, or hit the unchecked circle if the X is to be removed.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Permittee Name	Plateau Mining Corporation
Mine Name	Star Point Mine
Operator Name (If other than permittee)	
Permit Expiration Date	January 28, 2012
Permit Number	C/007/0006
Authorized Representative Title	Dennis N. Ware, Controller
Phone Number	(435) 650-2951 OR (435) 472:0475
Fax Number	
E-mail Address	dware@alphanr.com
Mailing Address	P.O.Box 30, Helper, UT 84526-0030
Designated Representative	Dennis N. Ware
Resident Agent	C.T.Corporation
Resident Agent Mailing Address	50 West Broadway, Salt Lake City, UT 84101
Number of Binders Submitted	

**IDENTIFICATION OF OTHER PERMITS**

Identify other permits that are required in conjunction with mining and reclamation activities.

Permit Type	ID Number	Description	Expiration Date
MSHA Mine ID(s)	42-00107	Legal Identity	
MSHA Impoundment(s)			
NPDES/UPDES Permit(s)	UT0023736	UPDES	Inactive 11/18/04
PSD Permit(s) (Air)	DAQE-886-96	Approval Order	
<b>Other</b>			

Operator, please update any incorrect information.

**CERTIFIED REPORTS**

List the certified inspection reports as required by the rules and under the approved plan that must be periodically submitted to the Division. Specify whether the information is included as Appendix A to this report or currently on file with the Division.

Certified Reports:	Required		Included Included	or	DOGM file location Vol, Chapter, Page
	Yes	No			
Excess Spoil Piles	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Refuse Piles	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Impoundments	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Other</b>					
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**Operator Comments:**

**Inspector:**

Has the operator complied with this section? Yes  No

**Inspector Comments:**

**COMMITMENTS AND CONDITIONS**

The Permittee is responsible for ensuring annual technical commitments in the MRP and conditions accepted with the permit are completed throughout the year. The Division has identified these commitments below and has provided space for you to report what you have done during the past year for each commitment. If the particular section is blank, no commitment has been identified and no response is required for this report. If additional written response is required, it should be filed under Appendix B to this report.

Admin R645-301-100
Soils R645-301-200
Biology R645-301-300
Landuse, Cultural Resources, Air Quality R645-301- 400
Engineering R645-301-500
Geology R645-301-600

Hydrology R645-301-700

Bonding & Insurance R645-301-800

**Other Commitments**


\*Reminder: If equipment has been abandoned during 2009, an amendment must be submitted that includes a map showing its location, a description of what was abandoned, whether there were any hazardous or toxic materials and any revision to the PHC as necessary.

**REPORTING OF OTHER TECHNICAL DATA**

List other technical data and information as required under the approved plan, which must be periodically submitted to the Division. Specify whether the information is included as Appendix B to this report or currently on file with the Division.

**Operator Comments:**

Quarterly Water Monitoring on file with the Division

**Inspector:**

Has the operator complied with this section? Yes  No

**Inspector Comments:**

**LEGAL, FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND RELATED INFORMATION**

Change in administration or corporate structure can often bring about necessary changes to information found in the mining and reclamation plan. The Division is Requesting that each permittee review and update the legal, financial, compliance and related information in the plan as part of the annual report. Please provide the Department of Commerce, Annual Report of Officers, or other equivalent information as necessary to ensure that the information provided in the plan is current. Provide any other change as necessary regarding land ownership, lease acquisitions, legal results from appeals of violations, or other changes as necessary to update information required in the mining and reclamation plan. Include certified financial statements, audits or worksheets, which may be required to meet bonding requirements. Specify whether the information is currently on file with the Division or included as Appendix C to the report.

Legal / Financial Update      Required      Included      or      DOGM File location  
 Yes   No      Included

Department of Commerce, Annual Report Officers	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Volume 1, Exhibit 112.300a – Updated September 2009
<b>Other</b>			
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**MAPS**

Copies of mine maps, current and up-to-date through at least December 31, 2009, are to be provided to the Division as Appendix D to this report in accordance with the requirements of R 645-301-525.240. The map copies shall be made in accordance with 30 CFR 75.1200 as required by MSHA. Mine maps are not considered confidential. (Please provide a CD.)

Confidential information is limited to:

R645-300-124.310. Information that pertains only to the analysis of the chemical and physical properties of the coal to be mined, except information on components of such coal which are potentially toxic in the environment.

R645-300-124.330. Information on the nature and location of archeological resources on public land and Indian land as required under the Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (P. L. 96-95, 93 Stat. 721, 16 U.S.C. 470).

R645-301-322, Fish and Wildlife Information; R645-301-322.100, the scope and level of detail for such information will be determined by the Division in consultation with state and federal agencies with responsibilities for fish and wildlife and will be sufficient to design the protection and enhancement plan required under R645-301-333 and R645-301-322.230, other species or habitats identified through agency consultation as requiring special protection under state or federal law; R645-301-333.300, Include protective measures that will be used during the active mining phase of operation.

The Division will provide procedures, including notice and opportunity to be heard for persons both seeking and opposing disclosure.

Map Number(s)	Map Title/ Description	Confidential	
Annual subsidence map		No	
Mine map		No	
Other maps		Yes	No
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**Operator Comments:**

**Inspector:**

Has the operator complied with this section? Yes  No

**Inspector Comments:**

**OTHER INFORMATION**



**APPENDIX A**

**Certified Reports**

Excess Spoil Piles  
Refuse Piles  
Impoundments

As required under R645-301-514

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**APPENDIX B**

**Reporting of Technical Data**

Including monitoring data, reports, maps, and other information  
As required under the approved plan or as required by the Division

In accordance with the requirement of R645-310-130 and R645-301-140

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**APPENDIX C**

**Legal Financial, Compliance and Related Information**

Annual Report of Officers  
As submitted to the Utah Department of Commerce

Other change in ownership and control information  
As required under R645-301-110

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**APPENDIX D**

**Mine Maps**

As required under R645-302-525-270

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**APPENDIX E**

**Other Information**

In accordance with the requirements of R645-301 and R645-302

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Overview of Reclamation and Bond Release Activities

**STAR POINT MINE**  
**Permit Number C/007/0006**

The Star Point Mine is located on Gentry Mountain approximately 23 miles southwest of Price, Utah on the east side of the Wasatch Plateau Coal Field. The Star Point Mine permit area is 8820.86 acres (Map 112.500a) of which 93.77 acres (Maps 542.200a, 542.200b, and 542.200c) are within the disturbed (bonded) area boundary. Phase I bond release was approved effective October 12, 2004 and Phase II bond release was approved effective June 12, 2008. A performance bond in the amount of \$734,000 is held to ensure that reclamation is accomplished. The Permit expires on January 28, 2012.

Mining operations began in 1916 when the Wattis Brothers and Mr. Browning bought 160 acres from the United States and developed the property for coal production. The Lion Coal Company operated Wattis No.1 and 2 mines until the end of 1963. There were no coal mining activities from 1964 through 1967. Plateau Mining, Ltd. operated the Star Point No.1 mine in the Hiawatha Coal Seam, and the Star Point No.2 Mine in the Wattis Coal Seam, from 1967 through the fall of 1971. United Nuclear Corporation acquired the Star Point Mines in the fall of 1971. Modernization of the coal mine started when the Lion Deck portal area was expanded in October 1977. United Nuclear Corporation operated the mine until July 1980. The current Permittee, Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) a subsidiary of Foundation American Coal Company, LLC, operated the Star Point Mine from July of 1980 until its closure in February of 2000.

Following the permanent cessation of operations in 2000, PMC began reclamation activities. Reclamation in 2000 dealt with: the demolition of the overland conveyor system and preparation plant; the removal of equipment and machinery from underground; the demolition, backfilling and grading, and reseeding of the Comer Canyon and Mudwater Canyon Fan sites; and the sealing of the portals at the Lion Deck. As a footnote to the backfilling and grading activities at the remote fan sites, PMC earned a 2001 Earth Day Award for outstanding results following applications of innovative environmental technology for backfilling remote locations from within the mine (outside-in).

Reclamation activities continued in 2001 with further demolition, backfilling and grading, and reseeding activities on approximately 45.0 acres, which include the following: 1) No. 1 Mine Area encompassing 35.0 acres; and 2) Unit Train Loadout and Silo area encompassing 10.0 acres.

During 2002, demolition, backfilling and grading, and revegetation operations were performed on approximately 49.0 acres. The reclaimed acres are as follows: 1) 25.5 acres associated with the Lions Deck and Pond 1 Areas; and 2) 23.5 acres associated with the Overland Conveyor and Main Channel Areas. During this year, PMC demonstrated that mining did not impact the hydrologic balance and through the permit amendment process received approval from DOGM to discontinue further water monitoring, on all

but three locations. Two of the three remaining locations deal with the North Fork of the Right Fork of Miller Creek and the other is to monitor for off site contributions of sediment below the reclaimed lands.

In 2003, reclamation related activities were completed with the abandonment of water monitoring wells, boreholes, and minor backfilling and/or fencing of subsidence cracks. During 2003, PMC demonstrated that subsidence has substantially ceased and through the permit amendment process received approval from DOGM to discontinue further subsidence monitoring. Also in 2003, an amendment to discontinue color infrared vegetation monitoring was approved by the Forest Service and DOGM.

In 2004 DOGM conducted a midterm permit review for the Star Point Mine. Also in 2004, phase I bond release for the Star Point Mine was achieved. On November 18, 2004 the UPDES permit (No. UT0023736) for the Star Point Mine was inactivated.

In 2005 PMC reached an agreement with the Huntington Cattle Association resolving the long standing Citizens Complaint on the Star Point Spring.

Also in 2005 the culverts that were located in the north fork of the right fork of Miller Creek were removed and hauled off the mountain.

In 2006 the year-four vegetation monitoring was completed.

In 2007 the Permittee submitted and received approval from the Division for a subsidence repair plan for the Castle Valley Ridge area of Gentry Mountain (see Exhibit 525.100c in Volume 3 of the Star Point MRP). The repairs were completed and the area was seeded on August 14, of 2007.

In 2008 the Permittee submitted and received approval from the Division for Phase II bond release. Also in 2008 the year-six revegetation monitoring was completed.

All demolition, backfilling and grading, and revegetation activities have been completed at the Star Point Mine with monitoring and phase III bond release processes remaining.

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