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August 18, 1983

Mr. Ronald W. Daniels
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
4241 State Office Building
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Re: NOV # N83-2-9-1, Blazon Exploration
CEP/007/009, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Daniels:

The following information is being forwarded to you to relate the facts surrounding the NOV # N83-2-9-1 received by Sanders Exploration, Limited on August 10, 1983.

Proper permission was received from Thomas N. Tetting, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining on November 16, 1983 to commence exploration for coal near the Blazon Mine (refer to Notice of Intention to Commence Coal Exploration, Carbon County, Utah, CEP/007/009). On December 14, 1983 a letter was sent to Mr. Tetting explaining the status of Blazon # 3 drill hole. This letter explained the progress of drilling, depth and plugging activities. It was an inopportune time to commence reclamation so these activites were suspended until the next appropriate season (ie. spring 1983) in which successful reclamation could proceed. In the December 14, 1983 letter it was also stated that the Division would be notified of completed reclamation.

Several trips were made to the site during May and June 1983. These trips were to assess the conditions and determine an appropriate time to commence reclamation. Vern Smith, a Salt Lake City landscaper visited the site with me and, Jack Otani, who supervised the construction of the site, also visited the area to evaluate safe, prudent and sucessful options to reclamation.

Near the end of June, discussions were proceeding with Jack Otani, the legal landowner of the road and drillsite, to leave the disturbed area as is. Mr. Otani felt that with the sloughing of the drill road that too much road upgrading would be required to access the drill site and too much disturbance would result from reclamation to justify the whole operation. The wishes of Jack Otani were expressed in a letter sent August 13, 1983 to Cyril J. Young of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

Personel from Sanders were constantly monitoring the situation throughout the months when this hole could be accessed with men and equipment. The landowner was contemplating, for sometime, the reclamation options or leaving the site as it was.

As our Notice of Intent to Drill explained, the Division would be notified if the road was to remain. A request for an extension of the reclamation time limit was made in a registered letter to Cyril J. Young on August 8, 1983. A subsequent letter was sent by Mr. Otani to Cyril J. Young explaining his wishes. This letter should have been received by August 16, 1983.

As expressed in this letter, Sanders Exploration, Limited was diligent in our responsibilities in connection with Blazon Drill Hole # 3. Inclement weather in the Clear Creek area caused delays in accessing the drill site, in conjunction with Mr. Otani's delay in making a decision to reclaim or not, resulted in the late date of notification.

It is our feeling that Sanders Exploration, Limited should not have received NOV #83-2-9-1 and any subsequent fines which could be assessed. We request that this desire be granted.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

SANDERS EXPLORATION, LIMITED

Billy H. Green, Vice President