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RE: Exploration for #3 Fan Site, As-built Information  
Exploration Permit Amendment ACT/007/018-91E

Dear Daron:

In accordance with our approved exploration permit (#3 Fan Site), I have enclosed the following "as-built" information.

- Drawing No. D-344  
No. 3 Fan Exploration "As-builts"  
January 15, 1992
- Drawing No. C-170  
Topsoil Storage Site "As-built"  
Revised 1/17/92
- Applied Geotechnical Engineering Consultants, Inc.  
Geotechnical Investigation  
Proposed Ventilating Fan Facility  
Soldier Creek Coal Company  
Near Price, Utah  
December 5, 1991

As shown on the drawings, this exploration project resulted in the disturbance of approximately 0.63 acres. A total of 620 yd<sup>3</sup> of topsoil was salvaged from this disturbance. This topsoil was then placed within our approved topsoil storage site and reseeded on November 26, 1992.

A complete geotechnical investigation of the proposed fan site was performed by Applied Geotechnical Engineering Consultants, Inc. (AGEC). This investigation of the subsurface conditions consisted of drilling 4 test borings and conducting a seismic refraction survey. Please note that one of the test borings remains cased with a slotted PVC pipe for water monitoring purposes. The remaining 3 test borings were successfully backfilled. To date, no

standing groundwater levels have been observed.

As per my December 3, 1991 letter, Soldier Creek Coal Company has decided to proceed with Phase II of our proposed #3 fan facility. However, due to the pending sale of the mine, several uncertainties concerning this fan facility exist (i.e., potential mine plan revisions affecting ventilation requirements, fan equipment selection, etc.). Proceeding with the permitting and construction of this facility in the spring of 1992, as stated within our approved exploration amendment, now appears to be impractical. It is, therefore, requested that the following statements be approved under our Exploration Permit Amendment:

Soldier Creek Coal Company shall submit complete plans for the #3 fan site by the spring of 1993. If said plans are not submitted, Soldier Creek Coal Company shall be obligated to proceed with reclamation of the site. Reclamation activities shall be scheduled to facilitate reseeding in the fall of 1993.

Adequate sediment control shall also be maintained for the existing exploration disturbance (see Drawing D-344 "No. 3 Fan Exploration "As-builts" for existing straw bale placement).

I have also enclosed the Hansen, Allen & Luce, Inc. report "Permitability of No. 3 Fan Installation". This report details specific permit requirements and various runoff control options for the fan site. A division review, with comments, of this report would be helpful in proceeding with a permit submittal.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

SOLDIER CREEK COAL COMPANY



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Enclosures

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