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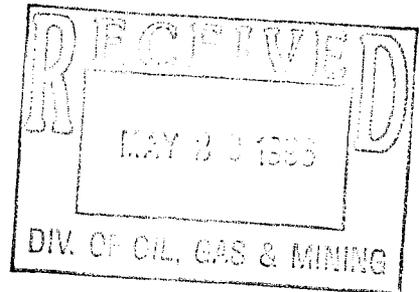
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May 14, 1996

UT-0023

Mr. Rick Olsen, President  
Soldier Creek Coal Company  
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Dear Mr. Olsen:

*ACT/007/018 #3*

The Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, approved on May 14, 1996, the Soldier Canyon Mine mining plan for Federal lease UTU-69635. The mining plan approval authorized mining of about 2 million metric (2.2 million short) tons of Federal coal in 111.7 hectares (276 acres) of Federal lease UTU-69635. Approval of this mining plan supplements the Soldier Canyon Mine mining plan for Federal leases SL-051279-063188 and U-50722 approved on March 11, 1985.

Mining operations must be conducted in accordance with both the Utah State permit and the approved mining plan. I have enclosed a copy of the mining plan approval document. Please read the terms and conditions of the mining plan approval document carefully. If you have any questions, please contact me at (303) 672-5597.

Sincerely,

*Ranvir Singh*  
Ranvir Singh, P.E.  
Program Support Division

Enclosure

cc: BLM Price River/San Rafael Resource Area  
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining