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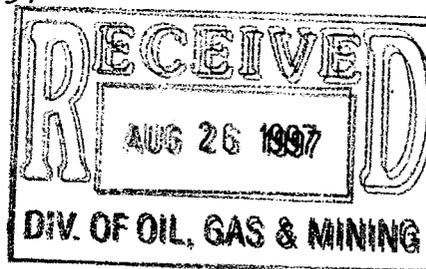
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UT-0023

Mr. Rick Olsen, General Manager
Soldier Canyon Mine
P. O. Box 1029
Wellington, UT 84542

Dear Mr. Olsen:

The Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, has approved on August 20, 1997, the Soldier Canyon Mine mining plan modification for Federal lease UTU-69635. The mining plan approval authorized mining of about 14.1 metric (15.5 short) million tons of Federal coal in the remaining 694.7 hectares (1,715 acres) of Federal lease UTU-69635. Approval of this mining plan modification supplements the Soldier Canyon Mine mining plans for Federal leases SL-051279-063188, and U-50722 approved on March 11, 1985, and for Federal lease UTU-69635 approved on May 14, 1996, and December 18, 1996.

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) 844-1489.

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