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Re: Minor Modification of Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2) for De-Gasification Boreholes into the Aberdeen Mine.

Dear Mr. Glasson:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a request dated 3 March 2005 from Andalex Resources, Tower Division (Andalex) to change the approved R2P2 to install a de-gas borehole into the mine to remove excess methane or other gases.

In a subsequent review meeting held at the mine site on 10 March 2005, Andalex provided further details of the project. This included the proposed locations for up to eight de-gas boreholes. At that meeting, BLM gave verbal approval for the first three scheduled boreholes Gas Vent Holes 1, 5, and 6 (GVH 1, 5, and 6).

The Aberdeen mine has had large quantities of methane gas released from the longwall coal production area in the process of mining the coal. Due to requirements imposed by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) in an effort to assure miner safety, the mine personnel have had to severely reduce the rate of production. The reduced mining rate has made the mine uneconomic and can result in unforeseen loading conditions on the mine support systems .

This mine plan modification should have no effect on the recoverable coal reserves (except to help ensure the planned areas can be mined).

BLM verbally approved GVH 1, 5, 6 on 10 March 2005, and by this letter provides written approval for these and the remaining five gob vent holes (approval for GVH 1-8) as shown on the enclosed and approved map.

This approval of a minor modification is contingent on approval of the proposed amendment to the Centennial Project M.R.P. by the State of Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining (DOGGM).

The modification of the R2P2 complies with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 3480, and the lease terms and conditions. The modification will achieve maximum economic recovery of the federal coal by maintaining a safe work environment in the mine.

The modification to the R2P2, as depicted on Drawing #1 is approved. A copy of the approved mine map is enclosed. If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Falk at the Price Field Office (435) 636-3605 or Jeff McKenzie of my staff at (801) 539-4038.

Sincerely,

*JAMES F KOHLER*

Chief, Solid Minerals

Enclosures:

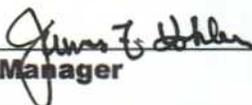
Approved Mine Map

cc: UT-070, Price, Utah (w/encl.)  
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**MINING PLAN APPROVED BY  
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**Recommended By:**  
 18 March 2005  
 Mining Engineer (Date)

**Approved By:**  
 3/18/2005  
 Manager (Date)

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