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to: Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
fax #: (801) 359-3940
re: Mining Plan Modification Decision Document for Hidden Splendor Resources, Inc.'s
Horizon Mine, Federal lease UTU-74804
date: August 4, 2005
pages: 4 (four) including this cover sheet.

Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

On August 3, 2005, the U.S. Department of the Interior approved a mining plan modification for Federal lease UTU-74804 at Hidden Splendor Resources, Inc.'s Horizon Mine. This mining plan action relates to Federal lands associated with the Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (UT-DOG M) State Decision Document, Hidden Splendor Resources, Inc., Permit Boundary Expansion, Horizon Mine, C/007/020 approved on July 1, 2005.

The August 3, 2005, approval allows Hidden Splendor Resources, Inc. to initiate coal mining operations in all of Federal lease UTU-74804 within the area of mining plan approval. A copy of the Mining Plan Modification Decision Document and associated text and maps will be sent via regular mail shortly.

Please forward a copy of the following three (3) pages to Hidden Splendor Resources, Inc.

If you have any questions, or need anything more, please contact me by any of the methods listed at the lower right of this cover.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Rebecca W. Watson
Assistant Secretary - Land and Minerals Management

From: Jeffrey D. Jarrett 
Director, Office of Surface Mining

Subject: Recommendation for Approval, Without Special Conditions, of the Mining Plan Modification for Federal Lease UTU-74804 at Hidden Splendor Resources, Inc.'s Horizon Mine located in Carbon County, Utah

I recommend approval, without special conditions, of this mining plan modification. My recommendation is based on:

- (1) Hidden Splendor Resources, Inc.'s complete permit application package (PAP),
- (2) compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969,
- (3) documentation assuring compliance with applicable requirements of other Federal laws, regulations, and executive orders,
- (4) comments and recommendations or concurrence of other Federal agencies, and the public,
- (5) the findings and recommendations of the Bureau of Land Management regarding the resource recovery and protection plan, the Federal lease requirements, and the Mineral Leasing Act, and
- (6) the Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (UT-DOGM) State Decision Document, Hidden Splendor Resources, Inc., Permit Boundary Expansion, Horizon Mine, C/007/020, and the Utah State program.

The Secretary may approve a Mining Plan for Federal leases under 30 U.S.C. §§ 207(c) and 1273(c). In accordance with 30 CFR Chapter VII, Subchapter D, I find that the proposed mining plan modification will be in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Attachment

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UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

This mining plan approval document is issued by the United States of America to:

Hidden Splendor Resources, Inc.
57 West 200 South, Suite 400
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

for a mining plan modification for Federal lease UTU-74804 at the Horizon Mine. The approval is subject to the following conditions. Hidden Splendor Resources, Inc. is hereinafter referred to as the operator.

1. **Statutes and Regulations.**—This mining plan approval is issued pursuant to Federal lease UTU-74804; the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.); and in the case of acquired lands, the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 351 et seq.). This mining plan approval is subject to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior which are now or hereafter in force; and all such regulations are made a part hereof. The operator shall comply with the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.), and other applicable Federal laws.
2. This document approves the mining plan modification for Federal lease UTU-74804 at the Horizon Mine and authorizes coal recovery operations only on the Federal lease within the area of mining plan approval. This mining plan modification authorization will not be valid beyond the following Federal coal lands;

Township 13 South, Range 8 East SL Meridian Utah

Section 6, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Section 7, N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Section 8, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ That Portion Lying Northwest of Beaver Creek;

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ That Portion Lying Northwest of Beaver Creek;

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ That Portion Lying Northwest of Beaver Creek;

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ That Portion Lying Northwest of Beaver Creek.

These lands encompass approximately 866 acres and are found on the USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle map of Jump Creek, Utah, and as shown on the map appended hereto as Attachment A.

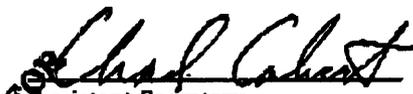
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3. The operator shall conduct coal development and mining operations only as described in the complete permit application package, and approved by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, except as otherwise directed in the conditions of this mining plan approval.
4. The operator shall comply with the terms and conditions of the lease, this mining plan approval, and the requirements of the Utah State Permit No. C/007/020 issued under the Utah State program, approved pursuant to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*).
5. This mining plan approval shall be binding on any person conducting coal development or mining operations under the approved mining plan and shall remain in effect until superseded, canceled, or withdrawn.
6. If during mining operations unidentified prehistoric or historic resources are discovered, the operator shall ensure that the resources are not disturbed and shall notify Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Minerals and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM). The operator shall take such actions as are required by Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Minerals in coordination with OSM.
7. The Secretary retains jurisdiction to modify or cancel this approval, as required, on the basis of further consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*


Assistant Secretary,
Land and Minerals Management

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