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 Board of Oil, Gas and Mining
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DIVISION OF
 OIL GAS & MINING

J. M. Mitchell
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Dear Board Members:

Re: Blazon Mine, ACT 007/021

During the week of July 29, 1991, Jack Otani and I visited the Blazon Mine Site to see what remedial action had taken place by the Division, now that they hold the bond.

Since the Board and the Division have been grossly negligent in protecting the landowner rights and their lack of concern for the environmental facets of the site, this correspondence becomes the official request for the Board and the Division to release in writing, Mr. Otani and his family of any and all liability for environmental process associated with this site. More specifically, the sed-pond discharges (no NPDES permit) and the violations thereof, sediment flow leaving the site, the geomorphic climax of stability of the HIGHWALL, the unprotected waterwell, and the protection of the environmental communities therein, for as long as the reclamation responsibility of this site is in the hands of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

When the liability insurance policy runs out November 22, 1991 what does the Division envision to use for coverage?

Another liability concern is the fact there has been "No Trespassing" signs or warning signs to keep "Joe Public" out of the Blazon Mine Site or Mr. Otani's property.

Along that same line, with the State of Utah accepting the role of "Operator" by forfeiture, for the Blazon Mine Site, Mr. Otani believes the "State" also accepts the obligation to advertise the "fact" that operator abandonment of the mine site has occurred.

Also he feels that the installation of a sign is in order, indicating the "State" has now taken over as operator, replacing North American Equities, and that it should be erected immediately for the benefit of the public.

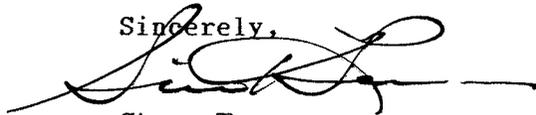
Again, please accept this correspondence as an official request for a written release of liability from the Board and the Division, for natural or unnatural events which occur during the mining and reclamation operations at the Blazon Mine Site.

Thanks for your immediate consideration of this letter.

If you have any questions, you may call me after 5:00 p.m. at 801-637-5986 or send them to:

Steve Tanner
Rt.1 P.O. Box 146G-3
Helper, Utah 84526

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Tanner", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Steve Tanner

cc: Jack Otani