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November 4, 1993

Mr. Lowell Braxton
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Dear Mr. Braxton,

RE: EXTENSION OF EXPLORATION PROJECT, CYPRUS WESTERN COAL
COMPANY, BLACKHAWK SITE, EXP/007/038

Cyprus Coal Company by this letter is requesting an extension of exploration permit EXP/007/038 until the project is permitted through the Utah Mining Code process. The property is in the final stages of acquisition by Cyprus Coal, and will be permitted as a replacement mine for Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation's Star Point Mines. The Blackhawk property has been evaluated and deemed to be economically viable as a full scale operation. Permitting efforts will be initiated within the next four weeks. It is anticipated that a complete Mining and Reclamation Permit application will be submitted to the Division during the first quarter of 1995.

We are requesting the extension of the exploration based on the following:

1. The Blackhawk property and the areas utilized to date for exploration have been extensively disturbed in the past (pre-law).
2. The exploration areas are covered by runoff controls and a NPDES permit that will be in force through 1998.
3. The property will be permitted fully under the Utah Mining Code 40-10-1, and the R645 Coal Mining Rules.
4. The property is scheduled to be operational by the end of 1997, the exploration areas will be incorporated into operational areas or reclaimed.
5. Cyprus commits to monitoring and maintaining the exploration areas and facilities in good operational condition until incorporated into operations areas or they are reclaimed.

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6. The portals will be temporarily sealed during November, 1993 and will remain sealed until a program permit is issued or exploration within the mine is required again.

Please consider this request and notify me as soon as possible so that other alternatives may be considered if this request is disapproved.

If there is any additional information you need please call.

Respectfully,



Ben Grimes
Environmental Coordinator



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