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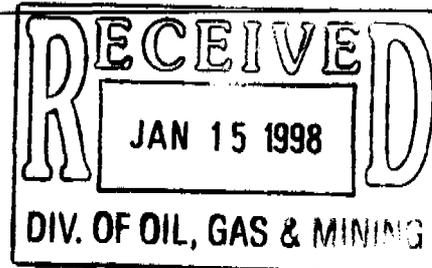


**CYPRUS PLATEAU
MINING CORPORATION**

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January 13, 1998



Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Ste 1210
P.O. Box 145801
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Re: Degassification Well Proposal, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, ACT/007/038-97K, File #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

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Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation (CPMC) is requesting a two week extension to address the Division's findings regarding the aforementioned. With the departure of Mr. Ben Grimes, CPMC is unable to respond to the deficiencies by January 15, 1998, as requested in the Division's December 19, 1997, letter.

The Division's approval of a two week extension until January 30, 1998, would be most appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 472-4741.

Sincerely,

Johnny Pappas
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Sr. Environmental Engineer

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