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Re: Division Order to Revise Reclamation Plan for Crandall Canyon Shafts, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, C/007/038-DO02A, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Pappas:

On September 6, 2002, Daron R. Haddock of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (DOGM) advised Plateau Mining Corporation that DOGM had reviewed the Willow Creek Mining and Reclamation Plan and found it deficient. The September 6, 2002 letter advised you that amendments to the mining and reclamation plan for the Willow Creek Mine were needed. Specifically, Plateau was requested to address seven issues prior to the final approval by the Division of the amendment to the mining and reclamation plan.

On September 9, 2002 a Division Order was issued pursuant to R645-303-212 of the Utah Administrative Code and sent to you with a cover letter. The Order directs Plateau to correct the deficiencies noted within specific time frames. Further, on September 18, 2002 you were advised by Mary Ann Wright of the Division, that the bond amount required by the Order was subject to Plateau providing an adequate bond estimate, and that the actual bond amount may be different than the \$2 million set forth in the Order.

We understand that your attorney Mr. John Kirkham has advised you that if the Order is to be appealed, that an appeal to the Board must be filed within 30 days of the Order. Plateau has protested that it does not have sufficient time to determine if it can adequately respond within the constraints of the order due to the complexity of the issues and the number of parties to be consulted. DOGM acknowledges that the federal agencies involved in the reclamation approval, and the extent of the technical issues to be addressed make it difficult for Plateau to decide how to respond before the 30 days limit for an appeal.

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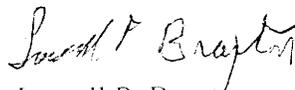
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In order to allow the parties to continue to address in good faith the deficiencies and technical issues presented in Mr. Haddock's letter, the Division hereby withdraws the Order. This withdrawal of the Order is made without prejudice to the rights of the Division to re-issue the Order, or to issue another Order addressing all or part of the same issues at any time hereafter. The withdrawal of the Order is not based on a change in the findings of deficiencies and does not waive or reduce the urgency of addressing these issues expeditiously. The issues must be resolved prior to a final decision by the Division on the amendment to the mining and reclamation plan for the Willow Creek mine.

If there are any questions on this withdrawal of the September 9, 2002 Order you are urged to address them in writing to my attention at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Lowell P. Braxton  
Director

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