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*New agreement
Incoming
C/007/038
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Re: Industrial Post Mining Land Use Change, Willow Creek Mine Main Facilities Area, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, C/007/038, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is submitting an application for a change in the postmining land use to lands owned by PMC within the Willow Creek Mine Permit. The land use change will facilitate an industrial use pursuant to R645-301-413.300. An industrial land use is not foreign to the site as demonstrated by the Division's May 25, 1990 authorization for a light industrial postmining land use.

To support the industrial land use, PMC revised its reclamation plan to reflect the structures, access roads, material storage areas, runoff control and treatment structures, and other appurtenant structures necessary to support the proposed land use. An industrial postmining land use surface facilities map (Map 18C) was generated to aid in presenting the structures necessary to support the proposed land use. PMC is providing revised reclamation costs based on the industrial land use and taking into account the structures and facilities that will remain to support the land use.

Furthermore, the postmining topography and drainage structure maps now reflect the existing approved topography along with the proposed industrial land use alternative (Maps 21A through 21D). Another new map was generated to reflect the industrial postmining reclamation treatment and watershed map (Map 21G). Numerous maps were revised or created to aid and ease the Division with their review process.

The industrial land use may take some time to be implemented, but as we all know, there is no requirement, either in SMCRA or the regulations, that postmining land uses be implemented immediately following mining. To obtain full bond release, the permittee must demonstrate successful completion of all reclamation requirements of the permit and regulatory program. Under R645-301-413.100, one of those requirements is restoration of all disturbed areas to conditions capable of supporting the approved postmining land use.

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PMC would like to have the industrial land use approved in a timely fashion; therefore, should the Division have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 472-4741.

Sincerely,



Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

File: Willow Creek Mine - Industrial Land Use
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APPLICATION FOR COAL PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change New Permit Renewal Exploration Bond Release Transfer

Applicant: Plateau Mining Corporation
Mine: Willow Creek Mine **Permit Number:** C/007/038
Title: Industrial Post Mining Land Use Change

Description, Include reason for application and timing required to implement:
To facilitate an industrial post mining land use.

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first eight (gray) questions, this application may require Public Notice publication.

- Yes No 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? Acres: ___ Disturbed Area: ___ increase decrease.
- Yes No 2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO# _____
- Yes No 3. Does the application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
- Yes No 4. Does the application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
- Yes No 5. Does the application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
- Yes No 6. Does the application require or include public notice publication?
- Yes No 7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
- Yes No 8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
- Yes No 9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____
- Yes No 10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies?
Explain: _____
- Yes No 11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
- Yes No 12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2)
- Yes No 13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
- Yes No 14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
- Yes No 15. Does the application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
- Yes No 16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
- Yes No 17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
- Yes No 18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
- Yes No 19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps or calculation?
- Yes No 20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
- Yes No 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided?
- Yes No 22. Does the application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
- Yes No 23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

Please attach four (4) review copies of the application. If the mine is on or adjacent to Forest Service land please submit five (5) copies, thank you. (These numbers include a copy for the Price Field Office)

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein.

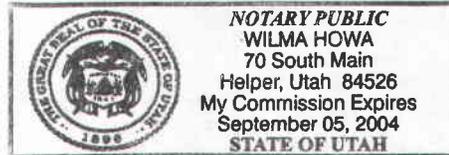
Johnny R. Pappas
 Print Name

John S. En. Engineer, 4/17/03
 Sign Name, Position, Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of April, 2003

Wilma Howa
 Notary Public

My commission Expires: Sept 05, 2004
 Attest: State of Utah } ss:
 County of Carbon



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APPLICATION FOR COAL PERMIT PROCESSING

Detailed Schedule Of Changes to the Mining And Reclamation Plan

Permittee: Plateau Mining Corporation

Line: Willow Creek Mine

Permit Number: C/007/038

Title: Industrial Post Mining Land Use Change.

Provide a detailed listing of all changes to the Mining and Reclamation Plan, which is required as a result of this proposed permit application. Individually list all maps and drawings that are added, replaced, or removed from the plan. Include changes to the table of contents, section of the plan, or other information as needed to specifically locate, identify and revise the existing Mining and Reclamation Plan. Include page, section and drawing number as part of the description.

DESCRIPTION OF MAP, TEXT, OR MATERIAL TO BE CHANGED

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhibit 1, Landowners and governmental agency notices
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Section 3.4 - Land Use Information, replace pages 3.4-ii, 3.4-1, 3.4-11, 3.4-12 and move Table 3.4-1 to page 3.4-13
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Any other specific or special instruction required for insertion of this proposal into the Mining and Reclamation Plan.

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