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March 26, 2004

Mr. Johnny Pappas
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Dear Mr. Pappas:

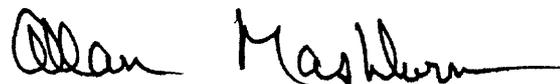
Congratulations! The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining is pleased to inform you that Plateau Mining Company has been selected to receive a 2004 Earth Day Award for its environmentally friendly work in closing the Crandall Canyon Shafts.

The Board would like to present Plateau Mining with a Resolution of Commendation and a plaque recognizing its efforts at the April 28, 2004 board meeting. The event will be held in the auditorium of the Utah Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. We invite you to arrive at 8:30 a.m. for light refreshments. The Board of Oil, Gas and Mining hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. and Earth Day Awards will be the first item on the agenda.

Please let Jim Springer (801-538-5324) know by April 26, 2004, if you, guests, or your designated representative(s) would be able to attend.

Thank you for your continuing efforts to protect Utah's environment. We look forward to extending our formal congratulations on April 28th.

Very truly yours,



Allan Mashburn, Chairman
Board of Oil, Gas and Mining

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