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April 29, 200~~5~~⁵

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Re: Phase I Bond Release Application, Gravel Canyon, Willow Creek Mine, Plateau Mining Corporation, C/007/038, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

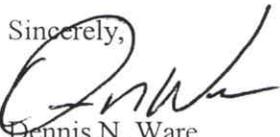
Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is submitting its application for Phase I Bond Release for the Gravel Canyon portion of the Willow Creek Mine.

The reclamation of Gravel Canyon was completed in the fall of 2004. Approximately 4.3 acres of the 5.75 acres of pre-SMCRA disturbed area boundary received reshaping, diversion reconstruction, resoiling and revegetation activities. This reclamation was completed in conjunction with the removal of the topsoil that was stored in Gravel Canyon.

The attached application includes: the C1 and C2 forms, text page replacements, a new as-built appendix, as-built reclamation hydrology calculations, a reclamation certification, proposed public notice, notification letters to landowners, state, federal, and local government agencies, and an as-built topography treatment, profile and cross-section map.

PMC believes that it has assembled a complete phase I bond release application that adequately addresses the requirements for bond release. A timely review of this application and authorization to place the public notice in the newspaper would be most appreciated. Furthermore, an onsite inspection within 30-days of acceptance of the application, or as soon thereafter as weather conditions permit, to inspect and evaluate the reclamation would also be most appreciated.

If the Division has any questions or needs additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 472-4737.

Sincerely,

Dennis N. Ware
Controller and Administrative Manager

Enclosures

File: Environmental/Permit Actions Willow Creek/Gravel Canyon

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APPLICATION FOR COAL PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change New Permit Renewal Exploration Bond Release Transfer

Permittee: Plateau Mining Corporation

Mine: Willow Creek Mine

Permit Number: C/007/038

Title: Gravel Canyon Phase I Bond Release Application

Description, Include reason for application and timing required to implement:
Phase I Bond Release for Gravel Canyon

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

Dennis N Ware
 Print Name

[Signature] Controller & Admin Mgr
 Sign Name, Position, Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of May, 2005

[Signature]
 Notary Public

My commission Expires: _____, 2005

Attest: State of Utah } ss:
 County of Emery



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