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C/007/0038
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Re: Prep Plant and Refuse Pile Phase I and III, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, C/007/0038, Task #2344, Response to T/A

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is herewith addressing the Divisions findings regarding the aforementioned. In keeping with past practice, the Permittee will list the deficiency in italics followed by the Permittee's response in regular type.

In accordance with R645-301-830, you must include the detailed reclamation cost estimate for the Phase I and Phase III areas. At a minimum, bond calculations must show:

- *Which structures can receive Phase I bond release and which structures can receive Phase III bond release.*
- *Which earthwork costs can receive Phase I bond release and which can receive Phase III bond release. The earthwork costs estimates must include maps that show:*
 - *The dates and acreages when reclamation was completed.*
 - *The operation or reclamation status.*
 - *Which areas are part of Phase I and Phase III bond release.*
- *Which vegetation costs can receive Phase III bond release.*

A worksheet entitled "Demolition Cost Breakout" has been added to Attachment 3 of Appendix 3.4N categorizing the structures and associated demolition cost as Phase I or Phase III. A worksheet entitled "Breakout of Bond Amount" has been added to Attachment 3 of Appendix 3.4N which, among other things, shows the earthwork and revegetation which can receive Phase I and Phase III bond release. The language in Attachment 3 of Appendix 3.4N has been changed to further describe the methodology used to separate the various components of the bond cost between Phase I and Phase III. Map 3.4-13AB has been changed to include the dates when reclamation was completed and to delineate the areas and acreages which are part of Phase I and Phase III bond release.

The C1 and C2 as well as the required revisions and maps as discussed above are enclosed. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dennis N. Ware
Controller and Administrative Manager

Enclosures

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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/007/0038

Title: Preparation Plant and Refuse Pile Phase I and Phase III Bond Release Application, Response to T/A

Description, Include reason for application and timing required to implement:
Response to Technical Analysis, Task # 2344

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] 1/25/06
 Sign Name, Position, Date
Controller & Adm'n. Mgr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of January, 2006

Mary Collette Gordon
 Notary Public

My commission Expires: 2-1, 2006
 Attest: State of Utah) ss:
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