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October 27, 2006

Dennis Ware, Controller
Plateau Mining Corporation
P.O. Box 30
Helper, Utah 84526-0030

Subject: Transmittal of Affidavits and Exhibit D, Bond Releases at Refuse Pile and
Barn Canyon Shaft (Phase I) and Preparation Plan (Phase III), Task ID
#2424, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, C/007/0038

Dear Mr. Ware:

Enclosed is a copy of the Affidavits and Exhibit D for Plateau Mining Corporation. The bond amount has been decreased from \$4,410,114 to \$2,275,114.

If you have any questions, please call Wayne Western at (801) 538-5263 or me at (801) 538-5268.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pamela Grubaugh-Littig".

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor

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Mary S. Wong
Risk Manager

391 Inverness Parkway, Suite 333
Englewood, CO 80112

VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

October 18, 2006

Ms. Pam Grubaugh-Littig
State of Utah
1594 West North Temple
Suite 1210
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

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c/p07/0038*

Re: Final approval of bond Releases at Refuse Pile and Barn Canyon Shaft Facility (Phase I) and Preparation Plant Area (Phase III), Task #2424, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine C/007/0038

Dear Pam:

Enclosed please find the Affidavits of Publication and Exhibit D for Plateau Mining Corporation. The Affidavits decreased the bond amount from \$4,410,114 to \$2,275,114.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me, at (303) 749-8419 or via email at mwong@foundationcoal.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary S. Wong', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mary S. Wong
Risk Manager

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Enclosures

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OCT 20 2006
DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Permit Number: C/007/038

Effective Date: 9/15/06

Bond Number. _____

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STIPULATION TO REVISE RECLAMATION AGREEMENT

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This **STIPULATION TO REVISE RECLAMATION AGREEMENT** entered into by and between the **PERMITTEE** and **DIVISION** incorporates the following revisions or changes to the **RECLAMATION AGREEMENT**: (Identify and Describe Revisions below)

Bond Amount is Decreased from Four Million Four Hundred Ten Thousand One Hundred Fourteen and 00/100(\$4,410,114.00) to Two Million Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand One Hundred Fourteen and 00/100(\$2,275,114.00).

In accordance with this **STIPULATION TO REVISE RECLAMATION AGREEMENT**, the following Exhibits have been replaced by the **PERMITTEE** and are approved by the **DIVISION**.

- Replace the Reclamation agreement in its entirety.
- Replace Exhibit "A"- permit area.
- Replace Exhibit "B"- bonding agreement
- Replace Exhibit "C"- liability insurance

The bonding amount is revised from \$4,410,114.00 to \$2,275,114.00.

The bonding type is changed from _____ to _____.

The surface disturbance is revised from _____ acres to _____ acres.

The expiration date is revised from _____ to _____.

The liability insurance carrier is changed from _____ to _____.

Bond Number: _____

Exhibit "D"
Stipulation to Revise
Reclamation Agreement
Federal

The amount of insurance coverage for bodily injury and property damage is changed
from
\$ _____ to \$ _____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Plateau Mining Corporation, _____ the **PERMITTEE** has
hereunto set its signature and seal this 16th day of October, 2006.

Plateau Mining Corporation
PERMITTEE

By: _____

Title: Vice President

ACCEPTED BY THE STATE OF UTAH this 24th day of October, 20 06.

John R. Bayne
Director,
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

NOTE: An **Affidavit of Qualification** must be completed and attached to this form for each authorized agent or officer. Where on signs by virtue of Power or Attorney of a company, such Power of Attorney must be filed with this Agreement. If the **PERMITTEE** is a corporation, the Agreement shall be executed by its duly authorized officer.

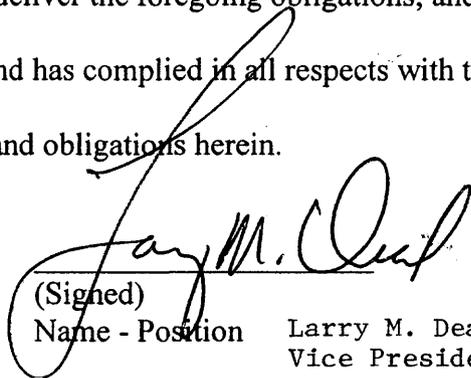
Bond Number: _____
Permit Number: C/007/038

**AFFIDAVIT OF QUALIFICATION
PERMITTEE**

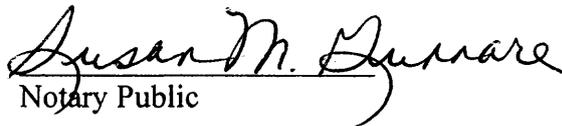
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I, Larry M. Deal, being first duly sworn under oath, deposes and says that he/she is
the (officer or agent) Vice President of Plateau Mining Corporation
_____;

and that he/she is duly authorized to execute and deliver the foregoing obligations; and that said
PERMITTEE is authorized to execute the same and has complied in all respects with the laws of
Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings and obligations herein.


(Signed)
Name - Position Larry M. Deal
 Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of October 2006.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

May 18 , 20 08.

Attest:

STATE OF Colorado)

COUNTY OF Arapahoe)

) ss:



My commission expires:
May 18, 2008

Bond Number: _____
Permit Number: C/007/038

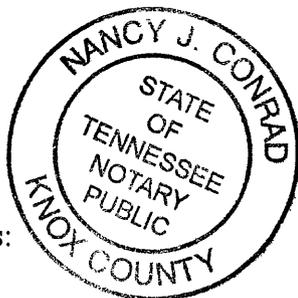
**AFFIDAVIT OF QUALIFICATION
SURETY COMPANY
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I, Joy M. Williams, being first duly sworn under oath, deposes and says that he/she is the (officer or agent) Attorney-in-Fact of Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America; and that he/she is duly authorized to execute and deliver the foregoing obligations; and that said SURETY COMPANY is authorized to execute the same and has complied in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to becoming sole surety upon bonds, undertakings and obligations herein.

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

Joy M. Williams
(Signed) Joy M. Williams, Attorney-in-Fact
Surety Company Officer - Position

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of October 2006.



Nancy J. Conrad
Notary Public - Nancy J. Conrad

My Commission Expires:

November 8, 2008.

Witness: Mary J. Volmar
~~ATTEST~~ Mary J. Volmar

STATE OF Tennessee)

) ss:

COUNTY OF Knox)



POWER OF ATTORNEY

Farmington Casualty Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc.
Seaboard Surety Company
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company

St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company
St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company

Attorney-In Fact No. 215311

Certificate No. 001103014

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Seaboard Surety Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New York, that St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company and St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota, that Farmington Casualty Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, that United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Maryland, that Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Iowa, and that Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc. is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint

Debra Elaine Clark, Joseph R. Poplawski, Joy M. Williams, Elizabeth A. Hartzberg, Carolyn E. Wheeler, and Barbara A. Thompson

of the City of Knoxville, State of Tennessee, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this 17th day of July, 2006

Farmington Casualty Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc.
Seaboard Surety Company
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company

St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company
St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company

WARNING: THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IS INVALID WITHOUT THE RED BORDER



State of Connecticut
City of Hartford ss.

By: [Signature]
George W. Thompson, Senior Vice President

On this the 17th day of July, 2006, before me personally appeared George W. Thompson, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of Farmington Casualty Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc., Seaboard Surety Company, St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company, St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, and United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as a duly authorized officer.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal. My Commission expires the 30th day of June, 2011.



[Signature]
Marie C. Tetreault, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of Farmington Casualty Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc., Seaboard Surety Company, St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company, St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, and United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I, Kori M. Johanson, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, of Farmington Casualty Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc., Seaboard Surety Company, St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company, St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, and United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this 16th day of October, 2006.

WARNING: THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IS INVALID WITHOUT THE RED BORDER

Kori M. Johanson, Assistant Secretary



To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney, call 1-800-421-3880 or contact us at www.stpaultravelersbond.com. Please refer to the Attorney-In-Fact number, the above-named individuals and the details of the bond to which the power is attached.