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Subject: Phase I Bond Release, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, Crandall Canyon Surface Facilities, C/007/0038, Task ID #3453

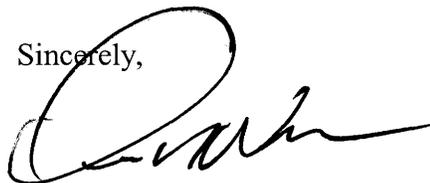
Dear Mr. Smith:

The Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) has reviewed the Divisions list of deficiencies pertaining to the Crandall Canyon Phase I Bond Release Application. Starting on page two of this letter, PMC has reprinted the Divisions list of deficiencies followed by PMC's responses.

PMC agrees with all of the Division's deficiencies with the exception of one. In order to avoid multiple re-submittals and responses PMC requests that the Division review PMC's responses to the Division's deficiencies prior to PMC's re-submittal of the Bond Release Application.

If you, or any of the reviewers, have any questions concerning PMC's responses please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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[R645.301.531]: Under the general maintenance portion of the application, Section 3.7-4(11) under the “Ponds” heading, the MRP still contains language discussing the maintenance of the sediment ponds within Crandall Canyon. This section should be removed, as it is no longer applicable to conditions at the site.

REPOSE:

Section 3.7 of the Willow Creek MRP is the approved permit for Crandall Canyon and, as such, it provides information concerning the construction, operations, maintenance and final reclamation of the Crandall Canyon portion of the permit. Section 3.7-4(11) of the plan discusses “General Maintenance” of the roads and ponds following their construction and prior to reclamation. Section 3.7-5 of the plan addresses the “Reclamation Plan” and was updated in this Phase I Bond Release Application for the purpose of informing the reader that the reclamation has been completed and directs the reader where to find the detailed reclamation information in the MRP. If we were to remove the paragraph concerning the maintenance of the ponds in Section 3.7-4(11) it would take away from the history of the operational phase of the permit. If, after further review by the Division, the Division desires that this discussion of pond maintenance during the operational phase of the permit should be removed, the Permittee will make the change.

[R645-301-533.520] The first sentence of the second paragraph on page 3.7X-7, states that “The as-built reclamation topography is compatible with the approved post-mining land use, and provides adequate drainage and long term stability as required by R645-301-553.522.” This compliance reference should be changed to R645-301-553.520, as (R645-301-553.522) does not exist.

RESPONSE:

This reference to R645-301-522 was a typo and will be corrected to reflect the proper reference of R645-301-520.

[R645-301-551 & R645-301-880.130]: Although the Permittee worked closely with both the Division and the BLM, providing draft documents for comment, none of the emails or documents related to this work were saved to the Division’s official files. Therefore, please include in the bond release application the final approved General Scope of Work for filling Shaft #2, the As-Built of the catch basin designed by EarthFAX, all water quality analysis and any written approvals received from the Division (email or on letterhead).

RESPONSE:

A new paragraph will be added to Section 3.7-5(3)(2) in Appendix 3.7X to state that the sealing of the shafts was done in accordance with R645-301-551.

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RESPONSE:

A new attachment (Attachment 4) will be added to Appendix 3.7X providing all available and relevant information concerning the work associated with the additional work on the shaft in 2007 and 2008 including the construction and reclamation of the settlement and evaporation pond.

[R645.301.731.220]: Page 3.7X-17 of the Phase I Bond Release application incorrectly states that spring sample B-22-1 will be monitored quarterly. According to the Division water quality database and Table 4.7-3, this is an inactive sampling point and thus should be deleted from the application.

RESPONSE:

The water monitoring site B.22-1 was in error. It should have been referenced as B25. This correction will be made.

[R645.301.880.120]: Receipt of proof of publication, Attachment 1 of Appendix 3.7X, should be provided prior to the bond release site inspection.

RESPONSE:

The proof of publication will be provided prior to the bond release site inspection.