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October 21, 2013

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

Subject: Completion of Midterm Review, Task ID #4401, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, C/007/038

Dear Mr. Ware:

On September 20, 2013 Plateau Mining Corporation was informed that the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (the Division) had commenced a midterm permit review for the Willow Creek Mine.

The midterm review has now been completed and will now be closed; however, the Division has identified one deficiency that must be addressed. That deficiency has been included with this letter, (See Attached). The name of the author for the deficiency has been provided in order for you to work with the author to prepare your response.

Your response to this deficiency will need to be submitted as an amendment to your MRP and will be processed as a separate task. Please submit the required amendment with the accompanying C1 and C2 forms by no later than November 22, 2013 (30 days).

If you have any questions regarding this requirement or the mid-term review process, please contact me at 801-538-5350 or Peter Hess at 435-613-3731. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steve Christensen  
Permit Supervisor

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## FINDINGS DOCUMENT

### Utah Coal Regulatory Program

**PID:** C0070038  
**TaskID:** 4401  
**Mine Name:** WILLOW CREEK MINE  
**Title:** MIDTERM PERMIT REVIEW

#### Reclamation Plan

#### Bonding and Insurance General

##### *Deficiencies Details:*

R645-301-830.140, Please provide updated information for estimated bonding costs with supporting calculations for the estimates. This includes updated unit costs (to be used to update bond calculation spreadsheets) and updated escalation factors. Updates should be provided using the 2013 data from R.S. Means Heavy Construction Cost data manual and the Caterpillar Handbook or other appropriate resources. The bonding summary sheet and corresponding bond calculation sheets need to be updated and appropriately escalated to 2018 dollars using Division's approved 1.5% and 5 year escalation.

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