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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
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Mr. Don W. Nelson, Manager  
Mining Development  
S. J. Groves & Sons Company  
Coal Development Group  
2417 Regency Road, Suite D  
Lexington, Kentucky 40502

Dear Mr. Nelson:

RE: Continuation of Mine Plan Review, Western States Minerals Corporation, J. B. King Mine, ACT/015/002, #2, Emery County, Utah

As has been indicated in prior meetings between the representatives of the Division and S. J. Groves & Sons, the future of active mining at the J. B. King Mine has been uncertain for some time. Recently, the Company has indicated to the Division that if the sale of the property was not imminent, the mine would be permanently closed and final reclamation would commence.

The Division has been awaiting word from S. J. Groves on the decision of the Company before proceeding into the Technical Analysis phase of the review in order that an accurate analysis of either the operations and reclamation aspects or solely the reclamation aspects of the Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) can be conducted. It was expected that the Company would notify the Division of its future intention regarding the mine during the beginning of September. However, such notification has not yet been received and the Division is unable to determine its exact course of action in the review of this MRP.

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Therefore, the Division requires that S. J. Groves & Sons notify the Division of its intent for the disposition of the J. B. King Mine by October 31, 1984. This action is being required in order that the Division may schedule the continuation and completion of the review process. If the Company fails to comply with this requirement, the Division will be forced to seek relief before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Division at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

*for*

*Mary M. Boucek*

James W. Smith, Jr.  
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