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**HIDDEN VALLEY MINE**

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Mr. Ronald W. Daniels  
Coordinator of Mined Land Development  
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining  
1588 West North Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Re: Hidden Valley Mine  
Access Road  
ACT/015/022

Dear Mr. Daniels:

On September 7, 1979, the Surface Mining and Reclamation Plan for Hidden Valley Mine was submitted to the Division. Included in this plan was the design information on the mine access road. This road was designed by Horrocks Engineers to meet all of the requirements of a Class II road.

Due to the limited space in the portal area, it is almost impossible to keep the proposed road out of the Ivie Creek buffer zone area. This situation was substantiated by Mike Thompson and Tom Suchoski during a site visitation last fall.

Construction work on this road should begin in April and it is imperative that we obtain the Division's approval for a variance to modify the buffer zone requirements.

The paved road will provide a very good buffer zone for the stream and will prevent any foreign material from entering and polluting Ivie Creek.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

SOLDIER CREEK COAL COMPANY  
Hidden Valley Mine

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. T. Paluso".

J. T. Paluso  
Project Engineer

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