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April 14, 1980

Mr. Tom Paluso, Project Engineer
Soldier Creek Coal Company
Hidden Valley Mine
P.O. Box AS
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Re: Final Approval
Hidden Valley Mine
ACT/015/022
Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Paluso:

The Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining, at its April 10, 1980 Executive Session, fully executed the Mined Lands Reclamation Contract submitted by Soldier Creek Coal Company for the Hidden Valley Mine. A copy of this Contract is enclosed for your records.

Soldier Creek Coal Company has now fulfilled all of the requirements under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act as well as the Interim Program Regulations for Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations for the Hidden Valley Mine. Further, during the 30 day public comment period subsequent to publication of the Division's tentative approval of the Mining and Reclamation Plan for this operation, no adverse comments were received.

The Division therefore, issues Final Approval to Soldier Creek Coal Company for the Hidden Valley Mine and operations may now lawfully commence. Please note however, that this approval is issued under the Interim Program Regulations only and that a Permanent Program Mining and Reclamation Plan will be required for the Hidden Valley Mine as soon as the State's regulations are approved.

Please notify the Division within 30 days of commencement of operations as required under Rule 40-8-15 of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act. Also under this Rule it is required that an annual Operations and Progress Report be submitted at the end of each calendar year for all active operations.

Mr. Tom Paluso
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Should you have any questions relative to this Final Approval,
please feel free to contact the Division.

Sincerely,



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