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July 12, 1985

Mr. M. D. Ross
Vice President & General Manager
Soldier Creek Coal Company
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Price, Utah 84501

Dear Mr. Ross:

RE: Hidden Valley Mine, INA/015/022, Emery County, Utah

Pursuant to our conversation of July 10, 1985, the Division acknowledges purchase of the Soldier Creek mine by Sunedco as enumerated in your June 27, 1985 letter and agrees to a September 15, 1985 date wherein the Division will be notified regarding Soldier Creek Coal Company's plans to permit or reclaim the Hidden Valley Mine. As discussed, the extension is granted to facilitate economic decision-making by Sunedco/Soldier Creek due to the above-cited purchase.

In our conversation, you affirm the Soldier Creek purchase will not affect the Mined Land Reclamation Contract dated April 4, 1980 between Soldier Creek Coal Company and the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM) wherein Soldier Creek Coal Company affirms its responsibility for reclamation of the Hidden Valley Mine. After the above-referenced sale is consummated, any changes that this action may have ~~vis-a-vis~~ the ultimate responsibility for the April 4, 1980 reclamation contract for Hidden Valley must be documented with DOGM. These changes should be discussed in Soldier Creek Coal Company's September 15, 1985 decision response to DOGM. Please contact the undersigned if further information is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lowell P. Braxton".

Lowell P. Braxton
Administrator
Mineral Resource Development
and Reclamation Program

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cc: Dianne Nielson
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