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**Diamond Shamrock**  
Coal Company

December 11, 1986

Lowell Braxton  
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
355 West North Temple  
3 Triad Center/Suite 350  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84180/1203

**FILE COPY**

RE: Trail Mountain Coal Company ACT/015/009 Second Application for Permit Amendment (Incidental Boundary Change)

Dear Lowell;

On October 16, 1986 Trail Mountain Coal Company submitted to the Division a permit amendment for an IBC to increase the ACT/015/009 permit area by six acres. That request was approved by the Division on November 19, 1986.

At this time Trail Mountain Coal Company would formally submit to you and the division a second request for an Incidental Boundary Change (IBC).

Under the IBC criteria, Trail Mountain Coal Company requests an additional increase to the ACT/015/009 permit area of four acres.

This is Trail Mountain Coal Company's second request for an IBC and is a cumulative total of ten acres (which is the maximum acreage allowable under the IBC criteria of UMC 700.5).

This second amendment request is prompted by a series of unplanned events at the Trail Mountain Mine.

1. The Trail Mountain Mine operation consists of two continuous mining machines mining two mining sections (1st South and 6th West) one shift per day.
2. The 6th West continuous miner was taken out of service for a complete rebuild (estimate of 12 weeks).
3. The 2nd South panel was set to mine on November 17, 1986. This section was mined for one week and conditions encountered were such that the section had to be abandoned (low coal, burn, unexceptable quality).

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- 4 With the loss of the 2nd South area the only place set up to mine is the 6th West panel.
- 5 The 6th west panel is now active and is mined two shifts per day (to make up production due to the loss of a continuous mining machine).
- 6 By mining the 6th West section two shifts per day, coal production in this section is now double and the section is advancing at twice the planned rate.

The projected mine plan for the ACT/015/009 permit area was designed to be able to mine the Tract 1 area until the end of 1987 and allow ample time for the Tract 2 area to be permitted. However, the above mentioned series of unplanned events have voided those earlier mine projections.

With production and quality quotas to meet and maintain, Trail Mountain Coal Company has been forced to make radical changes in our mine plan and at this time we are searching for any and all avenues available to maintain our present level of production and coal quality.

Had these conditions been identified prior to October 16, 1986 (the date of Trail Mountain Coal Company's first IBC submittal), a ten acre IBC would have been asked for at that time.

Enclosed is Trail Mountain Coal Company's submittal for a second IBC. Once again your review and consideration is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me at (801) 748-2140.

Sincerely;

TRAIL MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY



Allen P. Childs  
Mine Engineer

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**TRAIL MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY  
INCIDENTAL BOUNDARY CHANGE  
SUBMITTAL**

**Prepared For:  
Trail Mountain Coal Company  
Orangeville, Utah**

**Prepared By:  
Engineering Department**

**INTRODUCTION**

**Trail Mountain Coal Company formally submits to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining an application for a permit change using the Incidental Boundary Change criteria as adopted by the Board October 2, 1985 and as approved by O.S.M. January 16, 1986.**

**SMC/UMC 700.5 Definition - "Incidental Boundary Change" - Additions of deletions which result in a net increase to the originally approved permit area which are less than one (1) percent, or 10 acres, whichever is smaller.**

**Under permit number ACT/015/009 Trail Mountain Coal Company is the lessee of federal coal lease U-082996 containing 80 acres, the lessee of state coal lease ML-22603 containing 640 acres and the owner of certain fee-owned parcel containing 53.5 acres for a total lease holdings under permit ACT/015/009 of 773.5 acres.**

**Trail Mountain Coal Company is also the lessee of Federal Coal Lease U-09332 containing 641.47 acres and has filed with the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining a permit application package with a tentative approval date of February 1, 1987. With this additional acreage, the total lease holdings of Trail Mountain Coal Company would total 1,414.97 acres.**

**On October 16, 1986, Trail Mountain Coal Company submitted to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining a permit amendment for an incidental boundary change to increase the ACT/015/009 permit area by six acres. On November 19, 1986, Trail**

**Mountain Coal Company received approval from the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining for the six acre boundary change.**

**Under the incidental boundry change criteria, Trail Mountain Coal Company would request a second increase to our original approved permit of an additional four acres. (See Figure 3-6D).**

**This is Trail Mountain Coal Company's second request for an incidental boundary change (IBC) and is a cumulative total of ten acres which is the maximum acre criteria of UMC 700.5.**

**The requested four (4) acres would access a Federal Lease assigned to Trail Mountain Coal Company.**

**There is no surface disturbance associated with the requested four acres. There are no seeps, springs or ponds that would be affected by possible subsidence within or adjacent to the requested four acres.**

**The requested four acres are part of the corridor system to access Trail Mountain Coal Company's Tract 2 permit area (MRP on file).**

The surface owner has been notified of Trail Mountain Coal Company's intention of accessing Tract 2 within the next six months. (see UMC 782.13 (E)).

**UMC 782.13 - Identification of Interests**

**(A)(1) Permit Application**

Trail Mountain Coal Company  
P. O. Box 550  
Orangeville, Utah 84537  
  
(801) 748-2140

**(A) (2) Owner of Records of Surface Area and of Coal Rights**

Owner of record of the areas affected by surface operations:

Trail Mountain Coal Company  
P. O. Box 550  
Orangeville, Utah 84537

Incidental boundary change will involve no additional surface operations or disturbance.

Owners of record of the coal to be mined:

Trail Mountain Coal Company  
P. O. Box 550  
Orangeville, Utah 84537

UMC 782.13 A.3 - Holders of Lease Hold Interests in Surface Area and of Coal Rights

Surface Ownership

1. The United State of America  
Surface Management Agent  
U.S. Forest Service  
Manti LaSal National Forest  
599 West River Drive  
Price, Utah, 84501.

Mineral Ownership

1. The United States of America  
Surface Management Agent  
The Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management, Moab District  
P. O. Box AB  
Price, Utah, 84501.
2. Trail Mountain Coal Company, Federal Coal Lease No. U-49332.

**UMC 782.13 A.4 - Purchase of Record Under a Realestate Contract for Surface Area or Coal**

None.

**UMC 782.13 A.5 - Operator**

**The operator is the same as the applicant**

**Trail Mountain Coal Company  
P. O. Box 550  
Orangeville, Utah, 84537.**

**UMC 782.13 A.6 - Resident Agent**

**The resident agent who will accept services of process is:**

**CT Corporation System  
170 South Main Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101**

**Telephone - (801) 364-1228**

**UMC 782.13 B - Business Designation**

**The applicant is a corporation.**

**UMC 782.13 B.1 - Officers and Directors of the Applicant**

**See Trail Mountain Coal Mine Tract 2 Permit Application package, Volume 1,  
Chapter 2, Page 5.**

**UMC 782.13 B.2 - Principle Shareholder of the Applicant**

**Natomas Coal Company is the principle and only shareholder of the applicant.**

**Address:**

**Natomas Coal Company  
1200 First Security Plaza  
Lexington, Kentucky, 40507.**

**UMC 782.13 B.3 - Names Under Which Applicant and Principle Shareholder Operated U.S.  
Coal Mines**

**Mines operated within the previous five years are:**

**Trail Mountain Coal Company\*  
P. O. Box 550  
Orangeville, Utah, 84537.**

**Federal I.D.**

**42-01211**

**State I.D.**

**ACT-015-009**

**Reclamation Permit No.**

**ACT-015-009**

**UMC 782.13 C - Principles, Officers, and Resident Agents**

See Trail Mountain Coal Mine Tract 2 Mining and Reclamation Plan, Volume 1,  
Chapter 2, Page 7.

**UMC 782.13 D - Current Pending or Previous Coal Mining Permits**

See UMC 782.13 B,3.

**UMC 782.13 E - Owner of Record of Surface and Subsurface Areas Contiguous to  
Proposed Permit Area**

**Surface**

The United States of America  
Surface Management Agent  
The U.S. Forest Service  
Manti LaSal National Forest  
599 West River Drive  
Price, Utah, 84501.

The United States of America  
Surface Management Agent  
The Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management, Moab District  
P. O. Box AB  
Price, Utah, 84501

**Subsurface**

The United States of America  
Surface Management Agent  
The Bureau of Land Management, Moab District  
P. O. Box AB  
Price, Utah 84501

**UMC 782.13 F - Mine Name and MSHA Identification**

**Mine Name**

**Trail Mountain Mine**

**MSHA Identification Number**

**42-01211**

**UMC 782.13 G - Applicant's Interest in Areas Contiguous to Proposed Incidental Boundary Change Area**

**The applicant has assigned to them Federal Lease U-49332. This is a federal coal lease containing 641.47 acres that is contiguous to the proposed incidental boundary change area.**

**UMC 782.14 - Compliance Information**

**UMC 782.14 1 - Status of Mining Permits or Bonds**

**No federal or state mining permits have been suspended or revoked during the history of the mine. No bonds of security have been forfeited during the history of the mine.**

**UMC 782.14 C - Mine Activity Violations**

See Trail Mountain Coal Company, Trail Mountain Mine Tract 2 Mine and Reclamation Plan, Volume 1, Chapter 2, Pages 11 through 13.

**UMC 782.15 - Right of Entry and Operation Information**

Trail Mountain Coal Company bases its legal right to enter and begin underground coal activities on the incidental boundary change criteria. Also Trail Mountain Coal Company will be entering into Federal Lease No. U-49332, which is a federal coal lease all ready assigned to Trail Mountain Coal Company. See Trail Mountain Coal Company Tract 2 Mine and Reclamation Plan.

**UMC 782.16 - Relationship to Areas Designated Unsuitable for Mining**

The proposed four acres of the incidental boundary change is not within an area designated unsuitable for the surface effects of underground coal mine activities under UMC 764. Neither is the proposed four acres under study for designated for an administrative proceeding initiated under those parts. Mining would not affect renewable resource lands and would not result in substantial loss of food, fiber or water supply. The four acres contains no prime farm land or merchantable timber. Mining would not affect natural hazard lands and thereby endanger life and property. The proposed four acres includes no cemeteries, no natural trails, no wild and scenic rivers, no wilderness or wilderness study areas. There are no seeps or springs found within the proposed area.

**UMC 783 - Requirements for Information on Environmental Resources**

**See ACT/015/009 MRP Chapters 3-12**

**Tract 2 MRP Chapters 3-12**

**UMC - 784 - Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plan**

**See ACT/015/009 MRP and Tract 2 MRP Chapter 3 for operation plan to be used in the requested four acres.**

**There will be no reclamation associated with the requested four acres.**

**UMC 785 - Special Categories of Mining**

**UMC 785 does not apply to the requested four acres.**