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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT
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Subject: Termination of Suspension of Mining Operations, Western Utah Copper Company, Midvale Placer/Cactus Tunnel (S/001/060), Hidden Treasure/Maria (S/001/061), Maria/Hidden Treasure (M/001/059), Maria Exploration (E/001/147); Breccia Development, Goldstar (E/001/141), 3D (E/001/129), JD1-4/Indian Peaks (E/001/113); and B M X, Cactus (E/001/146), Beaver County, Utah

Dear Mr. Dotson:

Status of above mentioned sites:

On September 8, 2003, the Division notified you that your mining operation was placed in suspension for failure to pay the required permit fees for year 2003. On October 23, 2003, we received your letter and a B M X check in the amount of $1550.00 for these permit fees; therefore, the mine and/or exploration status is no longer listed as being in suspension for the above listed sites. Operations at these sites may resume as before.

We did receive your voice message that if the check had not been deposited to hold it, as you were not sure you should have paid for Western Utah Copper Company's fees. This letter is to inform you that the check has been deposited; you will have to adjust the fee payment within the companies involved.

Permit fees are required annually until the site has been completely reclaimed and you have received written notification from this office that the permit is officially closed. In order to avoid this from happening in the future, payment of the fee by the due date (last Friday in July) would be appreciated.

Status of sites fees payment was not submitted:

Your letter stated you did not pay the fees for the JB Mine (S/001/054), and Dead Horse Point (E/001/130) because the sites had been inspected and closed. In checking with the BLM, we were informed that the sites were inspected but the sites were not closed. In a telephone conversation

with Joelle Burns on October 21st, you mentioned that you had documentation from the BLM that the sites were closed. Please forward copies of that correspondence so we can get this matter cleared up. Otherwise, the fees remain due and payable for these sites.

Also in your telephone conversation with Joelle, you were informed that Casey Ross signed the Horn Silver Zincox exploration notice (E/001/128) on behalf of Breccia Development as the operator. Joelle informed you that an official transfer from Breccia Development to Horn Silver needed to be made if the project is now under the control of Horn Silver Mines. We have enclosed a transfer form (MR-TRE) for this purpose. The fee payment is due and payable and is the responsibility of Breccia Development until the transfer is received and accepted. Horn Silver may submit the permit fee along with the transfer form; otherwise Breccia Development needs to pay this fee payment immediately.

We have contacted Barry Katona of Grand Central Silver Mines regarding the Wild Bill (E/001/071). Mr. Katona stated he was not sure that Centurion Mines owned Dotson Exploration. He is going to look into the paperwork regarding that and will get back to us. If you have some legal documentation that would clarify this so we could officially change the operator name from Dotson Exploration to Centurion Mines/Grand Central Silver Mines, it would be very helpful to expedite this matter.

These four sites are still listed in suspension. No activity is allowed to occur at these sites until the these matters are cleared up and the projects are taken from suspension. We have enclosed billing statements for these sites. In order to avoid any further enforcement action, please submit the fee payment or proper documentation to clear up the matters in question within the next 10 days, by November 6, 2003.

Thank you for keeping your mine/exploration permits in good standing.

Sincerely,

Thomas Munson for

D. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

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Enclosure: billing statements, transfer form
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