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March 31, 2006

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT
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Star Stone Quarries, Inc.
Lon Thomas
4040 South 300 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84107

RE: Denied Request for Extension to Submit Revised Reclamation Surety, Star Stone Quarries, Inc., Cotton Thomas Operations, M0030024; Rosebud Mine, M0030026; Peoa Blonde Quarry, M0430012 and Heber Quarry, M0510001; Box Elder and Wasatch Counties, Utah

Dear Mr. Thomas:

The Division has reviewed your request for an additional 60 days to submit the updated reclamation surety for these projects (while the Division did not receive a request to extend the time for submitting the updated surety for the Peoa Quarry, this applies to that operation as well). As stated in our January 31 2006 letter, the request to amend the mine plan is a separate permitting action. The Division **denies** the requested 60- day extension to submit the surety.

The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act requires an operator to maintain adequate surety for all mining operations. The failure to provide the updated sureties for the referenced operations by April 14, 2006 may result in enforcement action requiring the suspension of all mining activities at these operations until adequate surety is provided and approved by the Division. You may submit your proposed permit revision(s) any time, but they will not be considered as part of this surety update.

Please contact Beth Ericksen at (801) 538-5318 (BethEricksen@utah.gov) to obtain the current bonding forms and information to amend the reclamation contract. Current bonding forms and information are also found on the Division's web page at http://ogm.utah.gov/minerals/ . Please fax a "draft" copy of the documents to (801) 359-3940 for review prior to finalizing the surety.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock

for Susan M. White
Mining Program Coordinator
Minerals Regulatory Program

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cc: Mike Ford, BLM, State FO
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