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TO: File

FROM: Frank Filas, Engineer

RE: Site Inspection, Tony M/Lucky Strike Mine - M/017/001, Frank M Mine - M/017/017, EXP/017/006 and EXP/017/024 - Shootaring Canyon.

On March 18, 1987, Frank Filas, Dave Wham, and Frank Jensen visited Plateau Resources' operations near Ticaboo. Bill Collins, project manager, showed us the mine sites, mill, and related facilities.

The Tony M/Lucky Strike Mine has been inactive since 1984. Plateau plans to mine a small amount of ore in 1987 for assessment purposes only. The vegetative test plots on the waste material were observed. Fourwing saltbush, shadscale, and indian ricegrass were growing successfully. It is presumed that the majority of these were transplanted. The irrigation of these plots has been discontinued for several years. The reclaimed mine camp area and old dewatering pond were inspected. A good reclamation job had been done in both areas.

Disturbance at the Frank M Mine is minimal (approximately one acre not including the road). The mine suspended operations at the end of 1979 shortly after startup. The decline extends 150 feet in, and the entrance is adequately secured with a locked fence. The drill sites north and west of the Frank M were inspected also. All drill holes had been plugged, and the sites scarified and reseeded. We were well satisfied with the reclamation work that had been done.

Jack Thamm, General Manager, requested clarification of the following reclamation requirements:

1. What, if any, reclamation is Plateau required to perform on the old Lucky Strike portals, roads, and waste dumps?

2. What will Plateau be required to do in reclaiming the Tony M waste piles (i.e., angle of slope, amount of soil cover)?

3. What are the sealing requirements for the Frank M and Tony M portals?

We agreed to review the permit and files, and answer these questions for him.

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