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Mr. Dave Linebarger
Western States Minerals Corporation
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Dear Mr. Linebarger:

RE: Conditional Approval of Plans for Low Grade Ore Heap, Western States Minerals Corporation, Drum Mine, ACT/027/007, Millard County, Utah

The Division extends its apology for the excessive delay in responding to the Company's May 31, 1984 resubmittal of plans for construction of the low grade ore heap. Other priorities unfortunately have prevented a more expeditious review. The plans are conditionally approved as submitted, if the following condition can be satisfied.

Upon reviewing the post-leaching cross-section provided by the Company, it is the Division's opinion that all slopes on the ore heap will be gentle enough to be seeded. Please clarify the circumstances where the larger rock would be used to stabilize the slopes during the reclamation process.

Western States Mineral Corporation must understand that the reclamation bond release is contingent on a 70 percent success standard for reestablished vegetation after three growing seasons. If, as mentioned in the Company's May 31 letter, reclamation of the heap will take place "approximately two to three years after cessation of mining operations," the bond liability period will have to be extended proportionally. The Company should realize too, that the seed mixture and seeding rate to be used on the low grade ore heap will have to be the same as that approved in the original mine plan.

The Division requests a response from the Company by November 26, 1984. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in this matter. Please contact me at any time if there are further questions.

Sincerely,

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