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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT
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Tom Miller
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Re: Large Mining Operations Notice of Intention, Cargill Salt, Timpie Solar Ponds, M/045/030, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Miller:

On May 6, 1997, we forwarded to you a series of permitting documents pertaining to the Timpie Solar Ponds large mining project which to date remains unpermitted with this office. Documents forwarded to you included the following:

1. Reclamation Contract (FORM MR-RC)
2. Surety bond (Form MR-5)
3. December 2, 1994 DOGM Deficiency review letter & Reclamation Estimate
4. Large Mine Operation Permit Transfer Form (MR-TRL)

Cargill Salt has now assumed ownership and is the new operator of this evaporative salt producing operation. AKZO Nobel Salt, Inc. was the previous operator who initiated the large mining permitting process for this operation. To date the permitting process remains incomplete for this mine. In 1994, AKZO Salt voluntarily posted a $109,500 interim reclamation surety bond with this office. This surety was to remain in place until the large mining permit application was approved by the Division.

A recent review of our outstanding permit applications and interim surety bonds indicates that this mining operation has remained in an active permitting stage for over four (4) years. The permitting process for this mining operation far exceeds what is considered a reasonable timeframe within which to acquire an approved mining permit. The Board of Oil, Gas and

Mining has been informed about this outstanding permit and interim reclamation surety and expects that this permit will be brought into compliance with the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act and its interpretive rules.

Consequently, the Division hereby directs Cargill Salt to provide this office with the previously requested information in order to address all remaining permitting deficiencies for this operation. ***We request receipt of this information within 30 days of your receipt of this letter.*** Cargill's failure to respond within this timeframe will lead to enforcement actions which could result in (after public notice and formal hearing) a temporary suspension of mining operations, appropriate fines and/or other lawful penalties authorized under the Act and rules.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and prompt attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me, D. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor, or Tom Munson of the Minerals staff, if you have questions or concerns regarding the requirements of this letter.

Sincerely,

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