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SECRETARY OF LABOR, : CIVIL PENALTY PROCEEDINGS

MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH

ADMINISTRATION (MSHA), : Docket No. PENN 94-23

Petitioner : A. C. No. 36-05466-03980

: Docket No. PENN 94-166

CYPRUS EMERALD RESOURCES, : A.C. No. 36-05466-03990

Respondent

: Emerald No. 1 Mine

DECISION APPROVING SETTLEMENT ON REMAND

Before: Judge Hodgdon

v.

This case is before me on remand from the Commission to assess a penalty for the only citation remaining in the case. *Cyprus Emerald Resources Corp.*, 22 FMSHRC 285 (March 2000). The Secretary, by counsel, has filed a motion to approve a settlement agreement. A reduction in penalty from \$3,000.00 to \$1,000.00 is proposed.

Having considered the representations and documentation submitted, I conclude that the proffered settlement is appropriate under the criteria set forth in section 110(i) of the Act, 30 U.S.C. § 820(i). Accordingly, the motion for approval of settlement is **GRANTED** and the Respondent is **ORDERED TO PAY** a penalty of \$1,000.00 within 30 days of the date of this order.

T. Todd Hodgdon Administrative Law Judge

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