

COLORADO Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

May 29, 2015

Michael S. Miclette Premier Silica LLC 5205 N. O'Connor Blvd. Suite 200 Irving, TX 75039

Re: Jemadojin Sand Mine, Permit No. M-2006-017; Second Five-Year Period of Temporary Cessation (TC-02) Preliminary Adequacy Review

Dear Mr. Miclette:

On May 21, 2015 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received a request for a second period of Temporary Cessation (TC). The Division has reviewed the request with respect to Rule 1.13.5(3) of the Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for the Extraction of Construction Materials, and has the following comment(s):

1. Pursuant to Rule 1.13.5(3)(c), the Operator (i.e., permittee) must demonstrate the commitment to conduct mining operations at the site by the end of the second five year period. The response to this Rule suggests the commitment to resume mining resides solely with the landowner, and not the Operator. If the Operator cannot commit to resume mining within the second five year period, the Division cannot recommend approval of a second five year period of TC to the Mined Land Reclamation Board. Please clarify whether the commitment to resume mining lies with the Operator or the landowner.

Please respond by June 29, 2015. If no response is received, the Division may deny the request and require final reclamation begin on July 1, 2015 when the first five year period of TC ends.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (303)866-3567 x8169.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Cazier, P.E. Environmental Protection Specialist

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