July 18, 2016

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COLORADO Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

## RE: Martin Pit 1-A, Permit/File No. M-1990-140, Comments Regarding Construction Material Regular (112) Operation Reclamation Conversion Application (CN-1)

Dear Mr. Duran:

On July 12, 2016 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received an objection (copy enclosed) to the above referenced application from The State Land Board.

The Division cannot approve your application without the legal right to extract minerals. Please inform the Division of how the Applicant will respond to the jurisdictional issues presented by The State Land Board. If this issue cannot be resolved, the Division must deny the application for failure to provide proof of right of legal access. <u>Please provide the Division with a response by **Monday**, **August 08, 2016**.</u>

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Amy Yeldell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203. Direct contact can be made by phone at 970-254-8511 or via email at amy.yeldell@ state.co.us

Sincerely,

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Cc: Russ Means, Senior EPS, Grand Junction DRMS Phillip J. Courtney, State Land Board





**COLORADO** State Land Board Department of Natural Resources

July 11, 2016

Ms. Amy C. Yeldell Department of Natural Resources Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

By Electronic Mail

Re: Notice of 110(c) to 112(c) Construction Materials Permit Conversion Duran & Pearce Contractors, Inc., Martin Pit 1-A Permit No. M-1990-140 - State Land Board Objection

Dear Ms. Yeldell:

Thank you for the notice provided by the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety regarding the referenced permit conversion application. The State Board of Land Commissioners (Land Board) has reviewed its mineral ownership records in the vicinity of the requested permit expansion and determined that the mineral estate under the the proposed permit located in the S2NW, Section 13, T6N, R91W is owned by the State of Colorado. I have attached a map illustrating state mineral ownership in the vicinity of permit conversion application.

The surface estate of the above described land was conveyed to F.J. Pry by Patent No. 4596 on March 23, 1927. This patent specifically reserves all minerals to the State of Colorado. A copy of the patent is attached to this letter.

The Land Board allows access to minerals for development through mineral leases that must be approved by the Board of Land Commissioners. Current records show that no mineral lease for sand & gravel is in effect on the lands that are included in the referenced permit conversion application. Until such time as a mineral lease has been fully executed to allow extraction of the sand & gravel resources owned by the State of Colorado, the Land Board objects to the permit boundary proposed in the conversion application. The process for a mineral lease begins by submitting an application form that is available at: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/statelandboard/mining

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 303-866-3454 ext. 3313.

Sincerel Phillip J. Courtney

Solid Minerals Leasing Manager

Attachments: State of Colorado Patent No. 4596 Map

Cc: Pete Milonas, Minerals Director - State Land Board Derek Duran, Vice President - Duran & Pearce Contractors

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State of Colorado PATENT No. 4596 To all unto Whom these Presents shall Come: Greeting; Whereas, \_\_\_\_\_\_ A. Pro-\_\_\_\_\_of the County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and State of Colorado, in accordance with the provisions of the acts of the General Assembly of the State of Colorado, approved and in force at the time of the purchase of the land herein designated and described, and at the time of the execution of this conveyance, has made full payment as appears from the records of the State Board of Land Commissioners, of and for the moller. following described real estate, lying and situate in the County of..... and State of Colorado, to-wit: Portlikest Quarter (n w/4) of Section The al Thinty-one (91) cont anna Innited lonall which said described tract of land has been purchased by the said no/100 (#160000)\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars for the sum of: Now Know Hr, That the State of Colorado in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the Act of the General Assembly, in such case provided, has sold and granted, and by these presents does sell and grant unto the said..... OH. and assigns, the said tract above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the and to...: same as above specified, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances of whatsoever nature hereunto belonging, unto the . Trysaid.. and to his heris and assigns forever. · · · · · · You of Adame In Testimony Whereof, I, Governor Seal of State ) bolorado of the State of Colorado, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the State of Colorado to be hereunto attached. 23ª day of Given under my Hand at the City of Denver, the March A. D. 1927 tem A. Adams deal of State Board of Land Attest: Chas. M. Armstrong Secretary of State of the State of Colorado Earl Gooley Roging State Board of Land Commissione Rio Grande Com old September 1, 1915. of P#3393, Book 14. March A. D. 1987, at 9 o'clock 9 Filed for record this Earl Baoley 

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