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June 8, 2018

Mr. Brandon Heser Continental Materials Corporation 444 E. Costilla St. Colorado Springs, CO 80803

Re: Cañon Dolomite Quarry, Permit No. M-1977-376; DRMS Response to Permittee Comments on the March 28, 2018 Inspection Report

Dear Mr. Heser:

On June 8, 2018, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received your Response to the March 28, 2018 inspection report, Canon Dolomite Quarry, M1977-376 via email. The Division provides the following in response to the stated comments in your letter:

• Under "Availability of Records", the inspection report states the, "Annual fees are paid through September 2017". Should this be September 2018?

*Division response*: The anniversary date for this permit is September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Annual fees are paid to the Division are for the previous 365 days (note, the first payment of an annual fee is due on the first anniversary of the permit approval). As such, a statement indicating annual fees are paid up through a date less than one year prior to the inspection report date means the annual fees are <u>not</u> in arrears.

• We are looking into our statement that the site lease or contract has made the landscape company aware of the permit conditions. We will ensure the contractor is aware of the permit conditions. We have developed a summary of the approved mining and reclamation plans and will provide those to the on-site contractor.

*Division response*: The Division appreciates your efforts to keep your contract operator apprised of the permit conditions.

• We understand that for the broken concrete to be disposed on-site, the rebar must be cut away. As a point of clarification, does this mean only exposed rebar must be cut off the blocks of concrete or that the rebar must be broken free of the concrete?

Division response: Only the exposed rebar need be cut away.

• Under "Revegetation", the report states, "No revegetation efforts had been initiated." We would like to point out that the upper most benches of the Quarry site have been revegetated. The total area which has been revegetated is about .6 acres. The area has not been released, however.



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Division response: Based on review of AM-01 and TR-02, the Division's understanding is the revegetated benches on the west side of the quarry area are pre-law and are outside the affected area boundary. It should be noted this area is within the permit boundary. If this is inconsistent with your understanding and/or your future mine plan, please contact me to discuss details as soon as possible. The current mine and reclamation plans to not allow redisturbance of this area.

• Under "Sediment Control", the report states, "The plan is to terrace this slope with likely three terraces having a back slope to convey the runoff towards the side into the natural drainage." We have refined the proposed design to include only one draining ditch with discharge structures that will be field fit and armored as necessary. In addition, the top of the slope, a diversion berm will be installed to prevent runoff from flowing over the crest of the slope. We have submitted a Technical Revision (TR), dated June 5, 2018, which addresses the New Fines Disposal Area. The TR also includes a site specific and revised seed mix which we have developed to better fit site soils and climatic conditions.

*Division response*: The Division received this request for technical revision late yesterday and will begin reviewing it soon.

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

Sincerely,

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