



February 16, 2021

Larry Mondragon  
Rio Grande Bentonite, Inc.  
9451 South HWY 285  
Alaomsa, CO 81101

***RE: Roman's Pit, File No. M-2021-004, Construction Materials Limited Impact (110) Operation  
Reclamation Permit Application Adequacy Review***

Dear Mr. Mondragon:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is in the process of reviewing the above referenced application in order to ensure that it adequately satisfies the requirements of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials (Act) and the associated Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for the Extraction of Construction Materials (Rules). During review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issue(s) of concern shall be adequately addressed before a decision can be rendered.

1. **6.3.2 Exhibit B- Site Description:** Pursuant to Rule 6.3.2 (b), please clarify if the access road leading from the northern boundary of the property to the northern extent of the permitted area is pre-existing or if it will be constructed in support of the mining operations. If the road is to be constructed it will need to be included in the Permit Boundaries
2. **6.3.9 Exhibit I- Proof of Filing with County Clerk:** In Exhibit I you included the certified mail receipt that the application materials were sent to the County Clerk and Records Office. Before a decision can be rendered please provide proof of delivery or a receipt confirming that the application materials were received by the Clerk and Records Office.
3. **6.3.10 Exhibit J- Proof of Mailing of Notices to Board of County Commissioners and Soil Conservation District:** In Exhibit J you included the certified mail receipts that the proper notices were sent to the Board of County Commissioners and the Soil Conservation District. Please provide the certified mail receipts that confirm delivery for each notice pursuant to Rule 1.6.2(1)(a)(ii).

Please submit your response(s) to the above listed issue(s) by Friday, February 26, 2021 in order to allow the Division sufficient time for review. The Division will continue to review your application and will contact you if additional information is needed.



If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact me at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by email at [lucas.west@state.co.us](mailto:lucas.west@state.co.us) or by phone at (303)-866-3567 Ext. 8187.

Sincerely,



**Lucas West**  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

Cc: Travis Marshall, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist

Ec: Larry Mondragon, Rio Grande Bentonite, Inc.