

October 21, 2021

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Attn: Mr. Patrick Lennberg 1313 Sherman St, Rm 215 Denver, CO 80203

Re: Surety Reduction, Pueblo West Pit, File No. M1977-573

Dear Mr. Lennberg,

Attached for your review is a Surety Reduction request for the Pueblo West Pit. To the best of our knowledge, we have completed all required reclamation except for the following:

- Site weed control, to include:
  - > Noxious weed control, in particular salt cedar and Russian olive.
  - ➢ Non-noxious weed control, kocha.
- The Wildlife Island is excess topsoil. We considered excess topsoil a salable product. We have a limited time to sell the excess topsoil. If we cannot sell all the excess topsoil, we will apply the excess topsoil to the areas needing interseeding.
- Seedbed preparation prior to interseeding. We estimate the total area available for interseeding is about 38.4 acres. This includes the entire site and does not remove the areas where prior seeding has established.
- Drill interseeding with the approved seed mix
- The application of two (2) tons of a weed free straw per acre and crip in two directions.

We request \$243,323.00 of the \$343,323.00 reclamation financial warranty be released. We estimate the remaining \$100,000.00 will be sufficient to complete the site reclamation in the unlikely event the Board would need to complete site reclamation.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

respectfully,

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H. Bruce Humphries Regulatory Permits Management, Inc. Consultant for Castle Concrete

Enc: Financial Warranty reduction Request Form.



Pueblo West photo of reclamation area.

cc: Jerald Schnabel Castle Concrete Co.



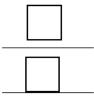
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## REQUEST FOR FULL OR PARTIAL RELEASE OF PERMIT AREA/SURETY REDUCTION

Please indicate if you are requesting:

FULL/FINAL RELEASE OF ENTIRE PERMITTED AREA (per Rule 4.17)

ACREAGE REDUCTION (PARTIAL RELEASE per Rule 4.17)



I wish to release 0.0 acres at this time.

You will need to submit with this request: a map showing the acreage to be released from the current permit <u>and</u> updated mining and reclamation plan maps that will accurately depict the new permit boundary if the release is approved.

SURETY (Bond) REDUCTION (per Rule 4.14)



If you are requesting a surety (bond) reduction you will need to include with this request a new estimate of the actual cost to reclaim the site based on what it would cost an independent contractor to complete reclamation, including unit costs for reclamation activities as appropriate to the operation to comply with the provisions of Rule 3.1 and the Permit's approved Reclamation Plan.

Pit

County:	Pueblo				
Permittee:	Contine	ental Materials Co	orp.		
Permittee Address:		440 S. LaSalle, S	Suite 3100,		
		·	(Street Ad	dress)	
Chicago				IL	60605
		(City)		(State)	(Zip)



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Operator (If Other than Permittee	): NA	
Permittee Representative:	Jerald Schnabel	
Certified Mail #		
	e Operator shall include the names, addresses and p	
	d. Please attach additional sheets for this information	-
<u>Name</u>	Address	<u>Phone Number</u>
olo. Water Protective and Development Assn.	205 S. Main St, Fowler, CO 81039	719-826-259

Signature of Permittee, Operator or their authorized agent

gent Date

Important: In accordance with Rules 4.14.2(a) and 4.17.1(3) This release request must be submitted to the Division via certified mail and separate from any other correspondence to the Division.

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