



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

June 27, 2022

Ms. Jessica Walker  
Holcim - WCR, Inc.  
1687 Cole Blvd., Suite 300  
Golden, CO 80401

**RE: Irwin/Thomas Mine, Permit No. M-2016-054, Incomplete Application for Transfer of Permit and Succession of Operators – SO-1,**

Dear Ms. Walker:

On June 21, 2022, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS/Division) received the Application Form for Transfer of Mineral Permit and Succession of Operators (SO) from Aggregate Industries – WCR, Inc. to Holcim - WCR, Inc. for the Irwin/Thomas Mine, Permit M-2016-054. The following items are incomplete for the application to be processed:

1. On page 6, Other Reclamation Permits held by the Prospective Successor, is incorrectly filled out. As filled out, this section lists the permits currently permitted to Aggregate Industries – WCR, Inc. that will eventually all be transferred to Holcim – WCR, Inc. through the SO process. Please confirm that this is the case.

Please note permit M1991-035, Bluestone Pit, is not permitted to Aggregate Industries – WCR, Inc. but it is permitted to Lafarge West, Inc. c/o Lafarge North America Inc. The Bluestone Pit will have to undergo a separate SO process and not be included with batch SO applications currently being done. A SO application, SO-4, for the Bluestone Pit was denied in January 2019, which would have transferred the pit from Lafarge to Aggregate Industries, for failing to respond to Division adequacy review items.

2. Please provide the appropriate Financial Warranty documents and current required surety amount of \$2,747,911.00. For operator's ease, they may submit a rider to their current corporate surety updating the company name to Holcim-WCR, Inc. If the operator plans on a different bonding method please contact the Division for guidance on the correct forms that need to be completed.

Please provide the above documents by August 26, 2022. All completed permit documents are required to be submitted for consideration of your Request for Transfer of Mineral Permit and Succession of



Operators Application. If additional time is needed to respond, an extension request must be received by our Office by the decision date. If on the decision date, outstanding items remain, and no extension request has been received, your application will be denied and the file terminated. The Division reserves the right to further supplement this document with additional items and details as necessary.

Please contact Patrick Lennberg (303) 866-3567 ext. 8114 or by email at [patrick.lennberg@state.co.us](mailto:patrick.lennberg@state.co.us) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Protection Specialist

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Jared Ebert, DRMS

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