STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY Department of Natural Resources

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Bob Sutherland West End Gravel Company P.O. Box 889 Nucla, CO 81424



John W. Hickenlooper Governor

Mike King Executive Director

Loretta E. Piñeda Director

Re: Weimer #1 Pit, Permit No. M-2001-002, Reclamation Update, and Notice of Surety Increase, SI-02.

Dear Mr. Sutherland,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) has conducted a review of the reclamation liability for the above referenced site. This update was conducted as part of Surety Reduction request SR-01. Some earthwork tasks were completed to reduce the overall liability but not completely down to the current bond held.

In an effort to ensure the financial warranty remains adequate to reclaim this site per the requirements of the approved reclamation plan, the Division has updated the reclamation cost estimate (copy enclosed). Based on the current conditions, <u>the estimated reclamation liability is now \$54,110.00</u>. This is an increase of \$2495.00 from the 2001 estimate of \$51,615.00. The site is currently under-bonded. Therefore, pursuant to Section 34-32.5-117(4) of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act, adequate financial warranty must be submitted to DRMS within 60 days of the mailing date of this notice. The due date for submission and acceptance is June 25, 2012.

If you need additional information please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 S. 3rd St., Suite 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, by telephone at 970.241.1117, or by e-mail at russ.means@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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