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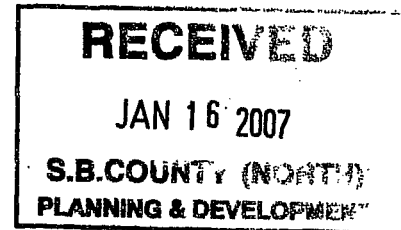
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January 9, 2007

Mr. Gary Kaiser  
County of Santa Barbara  
Planning and Development  
624 West Foster Road, Suite C  
Santa Maria, CA 93455



Dear Mr. Kaiser:

REVIEW OF REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE  
PROPOSED DIAMOND ROCK SAND AND GRAVEL MINE AND PROCESSING FACILITY  
(SCH# 2003121049)

The Department of Conservation's Office of Mine Reclamation (OMR) has reviewed the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Diamond Rock Sand and Gravel Mine and Processing Facility, dated November 2006. OMR has previously provided comments on the DEIR in letters dated March 17, 2005 and December 29, 2005. At this time OMR staff have no further comments pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

We look forward to providing further review and comments upon receipt of a complete reclamation plan for the proposed Diamond Rock Sand and Gravel Mine and Processing Facility. When submitting reclamation plans and financial assurance cost estimates to OMR for review, lead agencies are required to certify that the reclamation plan is complete pursuant to section 2774(c) of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act. Therefore, upon submittal, please include a cover letter with a statement such as: "The Diamond Rock Sand and Gravel Mine and Processing Facility Reclamation Plan is enclosed for OMR's 30-day review. The County of Santa Barbara certifies that this submission is in compliance with the applicable requirements of Chapter 9 of Division 2 of the Public Resources Code, Article 9 of Subchapter 1 of Chapter 8 of Division 2 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, and current County surface mining regulations."

If you have any questions on these comments or require any assistance with other mine reclamation issues, please contact me at (916) 323-8565.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James S. Pompy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

James S. Pompy, Manager  
Reclamation Unit