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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

December 28, 2017

Hanson Aggregates PA, LLC
7660 Imperial Way
Allentown, PA 18195-1016

Re: Surface Mining Permit No. 7974SM1
Rockhill Quarry
East Rockhill Township
Bucks County

Dear Permittee:

Please read this notice carefully. It provides information regarding your obligation to maintain adequate bond for the above-referenced noncoal mining permit.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is systematically reviewing and adjusting bonds at permitted industrial mineral (noncoal) mining facilities across the Commonwealth. This bond adjustment process is being undertaken to ensure that noncoal mines are fully bonded in compliance with the regulatory requirements outlined in 25 Pa. Code §§ 77.191-205. These regulations require, in part, that bonds be posted for the amount that the DEP would require to reclaim the mine site in the event of bond forfeiture, and that bonds be periodically adjusted to reflect the current cost of reclamation.

The above-referenced noncoal mining operation is currently bonded for \$101,700.00. The current bond is insufficient due to changes in the costs of reclamation as reflected in current bond rate guidelines for noncoal mining operations effective January 1, 2017.

Please provide an updated bond calculation using the January 1, 2017 bond schedule no later than **March 1, 2018**.

The new bond calculation must be based on the site's approved reclamation plan and existing site conditions. At a minimum, the information provided on the bond calculation form should be supported by the following updated site information:

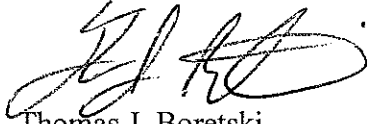
- Updated Operational Information (Module 10)
- Updated Reclamation Map (Module 18)

Please alert this office if you have questions regarding the amount of the re-calculated bond, the procedure for posting the new bond, or if you would like to request an informal conference to discuss the proposed bond adjustment.

Please be aware that failure to promptly post the required additional bond may result in the issuance of a notice of violation under 25 Pa. Code §77.228 for failure to maintain proper bond. As an alternative to bond submission, you may implement a reclamation plan which, when

complete, will reduce the outstanding liability on this site so that it is equal to the currently posted bond. The reclamation must be completed within the same time frame as the bond request detailed above. Should you choose to pursue this option, the reclamation plan and schedule are to be submitted within 15 calendar days.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Boretski
Mining Permit and Compliance Specialist
Bureau of District Mining Operations

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