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NOTICE

Quarry/Mine Name: Spicewood Crushed Stone
Quarry No. 1 Development

Applicant Name & Address: Spicewood Crushed Stone, LLC
3490 FM 78
McQueeney, TX 78123

Site Location: 5550 East State Hwy 71
Spicewood, TX (Burnet County)

Quarry/Mine Description: quarrying operations including land clearing and overburden removal, mining and processing of quarried materials to manufacture sized and graded aggregate for the construction industry.

An application has been made to LCRA for approval of the following:

X **Quarry/Mine Permit** ☐ **Quarry/Mine Certification**

at this location. LCRA has determined that the application is administratively complete. Any person may comment on the application. Written comments should be either mailed or delivered to the LCRA no later than 30 days from the date on this notice in order to be considered in the review of the application:

Mail:

LCRA – Watershed Management
Mail Stop L106
P.O. Box 220
Austin, TX 78767

Delivered:

LCRA – Watershed Management
3700 Lake Austin Blvd.
Austin, TX 78703
Mail Stop L106

Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the LCRA Watershed Engineering & Planning Office at 512-578-2324.

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October 19, 2018

Dear Resident,

Attached to this letter is a notice of filing of an LCRA Highland Lakes Watershed Ordinance Permit Application. In addition to providing you with notice, we would also like to point out some of the design features of our proposed development. The intent is to be as sensitive to our neighbors as possible. Some of these features result from comments that we have heard from you and your neighbors, others are best practices that our company has adopted in order to be a responsible corporate citizen.

We have been in contact with individuals that have sent emails seeking a discussion, and have met with them on a one-to-one basis to answer as many questions as possible.

Setbacks and Vegetated Barriers

During the course of our design, we have in many instances increased setbacks and taken additional measures of restraint. Our experience in other operations shows that this creates a quarry environment that can operate with minimal impact on neighbors. Texas laws allow clearing to property lines and blasting within one hundred feet. Here we have limited our operations by maintaining a naturally vegetated buffer zone of two hundred feet along areas with existing or planned housing.

Naturally Vegetated Earthen Berms and Noise Reduction

Beyond the buffers we have designed earthen berms that will serve a dual purpose. Our intent is to create a facility that does not detract from surrounding neighbors view-scape's. We plan to place berms to a height of up to twenty feet above existing grade, depending on existing topography. Berms with vegetation and the existing trees and brush will maintain as natural a view from any adjacent property as possible. Earthen berm's have been used successfully at our other facilities to reduce noise disturbance to surrounding landowners. In this case, the buffer with berm will be three hundred feet in total. As an additional measure to reduce visual and noise disturbance, the proposed crusher and associated stockpiles will be placed in an excavation that will be approximately forty feet below grade.

Clearing Extents and Method

Clearing within the proposed quarry will begin with the areas necessary for survey, placement of Best Management Practices for storm water pollution control, areas required for berm installation, access roads and finally the crusher itself. The intent is not to clear the entire property, but to only clear on an as needed basis. Although slash and burn methods are commonly used in Texas, we intend to chip and grind to minimize disturbance to neighbors. This material will be spread on berms to facilitate the growth of native plants.

Quarry Access and Traffic Management

The access road from SH71 to the office and crusher will be paved with hot mix asphalt. Paving will reduce sediment traffic onto SH71. Asphalt also makes a surface that is easily cleaned and kept dust free with minimal water use for dust suppression. The facility gate will be set back from SH71 a considerable distance to stack trucks waiting to scale in. Given the design width and length of driveway, we do not envision the hazard of trucks stopped on SH71 waiting to turn into our facility.

Blasting Frequency and Time

One question that has been asked by many residents is, "Will you be blasting daily or weekly?" We plan to blast at most 15-20 times per year. We schedule blasts Monday thru Friday, between the hours of ten and two. Please note: Because we will be starting at the crusher and working away during the beginning stages of development, the blasting may be more frequent with less tons of material loosened per shot.

Operating Hours

Our facilities are closed on Sundays and we observe the seven major holidays.

While we understand that this may not answer all of your questions, our intent is to continue to have a productive dialogue. Some residents have made their opinions very clear that we are unwelcome. Other residents have acknowledged that this is an unincorporated part of Burnet County and recognize that we are within our right to develop for a lawful purpose and appreciate the opportunity to contribute. It is our intent to partner with you as neighbors, and we would like to create an environment where we can build value for all residents. We look forward to receiving your continued comments, concerns and suggestions.

As I mentioned previously, I have made myself available to some residents to answer questions. This was not meant to be an exclusive opportunity. If you have questions or would like to get to know who we are, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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