

TEMPORARY CESSATION OF MINING PERMIT

Pursuant to SDCL 45-6B and ARSD 74:29:09 relating to mining operations in a state of temporary cessation in which 180 days have elapsed during which no production occurred.

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Mine permit number: 224  
Operator: NEW ENGLAND STONE INDUSTRIES, INC.  
Address: 15 BRANCH PIKE  
SMITHFIELD RI 02917-1211  
Telephone number: (401) 232-2040  
Township/Range: T120N-R48W  
Legal description: SW1/4, W1/2 NW1/4 & SE1/4 NW1/4 Section 13;  
T120N-R48W  
County: Grant

Name and address of Resident Agent  
if you are an out-of-state corporation:  
THE PRENTICE-HALL CORP.  
503 SOUTH PIERRE ST.  
PIERRE, SD 57501-4526

Name and address of surface owner:  
SAME AS OPERATOR

Name and address of mineral owner:  
SAME AS OPERATOR

Date of cessation of production:  
JULY 2010  
Evidence that shows mineral reserves remain:  
SEE ATTACHED  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Reasons for non-production:  
MINING OPERATIONS  
HAVE TERMINATED DUE TO DECREASE  
IN DEMAND. OPERATIONS WILL  
RESUME JUNE 2014 IF ECONOMY  
& DEMAND IMPROVES

INSTRUCTIONS:

This temporary cessation must be accompanied by:

1. A plan for the resumption of mining activities.
2. A narrative description of measures to be taken to comply with the concurrent, interim, and final reclamation requirements of ARSD 74:29:08.
3. A narrative description of measures to be taken to maintain the site and limit access during the period of temporary cessation as required by ARSD 74:29:09:03.
4. A statement concerning the existing condition of the affected land and reclamation activities which have already been completed.
5. Proof of consultation with the surface landowner if different from the mineral owner.

I, Ann Marie Ramos request temporary cessation of mining permit 224 for the reasons stated above.  
Signature of Present Operator

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER Title Date: 6/27/13

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE

On this 27<sup>TH</sup> day of JUNE before me personally appeared Ann Marie Ramos  
Present Operator

who acknowledged that he is authorized to execute the temporary cessation of this mining permit.

Dawn Lafayette  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: October 27, 2016

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This Temporary Cessation is hereby \_\_\_\_\_ approved \_\_\_\_\_ denied by the Board of Minerals and Environment as recommended by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

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Chairman, Board of Minerals and Environment/  
Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Mine Permit number: 224

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Intervenor Contest Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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1. Mining activities have ceased due to economic downturn in large construction industry and overall poor economy. We are prepared to reopen the quarry in the summer of 2014 and hope to do so pending improvement of the current economic conditions.
2. As we will continue to mine in the current area there is no reclamation necessary during this post closure period.
3. We lease farm land abutting our mine to a farmer. The farmer/tenant inspects the mine on a weekly basis. The mine is fenced and gated as well as locked and has proper signage. Any trash is removed and brought to the dump when necessary. The area is mowed and sprayed for noxious weeds routinely. Fallen branches are removed. The stream is inspected for beaver and the state is called in when necessary to permit removal. A backhoe is used to adjust for any erosion issues as they occur. The farmer has all tools necessary to perform the above maintenance procedures. The farmer will notify local fire officials should there be a fire at the sight.
4. We have proper signage and we also have removed all chemicals and explosives. We do not have a plant, liner or processing system at this site.
5. The site consists of an open pit quarry with partially reclaimed grout piles and granite blocks ready for removal. There is a loader which is locked and a small supply shed also locked. The affected land has been graded in order to maximize drainage and minimize erosion. This grading is monitored and adjusted periodically as necessary with equipment owned or leased by the tenant farmer.
6. The State does not require any surface or ground water testing/monitoring under our permit.
7. We have included a geological survey showing the large reserves on this site. These reserves insure a viable mining operation for decades to come.