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Ian Webster  
Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources  
P.O. Box 9320, Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, B.C.  
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Dear Mr. Webster:

Re: Mines Act application, Argus Aggregates

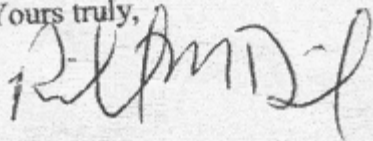
I am writing in response to your referral of the above noted application. The referral was considered by the FVRD Electoral Area Services Committee at its meeting on January 8, 2008. The Committee passed a resolution to respond to the referral with the following comments:

- FVRD did not receive the quarry plan with the referral and therefore requests a copy in order to confirm comments.
- In view of the geological context of the surrounding area and the site's location on a large fan deposit adjacent to the highway, a geotechnical assessment should be required as a condition of approval under the Mines Act.
- Other than seeding of topsoil stockpiles, no specific measures are proposed to deal with erosion or other possible environmental impacts. The Ministry should ensure that adequate review is undertaken and/or that measures are implemented, including necessary measures upon completion of the quarry, to prevent any adverse environmental impacts.
- FVRD acknowledges the traffic assessment dated July 20, 2007 by Ward Consulting Group. However, FVRD does continue to have some concerns about access to the site and the turning and acceleration movements that will need to take place on the sloping section of highway grade at the site. The application should be referred to the Ministry of Transportation.
- FVRD would have concerns about any post-extraction processing activity involving material imported from off-site or which results in noise or dust impacts in the vicinity of the Sunshine Valley community.

The Committee also expressed some concerns about the proposed 18 hour daily operation period. As well, the Committee directed staff to provide a copy of these comments to the Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association (which we are doing accordingly).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application. Please contact me if you have any questions about FVRD's response.

Yours truly,



Richard McDermid,  
Manager of Development Approvals

cc: Arne Zabell, Director, Electoral Area "B"  
Barb Bell, Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association  
Ministry of Transportation