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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

State Clearinghouse Number: 1994072050

Project Title: C-21 Dump Expansion Project (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2025-059-06 (ITP))

Project Location (San Bernardino County): The C-21 Dump Expansion Project (Project) is located at 6565 Meridian Road within the unincorporated community of Lucerne Valley, San Bernardino County. The Project is located approximately 1.6 miles west of State Route 18 at approximately latitude 34.352636°N, longitude -116.880635°W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued an ITP (No. 1927-ITP-2025-059-06), pursuant to Section 1927.3 of the Fish and Game Code to Specialty Minerals, Inc.

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The Project is comprised of expanding the 83.70-acre C-21 dump site utilized for waste rock stockpiling to a total of 101.36 acres, amounting to a total of 17.66 additional acres of undeveloped land being converted. Project Activities include excavation, grading, filling, and compaction of soil using earth moving equipment, use of water trucks for dust control, placing of staging areas, stockpiles, and spoils, grubbing and grading of the entire Project Site, trench digging, pile driving, and vegetation removal.

The Project will result in incidental take of 492 western Joshua trees (*Yucca brevifolia*), which are protected under the WJTCA and the California Endangered Species Act. The WJTCA ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of western Joshua tree that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on April 13, 2026, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. An environmental impact report **was** prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures **were** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **was** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings **were** made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081 (a).
7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4: **A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.**

The environmental impact report prepared by the lead agency for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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