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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2004021004

Project Title: Hi-Grade Materials Co (Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2025-012-05 (ITP))

Project Location (Los Angeles County): 6500 East Avenue T within the City of Palmdale. approximately six miles east of California State Route 14.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued an ITP (No. 1927-ITP-2025-012-05), pursuant to Section 1927.3 of the Fish and Game Code to Hi-Grade Materials Co.

The project consists of surface mining and excavation activities on an approximately 70- acre portion of an overall 386-acre property. Project activities include vegetation grubbing and clearing, fencing, and mining material using loaders and bulldozers, and a material conveyance system. The project also includes relocation of western Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*) into a 25-foot-wide setback area.

The Project will result in incidental take of 511 western Joshua trees, 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.

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This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 10/13/2026 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 City of Palmdale for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the City of Palmdale. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

Signature: DocuSigned by: Kevin Thomas A2A0A9C574C3445... *Date:* 10/13/2026

Kevin Thomas, Deputy Director