California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: **Alameda County**
Clerk-Recorder's Office
1106 Madison Street
Oakland, CA 94607

FROM: **Bay Area Air Quality Management District**
375 Beale Street, Suite 600
San Francisco, CA 94105

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO CEQA § 21152(b) AND CEQA GUIDELINES § 15062.

PROJECT TITLE Argent Materials, Inc -- Issuance of a Certificate of Exemption for the operation of storage piles (for aggregate, sand, crushed rock) and paved haul roads at a concrete/asphaltic concrete recycling facility. (Air District Application 729952).

Public Agency Approving Project (Lead Agency): Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District); 375 Beale Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94105; Zachary Kowalewski: Air Quality Engineer II, Telephone: (415) 749-5077, Email: zkowalewski@baaqmd.gov

Project Applicant and Entity Carrying Out Project: Argent Materials, Inc.

Project Applicant Mailing Address: 8501 San Leandro Street, Oakland, California 94621

Project Applicant Contact Person: William Crotinger: President, Argent Materials Inc., Post Office Box 24870, Oakland, CA 94623; Telephone: (510) 638-7188, Email: bill@argentmaterials.com

Project Location: 8501 San Leandro Street, Oakland, Alameda County, California 94621; Nearest Cross Street: 85th Avenue, Oakland, Alameda County, California 94621.

Project Description: Issuance of a Certificate of Exemption for the operation of storage piles (for aggregate, sand, crushed rock) and paved haul roads at a concrete/asphaltic concrete recycling facility

Finding of Exemption:

This permit application is not subject to CEQA because the Air District's evaluation is a ministerial action (Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(1) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15268(a)).

Basis for Exemption:
Pursuant to section 15268 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, projects that are ministerial in nature are exempt from environmental review. A ministerial project involves a governmental decision where the public official's discretion is limited to applying fixed, objective standards. The Air District has identified such actions and/or projects in its regulations. See Air District Regulations 2-1-311; 2-1-427; 2-1-428.

In this instance, the issuance of the Certificate of Exemption was a ministerial act in accordance with Air District regulatory criteria for ministerial projects; therefore, Argent Material, Inc.'s exemption application was not subject to the environmental review requirements of CEQA. The Air District has verified that Argent Materials, Inc.'s operation of the storage piles and paved haul roads meets the objective, fixed standards for an exemption as set forth in Air District Regulations 2-1-115.1.4.5, 2-1-115.1.5, and 2-1-128.19.

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Bay Area Air Quality Management District

October 16, 2025

Date