Notice of Exemption **Form D**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: C-Crete Technologies

Project Title: De-centralized Manufacturing of Low-Cost, Sustainable Cementitious Binders

Project Location – Specific: 1767 Timothy Drive

Project Location – City: San Leandro 94577 **Project Location – County:** Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The purpose of this agreement is to develop and demonstrate a decentralized manufacturing process to create sustainable low-carbon cementitious binders that can be used by all cement ready-mix concrete suppliers and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. The pilot facility manufacturing process in San Leandro will allow up to 90 percent of Portland cement to be replaced with industrial waste, natural pozzolans, and C-Crete's binder.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: C-Crete Technologies

Exempt Status: (*check one)*

- ☐ Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number

  Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- ☐ Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15301, provides that projects which consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public and private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, and which involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that at the time of the lead agency's determination, are categorically exempt from CEQA. This project will be conducted entirely within the existing facility footprint and will utilize existing utility connections and operational areas. Project activities are limited to the purchase, installation, and operation of several pilot-scale equipment components within the existing facility. All new equipment will be integrated into the current existing infrastructure. There will be no construction on the outside of the facility. The facility use, of creating cement will remain the same. There will be no change in use. These activities involve negligible or no expansion of the existing use the project is categorically exempt from CEQA under CCR tit. 14 15301 exemption.

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

C-Crete Technologies LLC

The project will not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies; does not involve any cumulative impacts of successive projects of the same type in the same place that might be considered significant; does not involve unusual circumstances that might have a significant effect on the environment; will not result in damage to scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway; the project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5; and the project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Therefore, none of the exceptions to categorical exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to this project, and this project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Public Agency
Contact Person: **Neeva Benipal** **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-776-0811

If filed by applicant:
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: *Neeva Benipal* **Date:** **6/24/2025** **Title:** **EGSS**

☒ **Signed by Public Agency**

☐ **Signed by Applicant** **Date received for filing at OPR:** _____

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