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June 25,2010

Trina Vielhauer Air Resources Bureau Chief Florida Department of Environmental Protection P.O. Box 3070 Tallahassee, FL 32315-3070

Re:

**Extension Request for Sumter Cement Air Permit** 

<u>Air Permit No. PSD-FL-358</u> DEP File No. 1190041-001-AC

Dear Ms. Vielhauer:

Thank you again for you and your staffs time to meet and discuss our Sumter Cement Project on May 21<sup>st</sup>. As Marty Fallon, Chief Executive Officer for Sumter Cement as well as Vice-President for Business Development for Votorantim Cimentos North America (VCNA), outlined and I am sure everyone is quite aware; the entire economic landscape for the United States has shifted dramatically during the past few years. Unfortunately Florida has felt the brunt of this and with this the construction industry has been crippled due to this unprecedented economic downturn.

As discussed, the demand for cement consumption in the state of Florida has fallen from peak numbers of approximately 12 million short tons of cement down to numbers below 4 million short tons. This has fundamentally changed the supply and demand dynamics for the cement industry in a State that in 2005 imported approximately 6 million short tons of cement. During this period of 2004 to 2005 Sumter Cement Company began its permitting Process with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Economist during this period showed continued growth and demand for cement and building materials for the Country and State. Details for this information are attached in **Attachment 1**.

As these unique and unpredictable conditions started to unfold in 2008 and 2009 it became clear that it was not prudent to complete the Sumter Cement Plant and its additional 1.5 million short tons of cement capacity online during its original outlined schedule. Thus the schedule has been delayed until economic conditions and cement demand return. Sumter Cement is still committed to the project and confident that Florida will resume its growth both economically and in population. Sumter Cement has committed and continues to commit great resources to this project. To date Sumter Cement has purchased over 85% of the process equipment for the plant with all of this equipment fabricated and currently in storage at various points of export all over the world. Portions of the equipment have been delivered to the Sumter Cement site in Center Hill, Florida where they are currently being stored in preparation for the Project to resume.

The following outlines a chronological timeline of the various milestones for Sumter Cement:

•	Feb 2005	Initial Site Investigation
•	May 2005	Quarry Verification Studies Completed
•	Jul 2005	Initial Environmental Studies Completed
•	Sep 2005	Air Permit Application Submitted
•	Jan 2006	Conditional Use Permit (CUP) received from City Council
•	Feb 2006	Appeal filed to CUP
		Air Permit Received
•	Jul 2006	County Judge denies CUP from City Council
•	Oct 2006	Dragline Purchased
•	Dec 2006	Rezoning and CUP received from City Council
•	May 2007	Contract for Primary Equipment Supplier Finalized
•	May 2007	Ceremonial Groundbreaking
•	June 2007 to May 2008	Detailed Engineering Completed
•	June 2007 to August 2009	Equipment Fabrication
•	September 2008	Dragline Completed
•	2009 to current	Structural Steel and portions of Equipment arrive at Sumter Site

Sumter Cement has currently invested over US \$50 million dollars in Process Equipment for the Project. Each piece specifically engineered, designed and fabricated for the Sumter Project. Details for the dates of execution for the main equipment supplier Contract are included in **Attachment 2**.

Currently Sumter Cement has received portions of the process equipment to the Sumter Project site in Center Hill, Florida. Shipping Records for shipments received as recently as June 2010 are included in **Attachment 3**. Additionally pictures of Sumter Cement Equipment stored in various storage locations overseas are included in **Attachment 3**. These pictures show the extent of Equipment that has been designed, purchased and fabricated for the Sumter Project.

Additionally Sumter Cement has spent approximately US \$50 million dollars in other Project related costs such as: purchasing of the site, project studies and development costs, project engineering, structural steel, building materials, etc. Large portions of structural steel have been delivered to the Sumter Cement site in Center Hill, Florida.

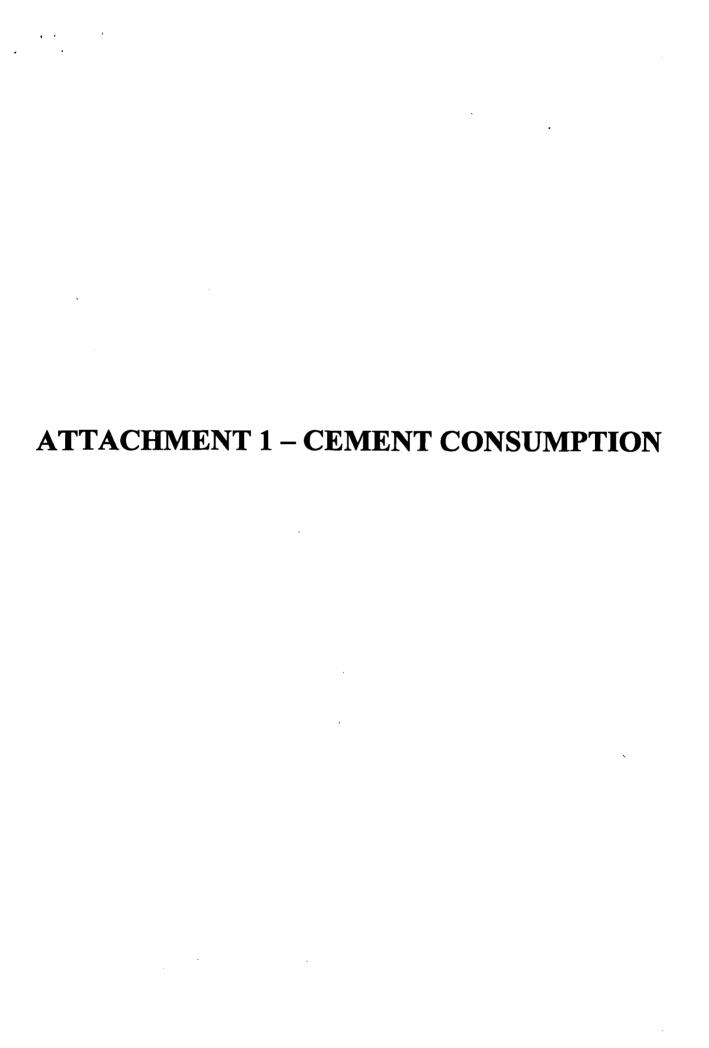
Therefore Sumter Cement is requesting an extension on its Air Permit No. PSD-FL-358 due to the extraordinary economic events as well as the extent and cost already incurred for the Project. Due to the developing national regulations for the Cement Sector, Sumter Cement Company would request an extension of 6 months till January 29, 2011. Following this date, Sumter Cement and the Department could re-evaluate the current permit to new regulatory limits for both NSPS and NESHAP and develop any additional Analysis or Modeling that maybe required to further extend the Permit. In addition Sumter Cement can provide a more detailed timeline for the future completion of the Sumter Cement Project.

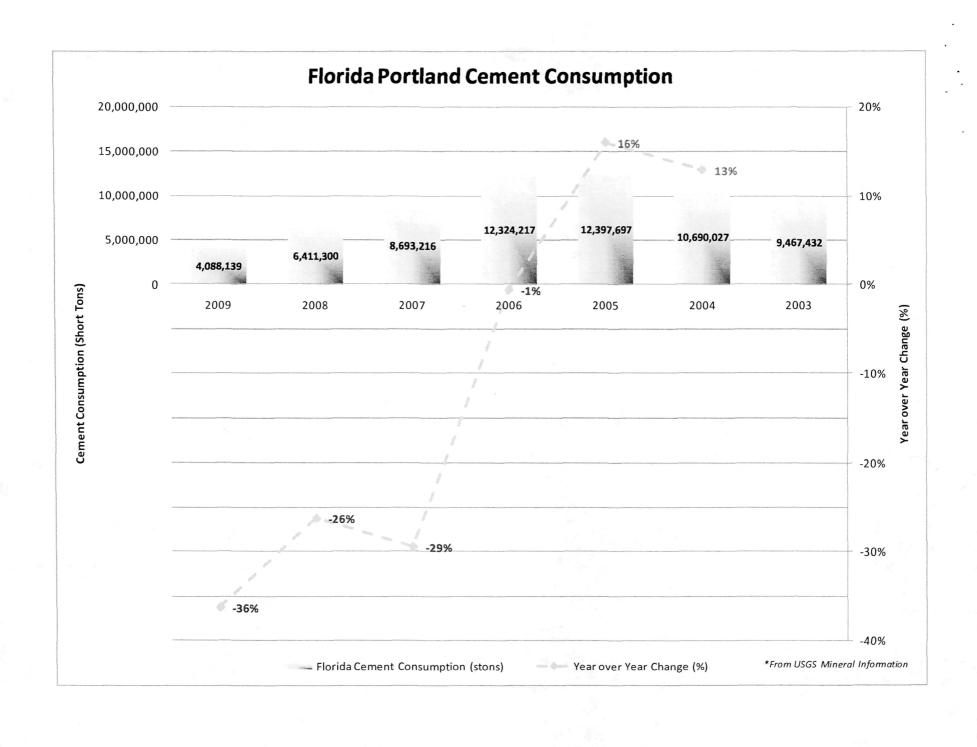
Should you have any questions and/or comments concerning this, please contact me at (407) 802-3552

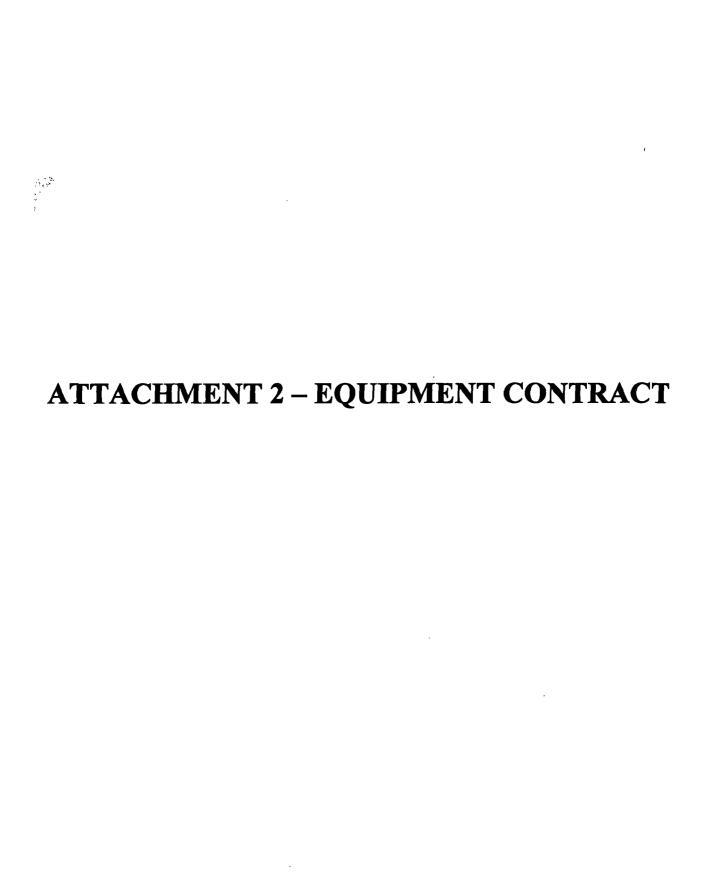
Respectfully,

Marty Fallon

Chief Executive Officer Sumter Cement Company







## CONTRACT

FOR CEMENT PRODUCTION LINE (4000MTPD) IN U.S.A.

**BETWEEN** 

**SUMTER CEMENT CO., LLC** 

**AND** 

SINOMA INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING CO., LTD.

MAY 2007

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Contract to be signed by their respectively authorized representatives on the dates indicated.

FOR SUMTER CEMENT CO. LLC:

FOR SINOMA INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING CO. LTD.

MR. DANIEL R. FRITZ CEO OF SUMTER CEMENT CO.

Mr. WANG WEI PRESIDENT OF SINOMA INT'L

WITNESSES

MR. OE. HORTON ASSISTANT PROJECT DIRECTOR OF SUMTER CEMENT CO

MR. YU XING MIN

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

OF SINOMA INT'L.

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Date: May, 13, 2007

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Packing Slip for Equipment Shipped to Sumter Cement Site in April of 2010 and received in June 2010.

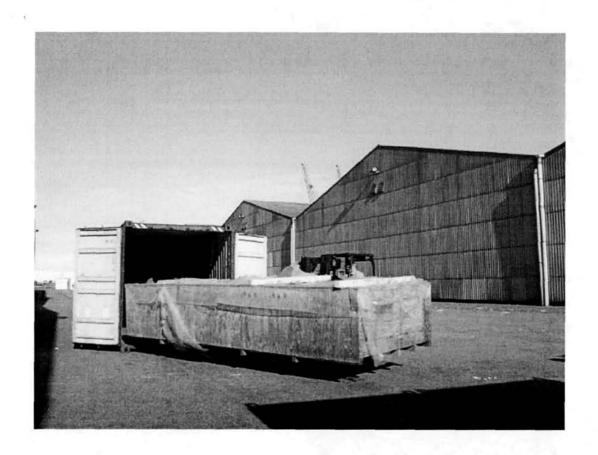


Example Package shipped to Center Hill with Marking and Shipping Information received in June 2010.



Equipment Storage yard with Sumter Cement Equipment. (55 gallon drums forefront of picture for scale reference)





Additional Equipment Storage yard with Sumter Cement Equipment

