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PERMANENTE QUARRY

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BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION:

Background:

I.

Kaiser Cement Corporation's Permanente Quarry and Cement plant is the major supplier of cement to the northern California area and major source of aggregate for Santa Clara County. The limestone quarry produces approximately 4 million tons of rock annually providing for an annual production capacity of 1.6 million tons of cement, and significant quantities of aggregates for highway, residential and industrial construction.

In conformance with County directives, the California Surface Mining and Reclamation Act, 1975, and the 1982 Santa Clara County Mining Regulations, <u>Kaiser Cement Corporation has been, and continues to be</u> <u>involved in the development of reclamation plans</u>. These plans incorporate reclamation activities into ongoing quarry operations to provide short term visual protection, and eventual long term reclamation.

Past reclamation and scenic protection activities include a landscaping plan and Ridgeline Protection Easement which were undertaken in 1972. Kaiser Cement Corporation granted a permanent easement to the County of Santa Clara to ensure the protection of the view of Permanente Ridge from the Los Altos area. This easement, granted in the form of a deed dated August 18, 1972, states that the ridge will not be lowered below the elevation of

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1500 feet for the majority of its length, and not below 1650 feet for a specified area. Permanent fixed monuments physically located the easement in the field, and have been checked periodically by County staff. Work in the ridge area was successfully completed in 1975.

Several months after the Ridgeline Protection Easement was granted, Kaiser Cement prepared and implemented a landscape plan to screen the most visible areas of the Permanente quarry, and to stabilize quarried slopes. This plan, a detailed rehabilitation study prepared by Royston, Hanamoto, Beck and Abey was accepted by the County Board of Supervisors on November 28, 1982. Planting under the guidance of this plan is presently ongoing.

Introduction:

At this time, Kaiser Cement Corporation has prepared another reclamation plan to address the next 25 years of the quarry's operation. This plan will be reviewed and adopted by the County prior to its implementation. In addition to the features of the reclamation plan, this report discusses the quarry's environmental setting, and the operating characteristics of the mining operation. The entire Kaiser Cement site encompasses over 3200 acres, but the discussion in this document is focused only on portions of the 330 acre quarry area -- the location of the reclamation activity.

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II. LOCATION AND SETTING

A. Location

The Kaiser Cement site is located at the western end of Permanente Road, approximately 1-1/2 miles west of the corporate limits of the City of Cupertino. The Kaiser property, including the cement plant and quarry, consists of 3268 acres situated in Sections 17 and 18, Township 7 South, Range 2 West, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian. Of this acreage, the quarried area and subsequent reclamation comprises approximately 330 acres. The site location is shown in Figures 1 and 2.

B. Environmental Setting

The Permanente Quarry is located in the eastern foothills of the Santa Cruz mountains at the western edge of the Santa Clara Valley. Elevations in the quarry area range from 950' to 1900' above sea level with terrain comprised of hilly grassland vegetated with oak—and brush. The site experiences annual temperatures ranging from roughly 35 to 100 degrees (F), with precipitation averaging 32 inches a year. Permanente Creek, a perennial stream, is located on the Kaiser property but does not pass through the quarried area.

<u>Vegetation</u>: Varieties of vegetation on the site consist of oak woodland, oak savannah, woodland/chaparral, and chaparral habitats. The oak woodland habitat occurs on well drained slopes and flatlands, and consists of open to dense stands of oak trees with an understory of annual grasses, herbs, and low shrubs such as poison oak, coffee berry and coyote brush. The California live oak is one of the oak species on the site.

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This species is a slow growing variety of oak, but one that can survive for hundreds of years.

There are no rare or endangered plant species expected to be present in the area. The nearest recorded location of rare and endangered plant species is in the coastal foothills of the Santa Cruz mountains, some 15 miles away.

<u>Wildlife</u>: The oak woodland vegetative group provides a valuable habitat for a variety of birds, reptiles, and mammals, as well as refuge for larger animals such as deer and coyote. Known and expected wildlife on the site include the Mule deer, coyote, raccoon, bobcat, Red tailed hawk, California quail, Western fence lizard, and various snakes and amphibians.

No rare or endangered animal species are expected to inhabit the areas near the Permanente Quarry.

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LOCATION MAP

FIG. 1









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C. Geology

The limestone guarried at Permanente is considered to be one of the units of the Jurassic-Cretaceous age Franciscan Complex. The limestone unit is locally referred to as the Calera The Permanente deposit is by far the largest limestone. limestone body known to exist in a number of discontinuous masses of limestone that crop out along a northwest-southeast trending zone in the central and southern San Francisco peninsula area of the Coast Ranges. The limestone deposit in the quarry is associated with Franciscan graywacke, sandstone, red chert, diabase and greenstone, all of which are exposed in the quarry area. Further to the east, in the vicinity of the cement plant, the Franciscan is in contact with the younger Plio-Pleistocene Santa Clara Formation. As indicated on Figures 3A and 3B, the quarry areas pertaining to this reclamation plan are completely underlain by the Franciscan:

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Geologic work has been performed in the Permanente quarry and surrounding area by Kaiser personnel, consultants, and outside interests such as universities and state and federal geologic surveys. A complete reference listing of geologic reports, published is presented as Appendix A to this report. In addition, there have been more than 700 exploratory test holes drilled at Permanente along with numerous "in-house" geologic maps and cross sections prepared since Kaiser Cement Corporation began operating this deposit in 1939.

Table 1 indicates the location of the Permanente quarry relative to active and potentially active faults in the region. Of the faults listed, the strike-slip San Andreas fault is considered capable of producing a great earthquake equal to the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake.

Among the faults that may directly affect the subject area, the Sargent-Berrocal Fault Zone, as described in the literature, is a northwest trending zone of reverse and thrust faults extending from San Juan Bautista north to Permanente and then to Palo Alto, where it appears to join the San Andreas Fault. At Permanente, the main trace appears to trend northward under Permanente Creek where the creek forms a one-half mile N3OW-trending, linear valley in a zone between the cement plant

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and the quarry. There is a significant difference between bedrock types on opposite sides of this linear valley, with the southeastern block predominantly Santa Clara formation and the northeastern block composed of Franciscan complex rocks. A northwesterly trending branch of this main Berrocal fault segment does appear to split off through the quarry. This is observed in the quarry as a series of northwest trending shear zones within the limestone.

The present activity of the Berrocal zone in the Permanente area is speculative. There is no evidence to date, that indicates the fault has offset recent sediments within the local area, although microseismicity near Stevens Creek Reservoir, about 2 miles southeast, suggest that the fault may be potentially active.

The possible seismic 'hazard to the Permanente quarry, and surrounding area is the potential for severe ground shaking from a major event on the San Andreas. Secondary effects due to this strong ground motion would be ground failure such as landsliding, ground settlement, ground cracking and rock falls. local differences in Due to the geologic and topographic conditions, variations of ground shaking intensity are to be expected from place to place. If a significant earthquake event occurs on the San Andreas, effects in the quarry may include localized rock falls on quarry faces, ground cracking on benches close to adjacent quarry faces, or local slumping or sliding of less competent materials such as the serpentenized greenstone area in the upper northwest portion of the quarry. Due to the nature of the hard rock materials and existing pit slope angle of 45⁰ in the quarry, it is unlikely that significant ground failure will occur. Effects to the

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rock storage areas will most likely be ground settlement and local slumping of exposed faces. The very coarse rock material in these storage areas will preclude any failure due to liquefaction. Neither area (quarry or rock storage) supports any buildings or man-made structures.

D. Mineral Deposit

Calera limestone at Permanente covers an irregular The triangular area with an approximate exposed length of one mile and width of two-thirds of a mile. The limestone unit is tabular in nature with an exposed thickness of at least 800 The section is composed of thin limestone beds and feet. interbedded chert. The limestone is made up of continuous beds of uniform thickness that can be traced the entire length of . outcrops. The thickness of most beds ranges from 2-6 inches. Chert lenses are of the same range in thickness but are not continuous. Over only a few feet of section, chert may be absent or form up to 50% of the rock.

The limestone deposit is divided into two units that include a lower black limestone and an upper white limestone. The lower unit is largely recrystallized and bituminous, with about 2% Less recrystallized parts contain organic matter. some nannofossils. Larger microfossils are radiolarian molds occurring in both limestone beds and chert lenses. The upper white limestone is stratigraphically above the lower black limestone (based on geopetal features and graded bedding). It is less recrystallized than the lower unit, lacks bituminous matter and contains more chert lenses, and has planktonic Foraminifera in addition to Radiolaria. No burrowing ar primary sedimentary structures or megafossils are present. The

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best estimate of the age range in the light limestone till now is mid-late Cretaceous (late Turonian, 88 million years) in the upper light limestone to late lower Cretaceous (Albian, 105 million years) in the lower part of the light limestone, based on recent work by the U.S. Geological Survey. Dateable fossils

have not been found in the lower, black limestone.

Stratigraphic relations of the two limestone units have been extensively studied. Problems with interpretations have been related to extensive thrust and high angle faulting causing repetition and omission of strata. Recent work, as indicated on Figure 4, suggests that the two limestone units, the upper white and lower black limestones, are repeated by thrust faulting into two blocks. The upper limestone unit is split by a diabase sill, approximately 80 feet thick. The sill occurs only in the upper thrust block. A few volcanic ash horizons 20-40 cm thick are found interbedded with the upper white limestone, although recent interpretations suggest that these layers may be a clayey fault gouge related to thrust faulting. The limestones are in fault contact, both at the top and bottom of the section with Franciscan rocks, greenstones, graywacke, and serpentinized greenstone, which are exposed in the quarry.

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STRATIGRAPHIC SECTION

FIG. 4

Structurally the limestone body is complicated by faults and folds, but generally dips 25° to 35° SE. The section is highly jointed and both types of limestone are strongly fractured. Joints are mostly perpendicular to bedding.

Exposures in the quarry indicate that at least three thrust faults roughly parallel to bedding slice the deposit. Subsequent high angle faulting, possibly related to the Berrocal Fault system trends generally NW.

limestone unit. varies quality of each chemical The considerably. The upper, light limestone averages 80% calcium carbonate (CaCO₃) or more, but varying amounts of chert lenses lowers the bulk CACO3 to 70% or less when mined. The upper portion of this unit has lesser amounts of chert and has higher carbonate values. The lower, black limestone averages 87% CaCO₃ ranging from more than 90% to less than 80% in individual layers. Variations also occur near contacts and where chert interbeds are common. Both limestone units exhibit a decrease in CaCO, values in shear and fault zones that bisect the deposit. Four grades of rock are presently used for quarry development: (1) high grade - dark gray limestone unit with CaCO₂ values greater than 85%; (2) medium grade mixture of light and dark limestone running between 70 to 85% . CaCO₂; (3) low grade - mainly light gray limestone with chert lenses ranging 50-70% CaCO₃; and (4) non-limestone rock types such as the diabase, Franciscan volcanics and sediments, fault and soil overburden. The high and medium grade gouge, limestone is principally used, in the manufacture of cement while the low grade limestone and harder Franciscan rock types are used in the production of crushed rock for aggregate.

Small amounts of Franciscan volcanics and sedimentary rocks are used as a clay additive in the cement-making process, depending upon the respective chemistry of each rock type.

E. Historic Land Use

The earliest recorded activities on the site indicate that, by 1899, a wagon road had been constructed along much of the length of Permanente Creek to gain access to the limestone. The State Mineralogist's report of 1906 records that limestone quarrying along the creek took place at least as early as 1903. The sugar beet industry was an early stimulus for limestone extraction, later followed by the tremendous urban growth in the Bay Area.

The Kaiser Corporation acquired the site in the late 1930's and began quarrying and cement processing in 1939. The operation began as a two-kiln, wet process plant which expanded, after World War II to six kilns. In 1982, the original kilns were replaced with a single 1.6 million ton dry process kiln.

III. MINING OPERATIONS

A. Mined Lands

For the next 25 years, the existing and planned excavation and storage areas will encompass approximately 330 acres.

The materials storage areas are located just west and east of the quarry. The west site is used for maintaining a supply of material which currently is not used for the production of cement. This material includes low-grade limestone, and other rock types excavated from the quarry. It is expected that these lower grade limestone and rock materials will be used in the future when scarcity of the materials increase their marketability. The east site is comprised of an existing pile of rock materials which will be relocated further to the east and revegetated. This will allow the limestone beneath to be excavated while maintaining a knoll as a visual buffer between the quarried area and the Santa Clara Valley area. Figure 5 shows the quarry and both material storage areas.

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B. Operations

The Permanente Quarry utilizes an open pit technique to extract the limestone and associated rock materials. This procedure 1) any topsoil overburden is removed and generally is: stockpiled for future use, 2) haulage roads are developed to the planned benches, 3) blast holes are drilled in the rock with rotary blasthole drills, then controlled electric blasting loosens the rock at a benching interval of 50 feet. 4) front-end loaders and electric shovels load the broken rock into 65-ton off-highway haul trucks to be transported to the primary crusher located at the southeastern edge of the From there, the crushed rock is transported. for quarry. further processing, to the cement plant further to the east. Other rock types, and limestone not currently utilized in cement manufacture are either crushed and conveyed to the commercial rock plant or hauled directly to the materials storage area for potential use in the future.

The quarry operates year-round, five days a week, two shifts a day, although the schedule is subject to variations due to market conditions or maintenance periods.

The design for the reclamation plan is shown in Figure 6, which presents the excavation contours overlain on the existing topography. The overall pit slope for both the existing and future operations will be maintained at an angle of 45 degrees (1:1).



A slope stability study for the quarry area, which is summarized in Appendix B, indicates that the 1:1 slope design is well within recommended features for slope stability.

The West Materials Storage area, contains the stockpiled rock materials and currently nonmarketable limestone. This material is maintained at a 3:1 gradient in order to achieve slope stability. Beyond the timeframe of this reclamation plan, it may eventually be sold or utilized in the reclamation process.

The East Materials Storage area will be similarly established.

C. Public Health and Safety

On-site dust related to mining operations is controlled by spraying the haul roads with water mixed with a commercial dust suppressant. Runoff collected in the quarry supplies some of the water for this use.

Blasting operations are conducted only by state licensed personnel to ensure that the procedures meet or exceed the requirements of Cal-OSHA.

For safety and security reasons, the public is barred access to the site by gates located on Permanente Road at the cement plant area.

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IV. RECLAMATION

A. Timeframe

The reclamation plan presented is intended for a 25 year period. It addresses erosion control and maintenance of the West Materials Storage area, and reclamation and revegetation of the East Materials Storage area, allowing this area to serve as a visual buffer between the quarry and the Santa Clara Valley. Ultimate reclamation of the pit area, or treatment of future quarry operations, will be addressed in a revised reclamation plan to be submitted around the year 2005 when this reclamation phase nears completion. Since market demand for cement partly determines the rate of limestone extraction, this estimate may be subject to some modification in the future, in response to demand for the product.

Present mining plans for the quarry call for a 25 year period of operation. Inferred limestone reserves are estimated to support an operation of this magnitude for up to 50 years. Beyond this period the quarry could continue to operate as a crushed stone source for construction aggregate. Thus, the time span of the total life of the operation is only an estimate and is subject to future modification in response to actual market and quality conditions.

B. Phasing

West Materials Storage Area

The West Materials Storage area will be built up, contoured, and revegetated as quarrying operations generate overburden and

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excess rock material. Within the storage area, the build up of material is expected to occur roughly in three phases: Phase 1 will bring the material pile up to the 1800 foot contour; Phase 2 will add another 100 feet in elevation to reach the 1900 foot level; Phase 3 will bring portions of the material to elevations of 1950 to 1975 feet, contoured to achieve both slope stability and a natural appearance in relation to the surrounding terrain.

All surfaces will be revegetated when they reach their ultimate grade. Phase 1, 2 and 3 are expected to be executed in 10, 20 and 25 years, respectively. Some modifications_to the timing may result in relation to the rate of quarrying activity.

Runoff in the storage area is currently directed to catchment areas which collect sediment. The high percentage of rocks and granular material in the storage area allow rapid percolation by the runoff. As Phase 1 of the material storage nears final grade, the runoff will be directed along the new access road. The runoff will be caught in a sedimentation basin as shown on the reclamation plan. The basin and outfall will be constructed prior to the completion of Phase I.

East Materials Storage Area (Area C)

In this area the slope between contours 1400 and 1420 will be revegetated first, other areas will be planted as material becomes available for placement.

After the proposed grades have been reached for an area, 4 inches of soil will be added where practical and plant materials installed. The plant materials and planting

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techniques used will be tailored to the specific area to be revegetated.

West Materials Storage Area (Area A)

The West Storage Area, because the rock material here may be used in the future, will be revegetated using seed material applied within a hydromulched slurry mixed together with fertilizer. No woody tree or shrub materials will be used in this mix, however tree species found on-site will establish themselves naturally over the 25 year period.

The purpose of the seven species of grass and wildflower seed within this mix is to stabilize the slopes and prevent erosion. Use of the seed materials selected promotes reseeding and does not require the use of supplemental irrigation. of the East Revecetation Storage Area will utilize significantly more plant materials and different planting techniques. More extensive tree and shrub plantings will be used to incorporate the new hill into the surrounding natural . setting. These plantings will include two types of oak seedlings, coyote brush, ceanothus and buckwheat seedlings, as well as a seed mix containing four different grass and wildflower species. Figure 7 presents the proposed revegetation scheme in this area.

To insure survival of the tree and shrub seedlings, protective screening is proposed to protect the vegetation from deer and rodents. Six-foot high "Poultry Net" fencing will be used to protect seedlings from deer. In addition, a portion of the oak seedlings will be protected individually by fine mesh screening to prevent damage from rodents.

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Although native plant species have been selected for revegetation, some supplemental, temporary irrigation will be required due to conditions at this particular location. The high porosity of the soil, and the predominance of southern and western exposures contribute to a very dry environment for seedlings to develop. Therefore, supplemental irrigation will be provided for approximately 5 years, until the plants are fully established. An existing irrigation system will be expanded and utilized to provide water to the East Storage Area revegetation.

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In addition to fencing protection and irrigation, all revegetation materials will be fertilized. For hydroseeded/mulched materials a totally organic, water soluble fertilizer will be used within the slurry. In the case of seedlings, slow release, long term tablets will be placed within the root zone to provide fertilization over the following two years.

The overall intent of the revegetation plan proposed is to provide the proper conditions to promote healthy mature plantings that will be similar to the surrounding native vegetation.

To further insure that the revegetated plantings will survive and grow to mature sizes, the Kaiser Cement Corporation intends to monitor all installations and conduct periodic maintenance. In this way the proper plant materials, irrigation and fertilization will be insured any potential problems can be addressed early on, providing every chance for the successful revegetation of these areas.

C. Ultimate Conditions

At the end of this 25 year reclamation program the following conditions will exist. The West Materials Storage area will have reached a maximum elevation of 1975 feet. Its slopes will be established at a 3:1 gradient and planted with native grasses to control erosion.

The East Materials Storage area will have reached a maximum elevation of 1475 feet, with slopes at a 3:1 gradient. It will be revegetated with native grasses, shrubs, and trees.

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The quarry pit area will be excavated at an overall gradient of 1:1 in conformance with the slope stability investigation. Any future alternatives, including revegetation and continued operation, will be addressed in another reclamation plan to be prepared in approximately 20 years.

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APPENDIX B

SLOPE STABILITY STUDY

Slope Stability

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Pit Area - Based upon a 1975 investigation of slope stability of the Permanente quarry by Golder, Brawner & Associates, recommended overall slope angles for the pit are listed below:

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	Pit Area	Recommended Overall Slope	Bench Angle		•
		Алдіе	(<u>Min.</u>)		
۱.	Slopes on	Theoretically stable up	62 degrees	н	
	south side	to 75 °.	•		" ı
	Facing OO ^O		•	· ·	
	(North)	· · · ·	I	, ·	•
	Facing 020 °	Theoretically stable up	62 degrees	• •	
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2.	Northern slopes				
	from western end			•	. •
	of pit-eastern	•			
	end of sepentine		•	<u>.</u>	
	slide area			:	
	Facing 090 ⁰	60 Degrees		•	
	Facing 130 ⁰	46 Degrees		ų	
3.	Northern slopes				
	from eastern end	•			
	of serpentine slide				
	area to western end			•	
	of pit				•
	Facing 130 ^o	44 Degrees			

<u>Pit Area</u>	Recommended Overall Slope	Bench Angle		
	Angle	(<u>Min.</u>)		
. East face	· · ·			
Facing 130 ⁰	Theoretically stable	52 Degrees		
Facing 200 ⁰	up to 72° Theoretically stable	52 Degrees		
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Facing 230 ⁰	48 Degrees			
Facing 295 ⁰	46 Degrees			

The existing and design overall pit slope angle of 45° (1:1) is within these recommendations.

The 1975 study was primarily concerned with the stability of the "serpentine slide area" located on the north-northwest side of the pit. No final recommendations were made concerning stabilization of this "serpentine" slide mass. However, in 1978 and 1979 approximately 440,000 cubic yards of material was removed from this area. The slope was graded and cut back to an overall angle of approximately 26°. Terraces, drainage ditches, and revegetation were installed for drainage and erosion control. The regrading work to remove the driving force on the slide along with the fact that a block of limestone remains in the pit below the "serpentine slide area" acting as a buttress, has mitigated the previous problem of gross instability in this area. Since 1979, and probably due to recent wet winters, an area of localized surface slumping has occurred in the lower portion of the "serpentine" slope. This area does not reflect any gross instability in the slope and will be re-graded in order to restore drainage along terraces.

Groundwater seepage has not been observed in quarry faces except for isolated seepage zones on the "serpentine" slope. This seepage occurs seasonally, during wet weather in the winter and usually dries up in the summer. There are no uniform geologic structures in the serpentine unit and it appears that seepage follows random fractures and shear zones.

Rock Storage Areas - Rock fill slopes of 3 (horizontal) :1 (vertical) in the rock storage areas are shallow and should be stable. Existing rock fill slopes at slope angles 1-1/2:1 located just east of the main pit shown no sign of instability. Design fill slopes in the rock storage areas will be terraced and revegetated in order to control drainage and erosion.







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