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Development Order Amendment Report

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DRI #251 - FOUR CORNERS MINE ADDITION/PHASE 2 (LAMBE ADDITION) MANATEE COUNTY

On September 12, 2008, Manatee County rendered Ordinance No. 08-16 to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. The Ordinance reflects an amendment adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on August 7, 2008.

BACKGROUND

On September 5, 1991, the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners granted a Development Order (Ordinance No. 91-62), a Substantial Deviation to only the Manatee County portion of DRI #52 as DRI #198, to IMC Fertilizer, Inc. (now Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC). DRI #198 authorized the mining of more than 18,500 acres, of which 9,952 acres are located within two tracts of northeast Manatee County (4,906 in the Jameson Tract and 5,052 acres in the Northeast Manatee Tract) and the remaining 8,727 acres located in southeastern Hillsborough County. The Four Corners Mine Substantial Deviation included: revision of the mining and reclamation plan for the Jameson Tract; extension of Jameson Tract mining period to November 30, 2006 and reclamation period to 2010; and the addition of 211 acres for mining in the Jameson Tract which were not previously approved for mining.

The Development Order had been amended three times, with the latest occurring on September 26, 1996 (Ordinance 96-43). The amendments have cumulatively: resolved an appeal by the developer and TBRPC; reduced the aforementioned 211 acres to 170 acres; added water quality monitoring/reporting requirements; required the establishment of a Wildlife and Habitat Management Plan for the land addition; approved a specific truck haul route from Four Corners Mine to Piney Point/Port Manatee; required submittal of the approved Spill Notification, Containment and Contingency Plan for clay settling area F-3 to TBRPC; and approved the two month and 28 days extension of the effective period for Ordinance 95-41 (to December 31, 1996) to effectuate a land exchange and obtain the proper rezoning classification.

On November 21, 2002, the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners approved an additional Substantial Deviation Development Order (SDDO) for the project as DRI #251 (Ordinance No. 02-58). The Ordinance supercedes and replaces all former Development Order authorizations for the project. The proposal essentially added provisions to mine an additional 1,111 acres. Excluded from this SDDO approval were the mining the 2,048± acre Altman Tract (Parcel #4) and a mining corridor (Parcel #3B), as well as the utilization of an additional corridor (Parcel #7) to facilitate adjacent mining operations. Each of these proposals were addressed within the Substantial Deviation Application for Development Approval review process. The proposal to mine within the Altman Tract was subsequently denied by the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners on September 16, 2008. The initially proposed Parcel #3B mining corridor was previously withdrawn by the Applicant and the Parcel #7 corridor was approved as part of Ordinance No. 05-42, described below.

The SDDO has been previously amended once (Ordinance No. 05-42), on September 27, 2005, to:

- change the name of the developer from “IMC Phosphates Company” to “Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC”;

- modify Development Order Condition U.12. regarding the origin and destination of overburden and sand tailings;
- add 305 acres of land (including the previously-referenced Parcel #7) acquired by Mosaic from FFD Land Company; and
- remove 44 acres from the project that was exchanged with FFD Land Company.

DEVELOPMENT ORDER AMENDMENT

The current Ordinance authorized the following additional modifications to the Development Order:

- added 299 acres of adjoining land (i.e. referred to as the “Lambe Addition”);
- reduced the size of the F-9 Clay settling area;
- updated the Four Corners transportation analysis to include the Hillsborough County Mine Consolidation S/D (DRI #263); and
- amended the Reclamation Plans to reflect these changes.

RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with Section 380.07, Florida Statutes (F.S.), this Development Order has been reviewed and determined to be consistent with the Council’s *NOPC Report* adopted on October 8, 2008 and with the Council's *Final Report* adopted on October 14, 2002.

It is recommended that the Department of Community Affairs concur with the Development Order amendment issued by Manatee County for DRI #251 - Four Corners Mine Addition/Phase 2.

GENERAL LOCATION MAP

