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Kirkland Mining Company Receives BLM Approval of its High Quality Pozzolan Mining Plan

December 14, 2018 – Kirkland Mining Company, LLC. (KMC) announced that, on December 3rd, 2018, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management issued a Decision Record based on a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) approving KMC’s proposed Mining and Reclamation Plan of Operations (MRPO) at its site near Skull Valley, Arizona.

Following KMC’s application in June of 2017, BLM conducted an Environmental Assessment on the proposed 88-acre project per the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This process involved a number of independent studies to evaluate the effect of the project on resources including cultural and biological resources, traffic, noise, water and air quality. Additionally, BLM provided for two separate extended public comment periods and attendant “open house” meetings allowing the public to review study results, discuss proposed plans with KMC representatives and submit formal comments to BLM.

KMC expects to submit financial assurance to meet the MRPO requirements to BLM before year end and obtain final authorizations in time for operational startup in March. To KMC president, Areta Zouvas, this achievement has been many years in the making.

“This has been my dad’s dream for thirty years,” Ms. Zouvas said. “After investing five years and a lot of our family’s resources in this project, I’m so proud to help him realize his vision.” Ms. Zouvas also acknowledged that, with much local support came a few critics. “I understand the concerns expressed by some of our neighbors,” she added. “We’re going to work very hard to be a responsible and positive member of the community. In the end, I believe we’re going to exceed the expectations of our supporters and critics alike.”

Pozzolans are unique minerals that provide significant improvements in the strength, durability and “carbon footprint” of concrete materials. The Kirkland High Quality Natural Pozzolan has been shown to be some of the best performing material of its kind in the country. Its development also comes at a time when the supply of fly ash, the dominant form of pozzolan in use for decades, is shrinking significantly.

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