NOTIFICATION OF LARGE SCALE MINE PERMIT APPLICATION
SIMON CONTRACTORS OF SD, INC.

Pursuant to ARSD 74:29:01:05, the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources is notifying you that Simon Contractors of SD, Inc., 3975 Sturgis Road, Rapid City, South Dakota 57702, has submitted a large-scale mine permit application for its proposed Loring Limestone Quarry. The legal location is:

Portions of Sections 33 & 34; T5S-R4E, Custer County
General Location: Approximately 4 miles southwest of Pringle, South Dakota

The proposed operation involves the expansion of the Loring Limestone Quarry which is currently mined under Simon Contractor's mine license. The mine permit will allow Simon Contractors to mine limestone for uses other than construction aggregate and cement, such as agricultural applications. A total of 110 acres will be disturbed during the project. Topsoil and overburden will be stripped from portions of the expansion area every one to three years to match production. The stripped area will be drilled and blasted, and limestone will be removed and hauled to an on-site crusher where it will be sized into different products. After the limestone is processed, agricultural use products will be stockpiled, sold, and tracked separate from the construction aggregate products. The land will be reclaimed to forest land.

The application is currently being reviewed for completeness. The department will notify Simon Contractors by February 12, 2022 as to whether the application is complete.

The application is available for review at the Minerals and Mining Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, or on the Minerals and Mining web page at https://danr.sd.gov/Environment/MineralsMining/Exploration/NewMinePermits.aspx. The application is also available for public review at the Custer County Register of Deeds office in Custer, South Dakota.

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