EVENT VIOLATION
INSPECTOR'S STATEMENT
MINERALS REGULATORYPROGAM

Company/Mine: Gold Star Stone, Inc
Permit #: M/003/050

CO # MC-04-01-07(1)
Violation # 1 of 1

SERIOUSNESS

1. What type of event is applicable to the regulation cited? Refer to the DOGM reference list of event below and remember that **the event is NOT the same as the violation**. Mark and explain each event.

- ☒ a. Activity outside the approved permit area.
- ☐ b. Injury to the public (public safety).
- ☐ c. Damage to property.
- ☒ d. Conducting activities without appropriate approvals.
- ☒ e. Environmental harm.
- ☐ f. Water pollution.
- ☐ g. Loss of reclamation/revegetation potential.
- ☐ h. Reduced establishment, diverse and effective vegetative cover.
- ☐ i. No event occurred as a result of the violation.
- ☐ j. Other.

Explanation: Operations on an area outside the approved permit area were being conducted. Approximately 0.6 acres have been affected by mining and 0.3 acres affected by new access road.

2. Has the event or damage occurred? Yes
If yes, describe it. If no, what would cause it to occur and what is the probability of the event(s) occurring? (None, Unlikely, Likely).

Explanation: Prior to submitting an amendment to the existing operations, new disturbance and access road was observed outside the current appoved permit.

3. Did any damage occur as a result of the violation? Yes
4. If yes, describe the duration and extent of the damage or impact. How much damage may have occurred if the violation had not bee discovered by a DOGM inspector? Describe this potential damage and whether or not it would extend off the disturbed and/or permit area.

Explanation: An additional 0.9 acres outside the previous approved permit area has been disturbed. Disturbance is typical of permitted activities for this site.

B. DEGREE OF FAULT (Check the statements which apply to the violation and discuss).

☐ Was the violation not the fault of the operator (due to vandalism or an act of God), explain. Remember that the permittee is considered responsible for the actions of all persons working on the mine site.

Explanation: _____

☒ Was the violation the result of not knowing about DOGM regulations, indifference to DOGM regulations or the result of lack of reasonable care.

Explanation: Operator indicated that he thought that the private land owner had contacted the Division and had made the necessary arrangements to conduct exploration operations.

☐ If the actual or potential environmental harm or harm to the public should have been evident to a careful operator, describe the situation and what, if anything, the operator did to correct it prior to being cited.

Explanation: _____

☐ Was the operator in violation of a specific permit condition?

Explanation: _____

☐ Has DOGM cited the violation in the past? If so, give the dates and the type of warning or enforcement action taken.

Explanation: _____

Was any economic benefit gained by the operator for failure to comply? No.
If yes explain.

Explanation: _____

Note: While initially an exploration permit would have been appropriate for this activity, the operator has indicated that there is good stone, and will amend his plan to include this area.

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GOOD FAITH

1. In order to receive good faith for compliance with an NOV or CO, the violation must have been abated before the abatement deadline. If you think this applies, describe how rapid compliance was achieved (give date) and describe the measures the operator took to comply as rapidly as possible.

Explanation: _____

2. Explain whether or not the operator had the necessary resources on site to achieve compliance.

Explanation: _____

3. Was the submission of plans prior to physical activity required by this NOV / CO? _____ If yes, explain.

Explanation: _____

Lynn Kunzler
Authorized Representative

Signature

November 4, 2004
Date

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