NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DECISION TO APPROVE
NO. M/027/006
BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, STATE OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF A TENTATIVE DECISION TO APPROVE A REVISION TO AN EXISTING MINING AND RECLAMATION PLAN FOR CONTINENTAL LIME INCORPORATED'S CRICKET MOUNTAIN QUARRY, MILLARD COUNTY, UTAH.

THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION, MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SECTIONS 25 AND 26, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST; AND SECTIONS 30 AND 31; TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST, SLB&M, MILLARD COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its tentative decision to approve Continental Lime, Incorporated's revision of the Mining and Reclamation Plan for the Cricket Mountain Quarry. Revised mining activities will effect portions of the following area: E1/2 Section 26; W1/2 and SE1/4 Section 25, Township 21 South, Range 10 West; and the S1/2 Section 30, N1/2 Section 31, Township 21 South, Range 9 West, SLB&M, Millard County, Utah.

Continental Lime, Inc. has submitted a revised permit application to expand their existing mining operation to include the following changes: The expansion will consist of development of two distinct mining areas in the vicinity of the existing Poison Mountain operations; the BB Dolomite Quarry and the West Quarry Area. The expansion will include the development of previously undisturbed land for quarries, overburden stockpiles, undersize material stockpiles, a crusher, and haul roads. The current operations will remain generally unchanged, with the exception of an expansion of the undersize material stockpile at the existing Poison Mountain Quarry.

The operator will employ the following mining and reclamation techniques on approximately 288.7 acres of State, BLM and private lands.

During Operations: Three new quarries will be created under this mine plan revision. New quarries are the BB Dolomite Quarry, the Flat Iron Quarry, and the North Lobe Quarry. The Flat Iron and North Lobe Quarries are also referred to as the West Quarry Area. Ore will be mined using conventional bench type mining methods. Drilling and blasting will be used to break up overburden and ore. The ore will be loaded into haul trucks with front-end loaders and transported to the crushers. Overburden will be transported to one of four designated waste disposal areas. Undersize materials from crushing will be placed on the existing Poison Mountain stockpile or in the new BB Dolomite undersize stockpile. The total amount of new disturbance under this revision will be 288.7 acres.

Following Operations: The tops of the overburden disposal areas will be topsoiled and seeded, the dump slopes will also be seeded. The Poison Mountain undersize stockpile top and slopes will be topsoiled and seeded. The BB Dolomite undersize stockpile top will be topsoiled and seeded, the north and west slopes will also be topsoiled and seeded. The south and east slopes will be seeded only. The BB Dolomite Quarry benches (85 percent of quarry footprint) will be covered with fines, ripped and seeded. Highwalls will be allowed to remain in a stable manner. Boulders will be placed to control public access to the quarry for safety. The Poison Mountain crusher and facilities and BB Dolomite crusher and facilities will be demolished, affected areas regraded, topsoiled, and seeded. Roads in the West Quarry and BB Dolomite areas will be recontoured, ripped, topsoiled and seeded. The haul road from the quarry switchback to the Processing Plant will remain unreclaimed. All topsoil stockpile locations will be regraded, ripped, and seeded. The Overburden Disposal areas, BB Dolomite undersize pile, and the BB Dolomite Quarry will be granted a variance from the 70% revegetation standard. An alternative 50% revegetation success standard will be allowed on these areas until test plot data supports another standard.

The person representing the company is Mr. Mike Brown, 670 East 3900 South, Suite 205, Salt Lake City, Utah 84107; Phone (801) 262-6876. Continental Lime, Inc. is fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. ss40-8-18.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written protests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the tentative decision of the Division will be final.

DATED THIS 21st day of April, 1997.

STATE OF UTAH
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
/s/ James W. Carter, Director

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