

JOINT NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING MEETING AND NOTICE OF HEARING FORT McMURRAY AREA

PARSONS CREEK AGGREGATES: PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND RECLAIM
A LIMESTONE QUARRY / NRCB APPLICATION NO. 1001

WHEREAS Parsons Creek Aggregates (PCA), a joint venture between Graymont Western Canada Inc. and Lehigh Hanson Materials Limited, applied to the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB), for an approval for its proposal to construct, operate and reclaim a limestone quarry in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. The proposed Project site is located on 390 ha of Crown land 800 m north of the Fort McMurray Urban Service Boundary, south of Northlands Forest Products, east of Highway 63 along the Athabasca River. The legal land description for the proposed project site includes portions of Sections 7, 8, 18, 19, 30 and 31 of Township 90, Range 9, West of the 4th Meridian, and a portion of the NE ¼ Section 36, Township 90, Range 10, West of the 4th Meridian.

WHEREAS the NRCB previously issued a Notice of Application on February 18, 2013.

TAKE NOTICE:

1. The NRCB will hold a pre-hearing meeting at a venue (to be determined) in Fort McMurray on August 14, 2013. Parties who file submissions will be notified directly once the venue has been determined. At the pre-hearing meeting the Panel will hear representations regarding preliminary and procedural aspects of the public review, including:
 - a) a discussion of the major issues to be examined at the hearing;
 - b) the appropriate scope and jurisdiction of the review;
 - c) the appropriate timing and location for the hearing and filing deadlines for hearing submissions;
 - d) a discussion of procedures to be followed at the hearing;
 - e) consideration of intervener funding applications made by eligible persons; and,
 - f) other matters.
2. The Board determined that a hearing is necessary but it has not established the hearing date(s). The Board will advise those parties who participate in the pre-hearing meeting of the hearing date(s) and location and will post this information on the NRCB's website; however, no further public notices will be issued. There is a potential that the Board may proceed to a decision without the need for a hearing, if the Board determines that remaining concerns are without merit or can be addressed outside of a formal hearing process.
3. PCA's application, including information and particulars filed in support thereof, may be obtained by persons with an established interest in the matter from: Rob Beleutz, Environmental/Safety Manager, Graymont Western Canada Inc., Ph: (604) 249-1911 or Ron Wrigley, Principal, Brown and Associates Planning Group, Ph: (403) 692-4526. (Direction will be provided by the NRCB, should there be a question as to whether a person has an established interest.) These documents are also available online at: www.parsonscreekresources.com/limestone.shtml.

In addition, PCA's application is available for public viewing at these locations: Oil Sands Discovery Centre (Fort McMurray), Fort McMurray Public Library, Natural Resources

Conservation Board (Edmonton), or the Alberta Government Library. Please contact the NRCB at (780) 422-1977 for further information regarding viewing locations.

4. Eligible persons who are or may be directly affected by the proposed project may apply for intervener funding to assist in preparing and presenting an intervention. Such applications may be made pursuant to the *NRCB Act*. For further information regarding intervener funding, please contact Bill Kennedy, General Counsel at Ph. (403) 297-4304.
5. Individuals wishing to make presentations at the pre-hearing meeting must provide a written summary of their submission by **August 2, 2013** to:

Susan Whittaker, Manager, Board Reviews
Natural Resources Conservation Board
4th Floor, 9940 – 106 Street
Edmonton, AB T5K 2N2
Ph: (780) 422-1977; Fax: (780) 427-0607
Toll-free in Alberta by first dialling 310-0000.
Email: susan.whittaker@gov.ab.ca

Should submissions be lengthy, parties are requested to submit them in electronic format. Written submissions should also clearly identify if a party intends to seek advance costs with respect to this proceeding.

Please note that all correspondence, information and submissions filed in relation to PCA's application are considered to be public records and are therefore accessible by the public and may be posted to the NRCB's website. (Under section 24 of the NRCB's *Rules of Practice*, all documents filed in respect of this proceeding must be placed on the public record unless otherwise ordered by the Board, subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*).

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta, on July 8, 2013.

William Y. Kennedy, General Counsel, NRCB

