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Mr. Matthew Sailor
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Re: Renewal of Missouri River Commercial Dredging Permits

Dear Mr. Sailor:

This letter is written in support of the matter of the Holliday Sand & Gravel, LLC (Holliday) request for a renewed Missouri River Dredge Permit. We understand that during the previous permit renewal in 2010, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers cut Holliday's dredging volume in the Kansas City segment of the river by 79 percent. We believe that the company's three facilities, located on the Missouri River in the Kansas City metropolitan area and St. Joseph, are vital to the economic development of the region, and that any further tonnage reductions would harm jobs, construction and the region's economy.

As you may be aware, Carefree Industrial Park is one of the largest sub-surface developments in Missouri with more than 5 million + square feet developed as a multi-tenant facility. The uniqueness of Carefree is our 100% commitment to concrete throughout the project. With the anticipation of our Phase 2 coming online in the next few years we are very cognizant of construction material costs and availability.

The construction industry has not fully recovered from the recession, and we support Holliday's requested volumes of dredging to avoid losing construction materials vital to our project, as well as hundreds of construction materials jobs, which would be harmful to the local economy. Additionally, the economic impact of each of these jobs should be multiplied by nine (9) times to understand the total employment impact from the loss of family purchasing power and related construction industry job loss. These jobs represent millions of dollars in payroll for the local and regional economy.

Holliday is the key producer of sand for the Kansas City metropolitan area and St. Joseph. If sufficient sand is not available our Phase 2 development could be delayed along with the

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possibility of infrastructure projects being halted (i.e. highways, bridges and buildings). In addition, there is concern in the construction community that further reducing or eliminating dredging in these three locations will result in significantly increased costs of building materials containing sand for concrete, precast concrete products and asphalt.

Kansas City and St. Joseph's construction and transportation industry depends on quality and economical sand from the Missouri River, and we ask that Holliday's dredging be allowed to continue at the greatest levels that are possible.

Sincerely,

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