MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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MEMORANDUM

February 12, 2016

TO:

Sheila Jones, Supervisor, District I Trey Baxter, Supervisor, District II Gerald Steen, Supervisor, District III David Bishop, Supervisor, District IV Paul Griffin, Supervisor, District V

FROM: Dan Gaillet, P.E.

County Engineer/Road Manager

RE:

Greens Crossing Road

A request has been made to reduce the weight limit on Greens Crossing Road to 15,000 lbs. (County roads have various loadings, up to 80,000 lbs with the limiting factor normally being the bridges.) This action requires Board approval.

As a little background, I had a brief conversation with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Office of Geology, Mining Division about Greens Crossing Road. MDEQ stated that Birdsong Construction has a 5 year mining permit issued (they think, since they didn't have the file in front of them) in 2014; however, MDEQ stated that these permits can easily be extended. MDEQ's understanding is that the mining is in anticipation of a neighborhood being developed off Greens Crossing Road.

MDEQ stated that they normally inspect pits once a year; but with all the controversy that has surrounded this one, they inspect this pit a minimum of 3 times per year.

MDEQ also mentioned that the County had to properly zone this area with a follow up by MDEQ holding a public hearing prior to issuing any permits, which did take place. MDEQ has no say on the roads around the mining areas and leaves that to the County.