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July 22, 1999

Ms Beverly Rhea, Review Coordinator
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RE: Development of Regional Impact
Touchet Industrial Development

Dear Beverly:

I am responding to your letter to Michelle Wright with the City of Douglasville dated June 21, 1999 concerning the above mentioned project. I would like to provide you information regarding how the development intends to meet ARC's air quality benchmarks, and the number of trucks projected to serve the facility.

The development has extensive frontage adjacent to Southern Railway. According to the provided information from the ARC in respect to Air Quality Benchmarks, facilities which are rail served qualify for a 10% credit. This development is intended to utilize the railroad availability which should prove to be an asset to the overall operation of the facility.

Also, with the quarry being located on the same site as the asphalt and concrete plants, this will result in an extensive reduction in VMT. The necessary rock for the concrete plant and asphalt plant will not be required to be hauled to the site from an outside source, thus significantly reducing the truck traffic on the roadway network as well as the length of haul. Furthermore, with the existing quarry located in close proximity, the Florida Rock quarry located in adjacent Paulding County, as well as existing concrete and asphalt plants in the immediate area, we believe there will be a rerouting of existing material hauls, resulting in an overall effectual reduction in VMT for the area.

As requested, I would also like to offer the following projections in regard to your inquiry about the number of trucks to serve the facility on a daily basis. At full operation (10 year time frame), our estimates anticipate approximately 250 loads of material leaving the site which relates to approximately 250 trucks also entering the site without material. This amounts to 500 total vehicle trips per day.

We hope this information will help provide an expedient review of our proposal. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at (770) 445-7466.

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Touchet Industrial Development

Sincerely

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Bruce E. Coyle, P.E.

cc: Craig Touchet
Michelle Wright

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August 11, 1999

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RE: Development of Regional Impact Addendum
Touchet Industrial Development

Dear Beverly:

I am writing this letter as an addendum to the letter I sent to you on July 22, 1999 concerning the above mentioned project. I would like to provide you additional information (you may have already received from our "Fact and Information Sheet On The Issues" which was distributed at the Public Information Meeting held at the Douglas County Courthouse) regarding how the development intends to meet ARC's air quality benchmarks.

In addition to the 10% credit we should be receiving for being rail served as discussed in my previous letter, all on site vehicles as well as all processing equipment will use clean burning natural gas in their operations. To minimize air pollution, alternative fuel (compressed natural gas [CNG]) will be utilized in our water trucks, mechanic vehicle, and on site maintenance pick up trucks. We believe this should qualify us up to an additional 10% credit in respect to Air Quality Benchmarks.

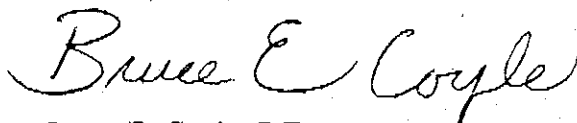
These factors are in addition to the air quality permits we will obtain and strictly comply with from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Environmental Protection Division (EPD). Also, each dryer and mix batch reactor will have separate bag house air filters to ensure all EPD air quality standards are met or exceeded. The quarry, asphalt, and concrete plants will have separate air quality stations with monthly reports sent to the EPD in addition to samples taken by the existing sampling station near the WSA radio tower. These results will be compared to the plant samples by EPD to insure total air quality compliance by Touchet Development.

We hope this information will provide for a favorable recommendation from the ARC in regard to "Air Quality" and help conclude the review of our proposal. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at (770) 445-7466.

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TOUCHET DEVELOPMENT, LLC

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Enclosed please find the following attachments pertinent to the factual information needed for review of the Touchet Development Douglasville, Georgia project.

- 1) Memorandum to ARC**
- 2) Fact and Information Sheet on project**
- 3) Engineered Plan of the site**
- 4) Benefits to the region derived from this project**
- 5) Rebuttal to Douglasville City Council on ARC Resolution of the project**

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Atlanta Regional Commission
FROM: Craig Touchet, Principle, Touchet Development LLC
DATE: August 10, 1999
SUBJECT: Touchet Development LLC's Douglasville, Georgia Project

Recently the Touchet Development LLC's Douglasville, Georgia Project has been before you for review. Unfortunately, many facts pertinent to this development have either been overlooked totally or misrepresented to you due to misunderstandings concerning this multi million dollar project. I only ask that you carefully study the true facts enclosed in this package in an unbiased and fair fashion. I firmly believe that if you are totally and truthfully informed about every facet of this development you will find that it will positively impact the region in numerous ways and that we will prove to be an excellent corporate citizen for many years to come.

This project, located at Hwy 5 and US 78 in Douglasville, Georgia consists of approximately 500 acres. Of these 500 acres only 120 acres, or less than 25%, will be developed into a rock quarry, asphalt plant, a concrete re-cycling plant and a concrete batch plant. The remaining 380 acres, or more than 75% of the total land assembled will act as a green space buffer area surrounding the project.

A project of this magnitude requires tremendous experience and resources. Touchet Development is a corporation made up of two entities. The first being me, a local earth moving and paving contractor, an area resident and a local business owner for over 10 years. The second party is the Angelo Iafrate Company with headquarters in Warren, Michigan. They are a large, national provider of earth products and other materials used in the production of roads and parking lots. I truly believe this is the very best business scenario possible. This corporation will be managed, operated, and partly owned by local people yet financially backed by one of the nation's largest and most secure and respected companies in this industry.

Significant capital has already been expended to accomplish the many components necessary to this project. They include the assemblage of the land, the required zoning, the performance of all of the necessary engineering and the ordering of the processing plant equipment. In addition to all of this another \$20 million has been set aside to complete this state of the art development. No expense has been spared up to this point because we want to do everything right. We have paid attention to every detail, especially those issues dealing with the environment such as water, air, dust, noise and pollution. We will be properly permitted and at a minimum meet, but our intent is to exceed all Environmental Protection Division and Georgia Department of Natural Resources requirements throughout the life of the project.

To insure the protection of water on our property the design plan implements the following: 7 water quality basins to capture storm water, multiple evaporation basins to prohibit any runoff from the site, a 150 foot buffer to protect an existing spring and creek on the property and the construction of a lake in the creek basin to further protect these waters and provide an efficient water re-use lake for dust control spray water purposes.

To minimize noise from the operation and conduct all controlled blasting in the safest way possible these measures have been taken: a 300 to 500 foot buffer area around the site will eliminate loud noises, ground vibration monitors will be used with total OSHA standard compliance at all times,

all quarry pit areas will be fenced and blast mats and perimeter guards will be used. Also, blasting will only occur once per week even when the quarry is in full operation.

To reduce truck traffic around the project Touchet Development is doing the following: on-site asphalt and concrete plants will significantly reduce the trucking in of rock products due to the fact these products will already be on-site, in addition, we are building a road through our property to re-direct any necessary truck travel to alleviate congestion on Highway 92 and Bankhead Highway. Also a rail spur will be built to transport rock products off of the site. Rail transportation is proven to be the safest, most efficient and environmentally sound way to move these types of products.

To enhance traffic safety around the site the following steps will be taken: Touchet Development is currently funding a traffic study of the rail crossings between Highways 5 and 92 for the city of Douglasville to determine which is the least used. Once this is determined, that crossing will be closed and replaced with a new, safe, 4-lane, at grade, signalized crossing at our expense. This will enhance safety in and out of the site but also will benefit all citizens of the area.

It is our intent to improve the air quality of Douglas County and the Atlanta region. To control dust and odor and improve the overall air quality the following will be done: a permanent underground sprinkler system will be installed as well as spray water nozzles on all rock crushing equipment, a fixed nozzle system will be installed on all pit areas and haul routes in both the asphalt and concrete plants, a fixed nozzle system will be installed on all plant stock piles as well as internally on all processing equipment. All equipment purchased will be new, state of the art, computer controlled and continuously monitored for complete compliance of air quality standards.

To control air pollution many steps have been taken which include: separate air sampling stations for the quarry, asphalt and concrete plants with monthly reports sent to EPD for their review. Additionally, air samples will be taken independently by an existing sampling station on site near the Water and Sewer Authority Tower and these results will also be sent to EPD for comparisons to insure total compliance by this development. Also, several plant vehicles including all water trucks, mechanic vehicles and on site maintenance trucks will use compressed natural gas. All processing equipment will use only clean burning natural gas in their operations. **NO COAL OR OIL BURNING EQUIPMENT WILL BE USED ON ANY PROCESSING EQUIPMENT.**

In addition to taking care of the environment this project offers additional benefits to the community through job creation. In it's first phase 40 new jobs will be created escalating to 250 new jobs over the next 3 years. These jobs range from laborers to plant managers with starting wages beginning at \$9.00 per hour to over \$50,000 annually plus full benefits, insurance and retirement packages available. All of these new jobs will be located within the county at this project site. We are pleased with the number of jobs created as well as the pay scales this project will produce. It will also eliminate the lengthy commutes many Douglas Countians have to make outside the county each day for a quality job with long term security and benefits. Eliminating commutes also tremendously helps air quality as well as enhances quality of life and time for families.


This multi million dollar project will directly benefit the taxpayer in two ways. One being this company will pay hundreds of thousands of dollars annually in sales, property and employment taxes. This helps reduce the tax burden on the average homeowner to fund necessary government services. The second benefit comes in the form of reduced costs for road improvements and

expansions which is a major part of the county budget. With another rock products industry located in the county, the taxpayers are assured of more competitive pricing on these needed but costly road products.

Touchet Development is totally committed to this development, the welfare of the city, county and region and to all of its' citizens. We are glad to bring this quality, state of the art project to this community and look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship now and into the future.

I very much appreciate the time and consideration of this factual information and will make myself available at your convenience to answer further concerns or questions.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Craig Touchet". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Craig Touchet
Principle, Touchet Development, LLC

cc: All Douglasville City Council Members
All Douglas County Commissioners
Water & Sewer Authority Board and Director
Hartley, Rowe and Fowler, P.C.

Touchet Development Project

Fact and Information Sheet On The Issues

1) Water Quality:

THE FACTS: Touchet Development is very concerned about water quality issues and will exceed all regulatory requirements expected of them. The following are measures that will be taken to ensure the protection and treatment of all water on their property.

- All water quality permits will be obtained from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources prior to any construction of any facilities and strictly complied to after operations begin.
- 7 water quality basins for the treatment and capture of stormwater runoff are already designed in the preliminary plans and more will be identified and developed in the final design plan to eliminate any potential negative impact to the watershed.
- Multiple evaporation basins will be built that will prohibit any runoff from this site.
- The existing spring and creek near the eastern side of the quarry will be protected by a 150 foot buffer.
- A small lake will be built in the creek basin to further protect these waters and provide a water re-use lake for dust control spraywater throughout this project.

2) Noise and Blasting:

THE FACTS: Touchet Development will minimize noise from their operation and conduct all blasting in the safest and most effective, state of the art methods available through the following procedures:

- The quarry pit area will be over 500 feet away from the western residential area.
- All pit areas will be fenced once a hole is established to further promote safety.
- 300 or more feet of undisturbed buffer area around the pit will eliminate any possibility of fly rock leaving the site.
- Blast mats will be used until a safe pit can be established.
- All blasting will be contained with perimeter guards during this operation.
- Blasting operations will only occur once per week even when the quarry is in full operation.
- Ground vibration monitors will be used in a perimeter around the blast operation with total OSHA compliance during all controlled blasting.
- The 300 to 500 foot wooded buffer around the site will eliminate loud noises from leaving the site.
- All machinery will be OSHA compliant and all noise will therefore be minimized.

3) Traffic Volume:

THE FACTS: This project will not add more traffic to the area but in fact will reduce traffic volumes due to the following:

- The on-site asphalt and concrete plant that will be located next to the quarry will eliminate the need to import rock products to the site. This will significantly reduce truck traffic in and around this area of Douglas County.
- Part of the land assembly for this project includes property fronting Cedar Mountain Road. This road allows heavily loaded trucks and provides a more direct route to northwest Douglas and Paulding

Counties. Therefore this development will reduce each driver's route by 2 to 5 miles per load. Also this will help re-direct truck traffic off of the very congested routes of Bankhead Highway and Highway 92.

- Additionally a rail spur will be built on the project site to transport rock products throughout the state which will further reduce truck traffic. Rail transport is the safest and most environmentally friendly way to move rock products.

4) Traffic Safety:

THE FACTS: This project will enhance traffic safety by providing the following:

- Touchet Development is funding a traffic survey for the City of Douglasville that is currently being conducted to determine which railroad crossing between Hwy 5 and Hwy 92 is the least used and should be closed.
- Once the least used crossing is identified, Touchet Development will pay for and construct a new, 4 lane, at grade, signalized railroad connecting West Strickland Street to US 78.
- Currently all crossings are only 2 lane and are constructed as an un-safe "hump" over the tracks. Numerous accidents have occurred due to this type of construction. The new 4 lane, at grade crossing constructed by the partners of this project will benefit and enhance the safety of the citizens of Douglas County.

5) Air Quality:

THE FACTS: It is the intent of Touchet Development to improve the air quality of Douglas County and the region. We will go above and beyond all regulatory requirements in protecting and improving the air quality of this area through the following procedures:

5A) Dust & Odor Control :

- All air quality permits will be obtained from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division prior to construction of the industrial components within the plant and strictly complied with thereafter.
- The quarry, asphalt and concrete plants will have separate permits issued by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.
- Touchet Development will install an underground permanent sprinkler system on the quarry haul routes and rock crushing operations.
- Spraywater will come from the water re-use lake to be built by the partners of this project for maximum efficiency.
- Spraywater nozzles will be installed on rock crushing components to minimize dust during operations.
- In addition to the fixed nozzle system the pit areas and temporary haul routes will be sprayed with a water truck continuously during operations.
- The concrete and asphalt plants will be new components using the latest state of the art manufacturing equipment. All equipment will be new, computer controlled and continuously monitored during operation for complete compliance.
- The concrete and asphalt plants will have spray nozzles on the stock piles and internally throughout all process equipment to minimize dust and odor.
- Additionally each process dryer and mix batch reactor will have separate bag house air filters to ensure all EPD air quality standards are met or exceeded.

5B) Air Pollution Control:

- The quarry, asphalt and cement plants will have separate air quality sampling stations with monthly reports sent to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division for their review.
- Additionally, samples will be taken by the existing sampling station on site near the WSA radio tower. These results will be compared to the plant samples by EPD to insure total air quality compliance by Touchet Development.
- To minimize air pollution from vehicles this operation will use alternative fuels in several plant vehicles. Those vehicles using compressed natural gas will be; water trucks, mechanic vehicle and on site maintenance pickup trucks.
- All on site vehicles as well as all processing equipment will use clean burning natural gas in their operations.
- No coal or oil burning equipment will be used on any processing equipment.

6) Other Issues:

THE FACTS: In addition to the above issues, other variables have surfaced in recent newspaper articles and letters to ARC that have led to misinformation or misrepresentation of the facts about this project and Touchet Development. The following addresses each of these issues:

- **WSA:** It has been stated by Commission Chair Rainwater in a recent newspaper article that "this project is not compatible with WSA study recommendations." WSA has not issued a formal complaint of the project proposed and will in fact likely approve all development features to control soil erosion, water runoff and the tremendous buffer surrounding the actual development. This project will require water and sewer and these requirements have already been discussed with WSA. The impact to WSA's resources are minimal and do not threaten the capacity limitations of their resources. Recycling of water through filtration on site also greatly reduces the water requirements of this project.
- **Neighboring Properties:** The actual development encompasses nearly 500 acres. Only 25% or 125 acres of this 500 assemblage will be used for the quarry, asphalt and concrete plants. The remaining 375 acres bought at fair market value will act as a buffer around the project.
- **Camp Inagahi:** In a recent newspaper article Ms. Rainwater stated her concerns about contamination of a lake at Camp Inagahi. Because Touchet Development's property adjoins this religious camp, several attempts were made to buy this property out of respect for their religious activities. Discussions with their board and board chair, Mr. Richard Wheeler, outlined Touchet's desire to accommodate this camp in any way possible even including relocation if that was the decision of the board. After studying all proposed options the board concluded that this development would not interfere with nor contaminate their setting.
- **Zoning and Industrial Expansion:** Ms. Rainwater recently wrote to the ARC that "this property adjoins single family residential zoned property in an unincorporated area of the county, and that no further expansion of industrial property is planned in the area." First and foremost this property is directly across the street from an existing rock quarry and asphalt plant as well as other similar businesses and trucking companies. The fact is that out of the 500 acres assembled by Touchet Development, only 120 acres or less than 25% are to be developed. Of these 120 acres, 78 acres, (now annexed into Douglasville) was formerly zoned M-2 in this portion of unincorporated Douglas County and has been for numerous years. The remaining acreage was primarily zoned I-1. Only portions of this M-1 property required rezoning for the asphalt and concrete plants. Furthermore residential zoning is only adjoining two sides of this assembly, the other two sides are already zoned industrial

Benefits Of The Touchet Development Project

The citizens and taxpayers of Douglas County will derive many benefits from the completion of this project. Outlined below are some of these key benefits that will positively impact the economy, the tax base, citizen safety and the environment.

1) Job Creation:

- Initially 40 new jobs will be created escalating to 250 new jobs over the next 3 years.
- These jobs are high paying, career opportunities with starting wages ranging from \$9.00 per hour for laborers up to \$50,000 annually for plant managers plus benefits, insurance and retirement packages available.
- These jobs will be located within the county, eliminating lengthy out of county commutes for citizens seeking quality jobs with long term security and benefits.
- Eliminating work commutes enhances the quality of life for families as well as improves the regional air quality standards by reducing traffic volume on Atlanta roads.

2) Traffic Safety:

- The funding of a railroad crossing traffic survey by Touchet Development for the city of Douglasville has relieved the taxpayers of this financial burden as well as providing a much needed study for long term traffic flow and safety planning.
- This survey will identify which rail crossing needs to be closed and then replaced by a new, safe, 4 lane, at grade, signalized crossing to be constructed and paid for by Touchet Development.
- Decreased truck traffic on Hwy 92 and Bankhead Hwy through the reduction and re-direction of truck routes will make these thoroughfares safer for individual car travel.

3) Revenues/Tax Base:

- Our elected leadership and Douglas County citizens have identified the need to attract more business and industry in the area to expand the tax base while relieving the majority of the tax burden for necessary government services off of the common citizen and homeowner. The Touchet Development project is compatible with and helps the commission accomplish this goal of business expansion in Douglas County.
- This multi-million dollar project will pay hundreds of thousands of dollars annually in local sales, property and employment taxes and significantly and positively impact the local tax base.

4) Competitive Prices For Needed Products:

- The County Commission has identified as a top priority now and into the future the need for road improvements, expansions as well as new thoroughfares. The cost of maintenance and expansion of roads is a significant part of the county budget. With a locally owned and operated quarry, asphalt and concrete plant as another competitive resource for road products and services the costs to the county and ultimately to the taxpayer will be reduced while new jobs and opportunities will be created.

5) Local Operator/National Company:

- Touchet Development is a corporation made up of 2 entities. The first being a local earth moving and paving contractor, Mr. Craig Touchet whose is an area citizen and a business person for over 10 years. The second party is The Angelo Iafrate Company with headquarters in Warren, Michigan. They are a large, nationally respected provider of earth products and other materials used in the production of roads and parking lots.
- The combination of these two companies provides the best of both worlds. Locally operated by an experienced local contractor and resident and backed yet backed by one of the nation's largest and most secure companies in the industry. This guarantees the both the experience and financial strength to develop and operate this project.
- 20 million dollars has already been set aside to fund this project and to insure all environmental and operating issues are addressed to the letter of EPD's requirements and beyond.
- The partners of this development are totally committed to this project, the welfare of the city, county and region and to all of its' citizens and will prove to be an excellent corporate citizen as well as a major employer for the area in the years to come.

TOUCHET DEVELOPMENT, LLC

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August 10, 1999

Honorable Mayor Camp and Council Members
P.O. Box 219
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Subject: Resolution By The Atlanta Regional Commission Concerning Touchet Development
Of Regional Impact

Dear Mayor and Council;

I have reviewed the above referenced report along with a Douglas County Sentinel article on the subject and the correspondence of the Friends Of Douglas County. I am very disturbed to see common complaints and inaccurate information as the basis for ARC's recommended denial of my project. While I realize their approval is not necessary for my project to begin, I wish to set the record straight and also relay to you all pertinent facts concerning this development.

There are several attachments for your review and I will herein address a few of the major errors in ARC's report and the Sentinel article.

My project consists of approximately 500 acres located across the street from an existing quarry and adjoining other similar type industries. Approximately 380 acres, or more than 75% of the assemblage is green space buffer that insulates my project from adjoining residential areas. The majority of this buffer zone is to the north and west outside of the incorporated city limits of Douglasville. Those residents that are near the developed portion of my property have been approached and offers made to acquire their land. These offers were market based allowing the seller to select their certified, MIA appraiser to evaluate their property for acquisition purposes. Other substantial concessions were offered in addition to these purchase offers. Specifically the board of Camp Inagehi and Gladys Harding among others were approached and have a standing offer from us to buy their property on this basis. However, to date they have refused to sell for various reasons even though they all are completely informed of the nature of my development.

As you are aware, WSA has the northside treatment plant located on Gothards Creek and desire its expansion. With this in mind they have hired a consultant to review that watershed. Currently the report is not complete or anywhere near finalization according to Peter Frost, WSA Executive Director. This preliminary report does recommend protection of wetlands with 50 foot buffers along streams, pretreatment of storm water runoff and expanded retention ponds for adjoining developments to maintain the current water quality. My project not only meets but far exceeds the preliminary requirements of this report in the protection of water on my property. To prove this point my design plan implements the following water safety measures: 7 water quality basins to capture storm water, multiple evaporation basins to prohibit any runoff from the site, a 150 foot buffer to protect an existing spring and creek and the construction of a lake in the creek basin to further protect these waters and provide an efficient water re-use lake for dust control purposes.

ARC's report concerning WSA's recommendation contains two very grievous errors. The first is that it states that, "local jurisdictions in the Gothards Creek watershed take steps to improve total stream quality of Gothards Creek." According to WSA's Peter Frost, the study does not state *improve* but in fact states, "the maintaining of current water quality in Gothards Creek." The second error relates closely to the first in that it claims that in order to maintain a discharge permit these improvement steps must be taken.

Further the ARC report indicates that we have no plans to use clean fuel vehicles on site which is totally incorrect. All water trucks, plant vehicles and on site maintenance vehicles will use compressed natural gas. In addition all processing equipment that has already been ordered uses only clean burning natural gas in their operations. **NO COAL OR OIL BURNING EQUIPMENT WILL BE USED ON ANY PROCESSING EQUIPMENT.** Additionally, a rail spur to transport rock products off site is planned and as you know this is the safest, most efficient and environmentally sound way to transport this type of product.

ARC identifies the following, "blasting and grinding of rock and production of asphalt would create vibration, noise, and odors impacting the nearby residents and church camp." My national partner, the Angelo Iafrate Company, along with myself have set aside \$20 million to complete this state of the art development and insure its' environmental soundness and safety. The following steps have already been initiated even before this report to combat these issues:

- 1) On top of the \$3 million to install the asphalt plant, we have allotted an additional \$500,000 to purchase extra mechanisms to become an odorless operation.
- 2) The 380 acre green space buffer surrounding the project will eliminate not only noise but any fly rock potentially leaving the site.
- 3) State of the art ground vibration monitors are in the plan and they are computer controlled and continuously evaluate vibration levels to keep within total compliance of OSHA standards.

It is very obvious that in the ARC's report they are unaware that I have willingly agreed to fund a rail crossing survey as well as the construction of a new, safe, at grade, 4 lane, signalized rail crossing that will benefit the entire community.

Furthermore it is ironic, but a well known fact that two County Commissioners, respectively District 3 and District 1, presently enjoy or have enjoyed lucrative business relationships with two other rock quarries/asphalt developments within the county. It appears that even though it has been acceptable practice for them to do business with Blue Circle and Vulcan Materials, they now have united with the remaining commissioners to prohibit my project.

In closing, for the outlined reasons and the potential conflict of interest, I respectfully submit that ARC's flawed and misguided conclusion and recommendation be rejected and not influence the council as far as granting me the necessary licenses to complete and operate this multi million dollar development.

Respectfully submitted,



Craig Touchet, Principle, Touchet Development

cc: Atlanta Regional Commission

