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Supervisor Frank Susczynski and Members of the Town Board
Town of Pleasant Valley, New York
Town Hall
1545 Main Street
Pleasant Valley, New York 12569

**Re: Peckham Materials Corporation's Pleasant Valley Hot Mix Asphalt plant and the
Taconic State Parkway Project**

Dear Supervisor Frank Susczynski and Members of the Town Board:

I wish to inform you of an important infrastructure project for which the Pleasant Valley hot mix asphalt plant will serve a vital role. The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) recently finalized a contract to invest almost ten million dollars to repave a portion of the Taconic State Parkway from Route 55 to I-84. This NYSDOT project is part of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to maintain and repair our State highways. The Pleasant Valley hot mix asphalt plant will be providing hot mix asphalt for the contractors performing this important work to maintain and repair the Taconic State Parkway. It is anticipated that work will begin in mid-June.

Like many other NYSDOT projects on busy highways, this project will require night paving to reduce traffic congestion during peak travel periods and to provide for the safety of both drivers and construction workers. We understand that some members of the public have inquired and voiced concerns about nighttime operations in connection with the Pleasant Valley site's contribution to the completion of the Delaware Aqueduct Bypass Tunnel project running from Newburgh to Wappinger. Accordingly, I am writing this letter to alert you in advance of the upcoming Taconic State Parkway project and assure you that Peckham Materials Corporation ("Peckham") will continue to operate so as to minimize any impacts of nighttime operations at the Pleasant Valley hot mix asphalt plant.

Although there are hours of operation limits listed in the Pleasant Valley mining permit, they do not apply when operations are required to meet the material requirements of NYSDOT and municipal projects or to the asphalt plant and Bonded Concrete ready-mix plant operations. Notably, the mine, asphalt plant and the ready-mix operations have been in operation for decades, long before the Town adopted a zoning provision referencing hours of operation. The Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals have repeatedly found the operations comply with the Town Code when approving plans and related variances for making improvements that have reduced noise and visual impacts from the hot mix asphalt plant operations.¹

The limited restrictions on nighttime operations aside, since Peckham acquired the Pleasant Valley

¹Our attorneys previously provided detailed information related to hours of operation to the Town's Counsel, who can provide you with more detailed information on the permit and regulations.



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site, Peckham has made a series of applications, and obtained approvals to undertake projects to improve appearances and reduce noise from operations. Perhaps most significantly from the standpoint of nighttime hours of operation, Peckham installed new hot mix asphalt warm silos. With these new silos, asphalt can be produced during the normal daytime production hours and stored for dispatch during evening, late night and early morning hours as is often required by NYSDOT and municipal paving projects. This significantly reduces the need to run the HMA plant at night. Other improvements have been made that reduce noise regardless of the daytime or nighttime operation, including installing fencing at O'Halloran Circle, replacing all of Peckham's mobile equipment beeping backup alarms with white noise backup alarms; and putting a silencer on the HMA plant burner and installing sound-deadening barriers.

Peckham is sensitive to the concerns of the Town Board and community and has actively pursued and invested in physical and operational changes since acquiring the Pleasant Valley site to address those concerns. By providing this notice, Peckham seeks to continue its dialogue on any concerns of the Town or community as the Pleasant Valley hot mix asphalt plant works to serve the requirements of vital infrastructure projects in the Town and surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

PECKHAM MATERIALS CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Suttmeier".

Chris Suttmeier
Vice President