

# THE ESPANOLA MERCANTILE COMPANY

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State Of New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division  
Attn: Holland Shepherd  
Wendell Chino Building, Third Floor  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

*Via Hand Delivery  
to Clinton Chisler*

## **RE: Modification Request to Transfer Copar Pumice Mining Co. Permit SA004MN and SA001RE and Replace Financial Assurance**

Mr. Shepherd:

The Espanola Mercantile Company hereby requests the transfer of the Permit SA004MN and SA001RE for the South Pit Mine, the El Cajete Mine and the Los Conchas Mine respectively, previously operated by the Copar Pumice Mining Company. Per New Mexico Administrative Code Section 19.10.8.802 Permit Transfer Rules, the following information is being provided to fulfill section A (1) through A (4):

### **(1) Obtain financial assurance coverage as required by 19.10.12 NMAC for the permit area;**

The Espanola Mercantile Company hereby delivers to MMD the Surety Bond No's. and amounts mentioned below:

Surety bond No. DVIFSU0719088 in the amount of \$33,516.00 for the South Pit Mine, bond No. DVIFSU0719089 in the amount of \$78,747.00 for the El Cajete Mine, and bond No. DVIFSU0719090 in the amount of \$12,103.00 for the Las Conchas Mine. Pursuant to 19.10.12.1209 of the NMAC, The Espanola Mercantile Company formally requests you accept these bonds as replacements for the existing financial assurance previously submitted by Copar Pumice Mining Company. All three mines are concurrently under the jurisdiction of the United States Forest Service, all located within the Santa Fe National Forest, Jemez Ranger District.

### **(2) Provide proof to the Director that the transfer complies with the terms of the mineral lease, if any;**

There are no mineral leases.

**(3) Apply to the Director for approval of such proposed transfer including the following:**

**(a) The name and address of the current permittee:**

Copar Pumice Mining Company  
P.O. Box 38  
Espanola, New Mexico 87532

**(b) The name and address of the applicant and the name address of the applicant's resident agent: and**

The Espanola Mercantile Company  
Katharine C. Fishman, Registered Agent  
1302 N. Riverside Drive  
Espanola, New Mexico 87532

**(c) The information required by Section 69-36-7 (I) (1) & (2) of the New Mexico Mining Act: and**

**(i) Disclosure of ownership and controlling interests:**

The Espanola Mercantile Company – a privately owned company with no controlling interest.

**(ii) A statement of all mining operations within the United States owned, operated or directly controlled by the applicant, owner or operator, and by persons or entities that directly control the applicant and the names and the addresses of regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over the environmental aspects of those operations and that could provide a compliance history for those operations over the proceeding 10 years:**

Espanola Transit Mix, LLC  
El Guique Mine, Permit No. P/Z 2000-02 Dated October 17, 2000  
Issued by: Rio Arriba County  
Rio Arriba County  
1122 Industrial Park Rd.  
Espanola, New Mexico 87532

Associated Asphalt and Materials, LLC  
Waldo Quarry, Development Permit No. 98-5631  
Issued by Santa Fe County  
Santa Fe County  
102 Grant Ave.  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

**(4) Pay the permit fee pursuant 19.10.2**

Modification fees pursuant to Section 19.10.2.201 (H) and (I) of the NM Mining Act Rules.

Application modification fee for the Regular Existing Mine Permit SA001RE for El Cajete/Las Conchas of \$1,000.00. Modification fee for the Minimal Impact Mine Permit SA004MN for South Pit Mine of \$250.00. In addition, we respectfully request waiver of the two \$250.00 permit transfer fees required pursuant to Section 19.10.2.201 (G) of the NM Mining Act Rules for each permit number.

The legal publication required per NMAC 19.10.8.802 (b) has been published in The Rio Rancho Observer Newspaper as of January 21, 2018. A copy is appended to this application.

Please contact me at [kfishman@espmerc.com](mailto:kfishman@espmerc.com) or at (505)753-2176 should you require any further information.

Sincerely,



Katharine C. Fishman,  
President of The Espanola Mercantile Company

Enclosures: Fee Check  
Legal Publication/Notice

Cc: Larry Gore, United States Forest Service *via email*

**AFFIDAVIT of PUBLICATION**

Argen M. Duncan, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:  
That she is the Editor of the **Rio Rancho Observer**, printed and published once each week in the County of Sandoval, State of New Mexico, and of general circulation in the City of Rio Rancho, County of Sandoval, State of New Mexico and elsewhere, and the here to attached

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )

:SS LEGAL NOTICE OF PERMIT TRANSFER  
COPAR PUMICE MINING COMPANY TO  
THE ESPANOLA MERCANTILE COMPANY

COUNTY OF SANDOVAL )

was printed and published correctly in the regular and entire issue of said **Rio Rancho Observer** 1 issue(s), that the first was made on the 21 st day of January, 2018, and subsequent publications being:

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Copar Pumice Mining Company (P.O. Box 38, Espanola, NM 87532) has applied for the transfer to The Espanola Mercantile Company (1302 N. Riverside Drive, Espanola, NM 87532) of Permit SA004MN and SA001RE for its South Pit Mine, El Cajete Mine and Los Conchas Mine (located in Jemez district). The Espanola Mercantile Company acquired the South Pit Mine, El Cajete Mine and Los Conchas Mine from Copar Pumice Mining Company and is now the owner and operator. Any person whose interests may be adversely affected by the transfer may submit written comments to the Director of MMD at 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505 within 30 days. Pub Date(s): 1/21/2018

Request of **RIO RANCHO OBSERVER**

By:

Argen M. Duncan

Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to me this 21st day of January, 2018 in the City of Rio Rancho County of Sandoval State of New Mexico.

Phyllis A. Santora

Notary

Notary Public in and for the County of Sandoval, State of New Mexico

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