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RE: Stoneworld (formerly International Stone Company), Ray Claims 1 – 6, Cibola County, New Mexico – Plan of Operations Amendment and Reclamation Plan

Mr. Parson,

As discussed on the telephone and in emails, as a follow-up to your field visit with the project proponent, the following information is provided to the BLM for a Mine and Reclamation Plan Amendment:

Stoneworld, formerly International Stone Company, herein referred to as Stoneworld, conducted mineral exploration and extraction activities on public lands administered by the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), beginning in 2005.

The project is located on the Ray placer claims in Cibola County, New Mexico within Section 14, T. 6 N. R. 5 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian (Figure 1).

Stoneworld will close out operations in 2020 and will perform reclamation by October 31, 2020 if possible, with BLM's approval of this amendment to the Plan of Operations and Reclamation Plan.

Attached is a notarized statement indicating International Stone and Stoneworld (International Stone) are one in the same company (Attachment A).

Stoneworld will take the following actions in 2020 to close out the mining operation:

1. Stoneworld will upgrade the access road to BLM's Gold Book standards by grading, sloping and adding small berms that divert water off the road to assure the road surface remains well drained to avoid gullies and erosion.

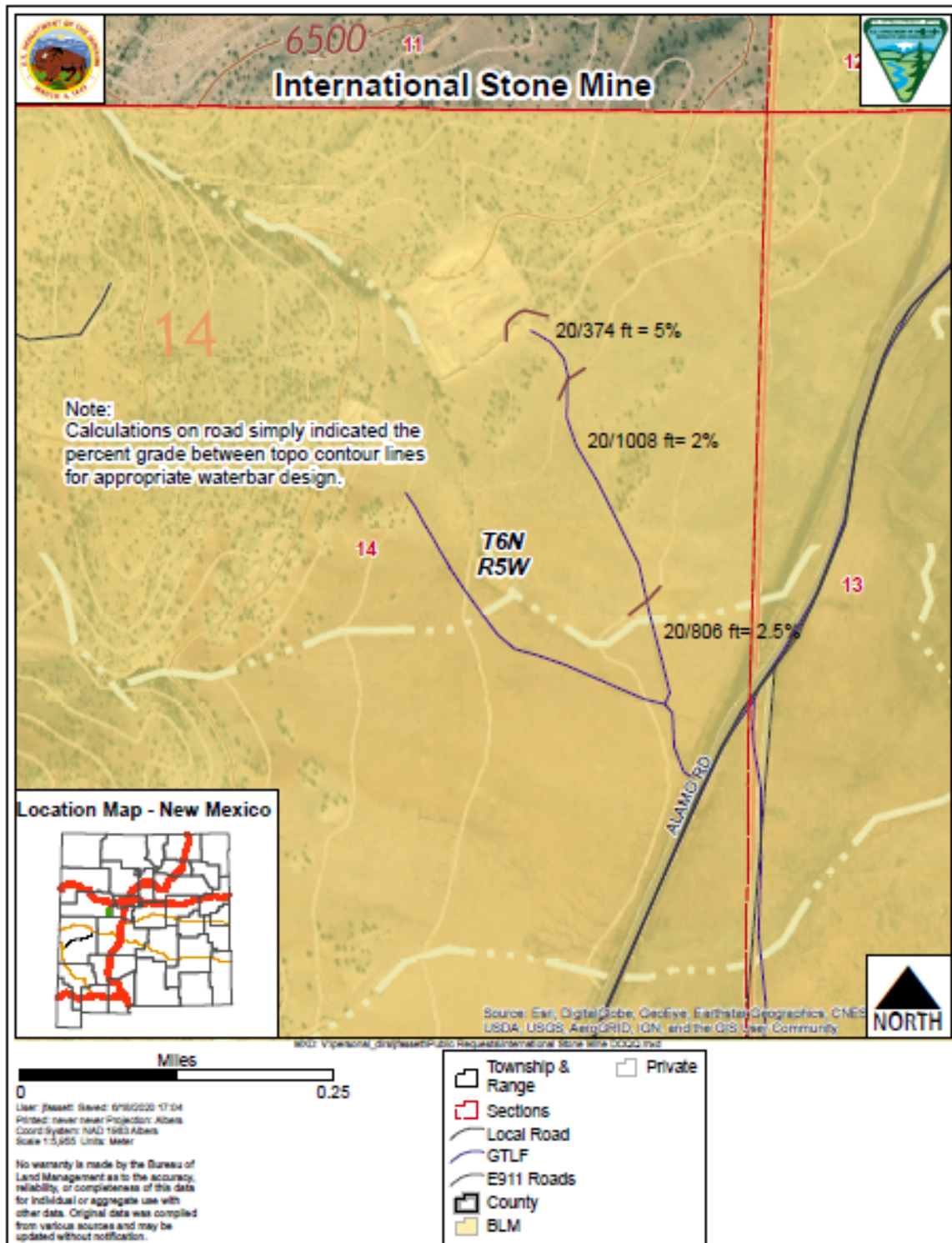


Figure 1. Location Map and Access Road Upgrades - Road Berm Locations for Drainage Control

2. Stoneworld will move some of the large boulders above the highwall close to the stockpiles of riprap.
3. Stoneworld will collect and stockpile some of the gravel from the bench near the mine floor to an area close to the riprap stockpiles (to the extent practicable).
4. Stoneworld will knock down all of the berms surrounding the mine (except for the area south of the riprap stockpiles and disperse the material from the berms throughout the disturbed area of the mine floor, recontouring and creating depressions to catch moisture and provide micro habitat areas for seed regeneration (to the extent practicable).
5. Stoneworld will re-seed the mine floor with an approved weed free seed-mix as cited in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Certified Weed Free Seed Mix for Reclamation

Common Name	Scientific Name	Variety	PLS (lb/acre)
Galleta	<i>Pleuraphis jamesii</i>	Viva	4
Alkali sacaton	<i>Sporobolus airoides</i>	Salado	5
Scarlet globemallow	<i>Sphaeralcea coccinea</i>	VNS	1
Blue grama	<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	Hachita	1
Western wheatgrass	<i>Pascopyrum smithii</i>	Arriba	2
Winterfat	<i>Krascheninnikovia lanata</i>	VNS	1
Bottlebrush squirreltail	<i>Sitanion hystrix</i>	VNS	2
Fourwing saltbush*	<i>Atriplex canescens</i>	New Mexico	2

* VNS = Variety not specified: choose a source from an area that would be suitable for the source site (generally, from a higher elevation or latitude).

6. Stoneworld will place a fence with danger signage or berm some material above the highwall for safety (preferably a berm).
7. Stoneworld will install a fence (per Gold Book Standards) to keep livestock out of the reclamation area (excluding the riprap and specialty stone areas). State International Stone will remove the fence after the site re-vegetates and prior to final bond release.
8. Stoneworld will place signage on the fence advising the public the site is actively undergoing interim reclamation.
9. Stoneworld will mitigate the Russian Thistle/Tumbleweed infestation that currently exists at the site by the time the bond is released.

If herbicides are used, their application will be in compliance with BLM's standards cited below:

- Herbicide Applicator (Contractor) shall be a licensed commercial applicator for the State of New Mexico, be certified by the New Mexico Department of Agriculture to apply both general and restricted-use herbicides, and depending on the nature of the work, hold one or more of the following NMDA license endorsements: 1A Agricultural Pest Control, 1B Agricultural Weed Control, 5 Aquatic Pest Control, and 6 Right-of-Way Pest Control. Contractor must be able to identify the target species.



- Apply herbicides per label instructions, state rules, and federal regulations. The Contractor shall be responsible for properly disposing of containers and unused herbicides per state rules and federal regulations. Herbicides must be registered for use in New Mexico, with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture and approved for use on BLM administered public lands.
- Contractor shall record and provide copies of Pesticide Application Records that include the date, amount, and type of herbicide and any adjuvants applied, location, and weather conditions (temperature, wind, etc.) for each application site to the Project Inspector daily to prevent exceeding label restrictions or BLM limits of applied herbicide limits per acre. (BLM Forms can be provided).
- All herbicide treatments on BLM administered lands must be in compliance with the DOI-BLM-WO-WO2100-2007-0002-EIS (2007 Final Vegetation Treatments Using Herbicides Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement)

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This letter is to notify you that International Stone and Stoneworld Company are one in the same company.

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