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To: Lara Friend

Manager, Board Reviews
Natural resources Conservation board.

RE: Scott Pit Project, Application

Thank you for taking the time to review my submission regarding the proposed Scott Pit project application. I am a resident of Range Road 25, directly bordering the Scott property to the west, and my family of five strongly opposes this application.

Heidelberg has submitted similar applications multiple times since the 1990s, each met with strong opposition from local residents and ultimately declined by Rocky View County. The county has consistently recognized that this location is unsuitable for gravel extraction and hauling activities due to its close proximity to residential properties. Heidelberg's continued attempts to push this application forward—despite a recent rejection—suggest an effort to bypass the county's authority. Furthermore, Rocky View County has already drafted an Aggregate Resource Plan, with its initial stages approved, which would deem this location unsuitable for an aggregate extraction facility.

While this project may be a business decision for Heidelberg, for local residents, it represents a direct threat to our quality of life. No mitigation efforts could sufficiently offset the negative impacts of a gravel pit operating just hundreds of meters from my home for the next 20+ years. This project would disrupt the lives of numerous residents in the area, significantly reducing property values and affecting our shared water table, which we rely on for daily living. Additionally, the extraction process will release airborne carcinogens and generate persistent noise pollution, both of which will be an unavoidable burden on our community.

Currently, the Burnco gravel pit—over 2 km from my home—is already an ongoing disturbance. I frequently hear gravel extraction and crushing operations past midnight. This is not merely background noise; it is a pervasive, disruptive sound that drowns out the natural silence, making it undesirable to even open our windows. The extended hours at which Burnco operates raise concerns about either a lack of effective local enforcement or an industry-wide disregard for the well-being of residents. This highlights a troubling precedent, suggesting that even if operational restrictions were imposed on the Scott Pit, they may not be effectively enforced.

Heidelberg has a track history of failing to comply with its commitments. Please see information below from Violation tracker, an online source that tracks violations and penalties applied to an offending corporation, As you can see Heidelberg has a total of 737 records and incurring a staggering \$55,913,511 in penalties since 2000. This Speaks to Heidelberg not being a good neighbor and in fact being a company that cannot be trusted to steward our great province:

<https://violationtracker.goodjobsfirst.org/parent/heidelberg-materials>

Violation Tracker Current Parent Company Summary

Current Parent Company Name: Heidelberg Materials
Ownership Structure: publicly traded
Headquartered in: Germany
Major Industry: building materials
Specific Industry: building materials
Penalty total since 2000: \$55,913,511
Number of records: 737

TOP 5 OFFENSE GROUPS (GROUPS DEFINED)	PENALTY TOTAL	NUMBER OF RECORDS
environment-related offenses	\$48,717,538	147
safety-related offenses	\$6,625,951	584
employment-related offenses	\$570,022	6

TOP 5 PRIMARY OFFENSE TYPES	PENALTY TOTAL	NUMBER OF RECORDS
environmental violation	\$45,525,509	87
workplace safety or health violation	\$6,607,231	582
air pollution violation	\$2,926,254	40
labor relations violation	\$570,022	6
water pollution violation	\$108,300	11

I urge the board to carefully consider this application and ask themselves:

"Would I be comfortable with a gravel pit operating just hundreds of meters from my home? Would I approve this project knowing that my family, friends, and neighbors would bear the burden of its impact?"

If this application is approved by the NRCB, it will have devastating consequences for local residents, undermining the trust we place in our province to protect the well-being of its communities. I sincerely hope that the voices of those most affected will be heard and that this application will be rejected in favor of preserving the quality of life for the families who call this area home.

Sincerely,

Will & Andrea Letkeman and Family