CORRECTED NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) FOR THE MITSUBISHI CEMENT CORPORATION SOUTH QUARRY PROJECT
(SCH #2012031009)

This notice corrects the comment period end date for this project. All other information in this notice is unchanged from the original publication date of December 19, 2006.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service (Forest Service), together with the County of San Bernardino (County), California, have prepared a Joint Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the proposed Mitsubishi Cement Corporation South Quarry Project located south of the existing East Pit and approved West Pit at MCC's Cushenbury Mine, approximately 6 miles south of the community of Lucerne Valley. The Forest Service and the County have prepared the Draft EIR/EIS to evaluate potential impacts associated with the proposed Mitsubishi Cement Corporation South Quarry Project and Alternatives. MCC is proposing to develop and reclaim a new high-grade limestone quarry to the south of its existing East Pit, its West Pit (under development), and the existing Cushenbury Cement Plant. The Project as proposed in the Plan of Operations would total approximately 153.6 acres consisting of a 128-acre quarry, a 2.7-acre landscape berm, a 22.2-acre haul road 1.8 miles in length, and a temporary construction road of 0.7 acre. The South Quarry and haul road would be located almost entirely (147 acres) on 440 acres of unpatented claims owned by MCC on public federal land in the San Bernardino National Forest (SBNF) with approximately 6.6 acres of the haul road located on MCC fee land where it enters the existing East Pit. The Draft EIR/EIS for the Mitsubishi Cement Corporation South Quarry Project is available for public review and comment.

The Forest Service, as the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the County of San Bernardino, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), jointly prepared the Draft EIR/EIS to analyze the site-specific impacts of the proposed project on air quality; biological resources; cultural/heritage resources; geology, soils, and minerals; greenhouse gases and climate change; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; noise; recreation; and scenery resources.

This document has been prepared to meet the state requirements of CEQA and the federal requirements of NEPA. The Draft EIR/EIS is being circulated to the public, and to interested agencies in accordance with CEQA and NEPA, to provide a meaningful opportunity for the public and affected agencies to review and comment on the document. As identified therein, key potentially significant impacts from the proposed action would include: 1) Air Quality; 2) Biological Resources; 3) Geology and Soils; and 4) Scenery Resources.

The public comment period began on December 19, 2016, and will end on February 13, 2017. The comment period end date has been corrected to provide 45 days from the Notice of Availability published in the Federal Register on December 30, 2016, as required under 36 CFR 218.25(ii). Comments can be sent by mail to Anne Surdzial, AICP, ECORP Consulting, Inc., 215 North 5th Street, Redlands, CA 92374, or by email to asurdzial@ecorpconsulting.com. Please include “Mitsubishi Cement Company South Quarry” in the subject line. Written