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CORPS OF ENGINEERS, JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT 701 SAN MARCO BOULEVARD JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32207-8915

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Regulatory Division West Branch Mining Team

PUBLIC NOTICE

Permit Application No. SAJ-1984-04652 (MOD-JPF)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The Jacksonville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has received an application for a modification of a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1344) as described below:

APPLICANT: PCS Phosphate – White Springs

15843 SE 78th Street White Springs, FL 32096

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: The project would affect waters of the United States associated with Bee Haven Bay and Rocky Creek, a tributary of the Suwanee River (HUC 03110201). The project site is located north and south of County Road 6, approximately six miles east of Jasper, at the north end of the applicant's existing mine, in Sections 30, 31, and 32, Township 2 North, Range 15 East, and Sections 5 and 6, Township 1 North, Range 15 East, Hamilton County, Florida.

Directions to the site are as follows: From I-75 North, exit at State Road 129; travel north to Jasper (SR 129 will merge into SR 41); turn right onto County Road 6 and travel east approximately six miles to the project sites north and south of CR 6.

APPROXIMATE CENTRAL COORDINATES: Latitude 30.529241°

Longitude -82.869756°

PROJECT PURPOSE:

Basic: Operations access for phosphate mining

Overall: Construct access corridors for draglines and utilities to allow mining on parcels separate from the main part of the mine, north of CR 6.

EXISTING CONDITIONS: The applicant states that there are a total of approximately 26.49 acres of predominantly freshwater forested wetlands within the three corridor sites. The existing area surrounding the project area mostly consists of silvicultural operations and the existing phosphate mine to the south.