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From: Julie Semple [juliesemple@semplecompanies.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 5:03 PM
To: 'Bob Kurz'
Cc: admin@kellyandlemons.com
Subject: FW: Semple Enterprises Crushing Permit

Pat,
After reading this, please give Willie a call.

Thank you,

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Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 4:52 PM
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Dear Councilmember Thune:

My name is Craig Smith and my family owns and operates Brown & Bigelow Inc. and 528 Limited Partnership, the landowner for the Brown & Bigelow Building at 345 Plato Boulevard. I have on two occasions spoken at St. Paul City Council meetings in opposition to the granting of a permit for Semple Enterprises to crush asphalt and concrete at Semple's location which operates adjacent to our facility.

I am writing to you to inform you of a change in our position regarding the Semple's crushing operation.

I received a call from Willi Semple yesterday regarding a short term permit for crushing. He said he is done pursuing a permanent crushing permit for the airport location and acknowledges that he has "lost the war" for ever obtaining one but "would like to clean up the battlefield".

That said, he explained that it would bankrupt him to truck out the remaining pile of uncrushed material that is still on site and asked if we would be open to allowing him to get permission from the city to crush the current pile. He thought that it would take about 2 months to crush it and would agree to operate with the understanding that once this pile is crushed, Semple would permanently cease all crushing on the site. He would like to begin in February or March of this year. Once the crushing was completed, he wants to use the site for storage and to use the buildings to operate his excavating business.

It has never been our intention to create a financial hardship for the Semples and after discussing this with our production engineers, our position regarding the granting of a short-term temporary permit is as follows:

Brown & Bigelow will not oppose Semple Enterprise's efforts to obtain a short term permit from the City of St. Paul to crush the remaining pile if the Semple's formally agree to the following stipulations:

- 1) The permit is temporary and would not allow crushing to exceed a three month period.

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- 2) No additional uncrushed material may be brought on to the site or added to the existing pile.
- 3) Once the existing pile is crushed, Semple agrees to permanently cease all crushing on site and further agrees not to pursue any further permits or permissions to crush at the Ridder Circle location.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding our position.

Regards,

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