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Mr. Calvin Alvarez,
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Mining and Mitigation Program
MS 3577
2600 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400

Re: Ona Mine – Hardee County
Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) Application and
Conceptual Reclamation Plan (CRP)

Dear Mr. Alvarez:

On behalf of Mosaic Fertilizer, L.L.C. (Mosaic), we are pleased to submit the above-referenced ERP application and CRP, together with the Supplemental Information Document (SID) that provides text, tables, figure, and maps to support the application forms, as well as appendices that contain supporting technical analyses.

The wetland jurisdictional determination is still in process, therefore based on substantial field work, Mosaic has included what we believe to be a reasonable representation of the wetlands, with the understanding that the final may vary somewhat from the wetland interpretation included in this application.

Although the mine and reclamation/mitigation plans contained in this application are similar to the ACOE 404 application that was submitted in September 2013, the FDEP ERP application and CRP are written to follow the format of the forms provided by the Department on its web site. The applications are “free-standing”, meaning that they have been prepared to fully respond to each application by providing the information required by the Department without reliance upon other documents such as the previously-submitted US Army Corps of Engineers 404 Application (File No. SAJ-2011-01869) dated September 2013.

As noted in the SID, the Ona mine plan relies on the adjacent Wingate and Ft. Green Mines for certain aspects of its operation, and may require the modification of those permits.

We recognize that you and your staff have spent numerous days on the site and in meetings with us to complete this collaborative effort. We appreciate your commitment, candor, and thoughts concerning the Ona application process. The attached application and associated plans reflect Mosaic’s need to recover the critical phosphate resource balanced by the practicable protection of the area ecosystems. The information provided in the application presents a design

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modification that eliminates or reduces impact to wetland disturbances to the extent practicable and mitigates for the unavoidable disturbances, as is required by Section 373.414, F.S. Rule 62-330.010(4), F.A.C., and The Applicant's Handbook (Volume I) Section 10.2.1.

Also enclosed is a check for the processing fee in the amount of \$14,000 as required by the Department for activities regulated under Chapter 62-330, F.A.C.

Please contact Michael DeNeve or Beth Niec at your convenience to discuss any questions you or your staff may have. We look forward to working with your staff during your review of these applications.

Sincerely,


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Attachment

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