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Mrs. Krista Sabin, Project Manager  
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**Re: USACE File SAJ-2009-03221**  
**Wingate East Mine – Revised USACE 404 Application and Supporting Information**

Dear Mrs. Sabin:

Mosaic Fertilizer, L.L.C. (Mosaic) is pleased to submit a revised Clean Water Act Section 404 permit application and supporting information for its proposed Wingate East Mine in Manatee County, Florida. The enclosed submittal is a substantial revision to Permit Application No. SAJ-2009-03221, originally submitted by Mosaic in June 2011.

Mosaic has revised its proposed Wingate East Mine to reduce environmental impacts based on additional information, feedback and analysis received and conducted after submittal of the June 2011 Application, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Final Areawide Environmental Impact Statement (FAEIS) on Phosphate Mining in the Central Florida Phosphate District. This revision effort included evaluation of alternative mine sites, alternative site development plans, and opportunities to avoid and minimize adverse effects of development of the Wingate East Mine as proposed in 2011 in accordance with the Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines and the mitigation framework outlined by USACE in Section 5.4 of the FAEIS.

As a result of the additional evaluations, Mosaic has altered its proposed project to reduce impacts to jurisdictional wetlands by 225 additional acres and impacts to jurisdictional stream channels by 8,180 linear feet, as compared to the Proposed Action presented in the June 2011 Application. In accomplishing these reductions, Mosaic selected areas to be avoided based on information and feedback received including the FAEIS avoidance prioritization hierarchy developed by USACE and EPA for application of the Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines to phosphate mining.

Mosaic has also developed a proposed federal compensatory mitigation plan. The plan includes onsite preservation and in-kind establishment of wetlands and streams that specifically addresses the ecological needs of the Myakka River watershed.

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Mosaic appreciates the work conducted to date by USACE and EPA to carefully consider information provided by the public, other agencies, and stakeholders, and to conduct a thorough evaluation of the proposed actions analyzed in the FAEIS. Mosaic believes the proposed Wingate East Mine presented in the enclosed *Revised USACE 404 Application and Supporting Information* is responsive to the information received and developed in the FAEIS, and meets all requirements for issuance of a CWA Section 404 permit.

We look forward to meeting with you and your staff as soon as practical to discuss this revised application. If you have any questions concerning this submittal, please feel free to contact me at (813) 500-6921 or Bart Arrington at (813) 500-6891.

Sincerely,



James A. Matteson

Enclosure

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