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***Statement from Jeff Harris, Plant Manager for the King Road Mine project in response to the Levy County Commission meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010.***

The most recent complaint lodged against Levy County in regards to the test pit on the King Road Mine property is just one of several similar complaints directed to the County Commission in recent months on this exact same subject.

Previously County Attorney Anne Bast Brown handed down the decision that no action from the County Commission was required on the legalities of the special exception permit for the test pit, and we support that decision. The Commission's non-action in today's meeting further reinforces the attorney's prior ruling.

Tarmac has complied with all directives and regulations handed down by Levy County since the King Road Mine project was initiated in 2005. In regards to the test pit, Tarmac has complied with all conditions in our permit, and will continue to do so as we move through the permitting process.

However we also recognize that a project of this size and scope will continue to be publicly scrutinized and we welcome a thorough review of all our proceedings from anyone interested in obtaining the facts on the King Road Mine.

The test pit encompasses just over one acre of our 4,800-acre mine site and is located more than a mile away from residential areas. Tarmac applied for the special exception permit with the understanding the pit would be filled back in **only** if suitable material (limestone) was not found. Since quality limestone is present, this test pit will remain open and serve as the first excavation site for the King Road Mine.

As county officials pointed out, Tarmac applied for, and was granted, a special exception permit for the test pit because blasting was done prior to excavation. Had Tarmac excavated the site without blasting, a special exception permit would not have been necessary.

For further information and the results of our many studies, reports and findings related to the King Road Mine project, visit our website at [www.kingroadmine.com](http://www.kingroadmine.com).