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Mr Bob Disken
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Dear Bob

RE: HARCOURT GRANITE QUARRY

I refer to our recent discussions regarding the possible future of the Harcourt Granite Quarry.

The CMPA contacted all members late last year to ascertain who were interested in possibly reopening the operation on the site. As you are aware on the 8 February 2011 an onsite visit to the site was arranged for all interested members. One member at the onsite visit indicated that he was interested but needed time to examine the financial and business implications of reopening the site.

As I indicated in an Email to you on the 10 May 2011 the only CMPA member who showed a positive interest in possibly further working the Harcourt Quarry has decided that his company have no current or future use for the granite quarry on Mt Alexander. Consequently, unless the DPI is aware of other possible none CMPA member companies who may have an interest, then the future use of this site is a matter between the DPI and Parks Victoria. It would be regrettable to see such a good source of material closed down and no longer available for use in Australia.

I thank you for the opportunity for our members to visit and assess the site for possible future operation. In this instance no interest has been shown in reopening the operation but at least the CMPA members were given the opportunity and this is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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