## **Development Application Submission.**

Peter and Ruth Biddles 217 Leadbeatters Lane ALSTONVILLE NSW 2477

Teven Quarry Project Application No. SSD 6422

Statement: We object to some aspects of the development application. Reasons for our objections:

- Hours of Operation. We strongly object to the proposed changes for the hours of operation, in particular to the extended hours up to 22:00 hours Monday to Friday and from 16:00 to 18:00 hours on Saturday. The current hours of operation should remain unchanged.
- 2. Noise and Blasting. While there has been a general reduction in the noise level over the past several years, as a result of the Noise Mitigation Program, there is still an unacceptable level of noise in particular from the exhaust systems of mobile equipment. This noise can be clearly heard at our house, at the end of our driveway onto Leadbeatters Lane and a further 500 m up the hill to where the rural mail boxes are located. The use of 'quackers' on mobile equipment instead of conventional 'beep-beep' reversing alarms has been welcomed. But there is still some mobile equipment using the conventional reversing alarms, and we can record an examples of this – January 21 2015, 'beep-beep' for most of the day, January 23 all day and January 27 all day. We are concerned the addition of a mobile crusher, mobile pug mill and the concrete recycling plant will increase the overall noise impact on our location. Despite the extensive current data, which we suggest is now out of date and the extrapolated data, published in the EIS document, the actual noise levels from the site including the additional plant is still 'an educated guess.' It is therefore essential that Holcim Australia begin the Noise and Blasting Monitoring Program (Reference 7.4.1, Appendix 5 of the EIS document) immediately to establish a new base line for the current operation for comparison when/if the addition processing equipment is installed and running. As far as blasting is concerned, we have been 'promised' over the years to be given notice before blasting takes place. This has not been provided. Therefore, we request we be informed, both in person and in writing, 48 hours before blasting takes place.
- 3. Air Quality and Dust. We have read the detailed Air Quality sections in the EIS [7.6 Air Quality and the associated Appendix 6] and wish to register our observations that fine particle size dust is still a concern at our residence, both internally and in the outdoor living areas. Samples of dust have been visually examined microscopically by Applied Materials Characterisation and Performance, The University of Queensland. While no chemical analysis has been undertaken at this time, physical examination indicated a high proportion of fine particle mineral 'silicate' dust together with usual household dust. We welcome the statements made in section 7.6.6 Air Quality Monitoring and request this data be made available to us on a regular basis.
- 4. Property Valuation. We are concerned the proposed increase in production of the Quarry will have a negative impact on the value of our property. While we are well aware the 'valuation' of a residential property may not necessarily reflect the actual price a willing buyer would pay for it, we have taken steps to establish a base line valuation and this has been provided by Opteon (North Coast NSW) Ballina. We have also obtained indicative

current market valuations from several local real estate agents. It may be necessary in the future to discuss the matter of our property valuation with Holcim.

5. Road noise in Stokers Lane. We doubt an increase in traffic noise will have an impact on us, but this remains to be evaluated over time in the future.

Declaration: Neither my wife, Ruth Elaine Biddles nor myself, Peter Roger Biddles have made any political donations during the previous two years.

**Ruth Biddles** 

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Date: January 29 2015.