## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Blue Water Industries LLC Salem Sand-Henry Tract Mine Florence County, South Carolina (DHEC Application I-002403)

Date: November 02, 2023

Blue Water Industries LLC has applied to DHEC for a permit to mine sand at a site located at 331 E Hwy 378 Hanna in Florence County, approximately 3/4 of a mile east of Salem, South Carolina (TMS # 00418-02-006). A proposed reclamation plan to restore the site to grassland and lake/pond has been submitted with the application. The mine permit application and related documents are available for review on DHEC's website at <a href="https://scdhec.gov/publicnotice">https://scdhec.gov/publicnotice</a>.

DHEC will hold a public hearing on **December 7**, **2023**, **at 7:30PM**, to accept oral and written comments on the proposed mine. A public meeting will be held from **6:00PM until 7:30PM prior to the public hearing**. These events will be held at the Hannah-Pamplico Elementary School cafeteria (2131 S Pamplico Hwy, Pamplico, SC 29583). Doors will open at 5:45PM to facilitate the sign-in process and provide an opportunity for an informal meet-and-greet with DHEC staff.

**The public meeting is informal** and provides an opportunity to have a discussion with DHEC staff about the quarry and environmental permitting process prior to giving comments at the public hearing. The meeting will begin with a DHEC presentation followed by a time to ask questions.

The public hearing is formal and provides an opportunity to make oral comments that will be heard by DHEC staff and recorded by a court reporter. There will be no questions and answers during the public hearing. DHEC values each participant's involvement in the public hearing and will conduct it in a respectful, orderly manner with reasonable limits on the length of comments, if necessary.

For additional information about the proposed mine, public meeting, and public hearing, please visit our webpage at <u>www.scdhec.gov/HenryTract</u>. The webpage will be updated with new information as it becomes available. DHEC's presentation from the meeting will be posted on our webpage prior to the end of the public comment period. If you are unable to access the webpage or have questions about participating in the public meeting and/or hearing, please contact Donna Moye at (803) 898-1382, or by email at moyedd@dhec.sc.gov. Individuals with disabilities or special needs should contact DHEC in advance to discuss any special services required to participate.

Written comments on the mine permit application will be accepted through December 22, 2023. All comments received will be considered before a final permit decision is made. Questions and written comments may be submitted via our webpage, email, or U.S. Mail to:

Colby G. Myers Phone: (803) 898-3079 E-Mail: <u>myerscg@dhec.sc.gov</u> Address: DHEC BLWM | 2600 Bull St. | Columbia, SC 29201

Please bring this notice to the attention of others you know who may be interested in this matter.