

November 7, 2005
Project 1993-1

Mr. Marcel Uzegbu
City of Oakland
Public Works Department
250 Frank Ogawa Plaza
Suite 430
Oakland, CA 94612

**RE: LEONA QUARRY PROJECT
REVIEW OF SUBMITTAL #67
“H” STREET 2 TIER MASONRY
BLOCK WALL WALL**

Dear Mr Uzegbu:

At your request, Lowney Associates has reviewed submittal #67 from DeSilva Gates regarding the construction of the retaining wall at the north side of “H” Street, west of the Ridgmont Basin area. The specific documents reviewed were:

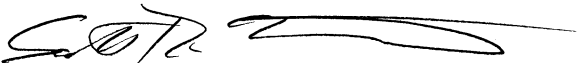
- *Design of Terraced Modular Block Retaining Walls, Leona Quarry, Oakland California, by Michael J. Merrill, dated October 12, 2005.*
- *A Draft Letter to The DeSilva Group, titled “**Draft** Plan Review, Two Tier Modular Block Retaining Wall Syetem on H Street, Leona Quarry Project, Mountain Boulevard, Oakland, California” by Berlogar Geotechnical Consultants (BGC) dated October 25, 2005.*

Based on our review, it is our opinion that the retaining wall design, as modified by the recommendations presented in the BGC letter, has been prepared in general conformance with the previously-issued recommendations for the project and with the state of the practice presently in effect in the Bay Area. We recommend that the wall design be approved.

Please call if we can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

LOWNEY ASSOCIATES



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