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Ms. Cynthia Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Botetourt
County, Virginia

Dear Ms. Brown:

On behalf of Titan America LLC and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Roanoke Cement Company LLC (“Roanoke Cement”), I submit this letter in support of Norfolk Southern Railway Company's (“NSR”) Petition for Exemption to abandon a line of railroad extending from Milepost 8.19 to Milepost 8.90 in Troutville, Virginia. Roanoke Cement Company LLC owns the Portland cement plant that was formerly known as Lone Star Cement, and, accordingly, is the only existing and potential rail shipper on the short line segment that NSR proposes to abandon.

Roanoke Cement is the only cement plant in Virginia and North Carolina. The proposed rail line abandonment will advance Roanoke Cement's efforts to expand its limestone (cement raw materials) quarry necessary to continue to meet Virginia's, West Virginia's and North Carolina's needs for Portland cement. The abandonment will be accomplished in such a way that rail service to Roanoke Cement (again, the subject rail line segment's only active or prospective customer) will not be interrupted. I encourage you to approve the abandonment of this track as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. A. Fink".

Russell A. Fink
Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

Cc: Mr. Robert A. Wimbish, via First Class Mail
Aris Papadopoulos, CEO Titan America LLC
Robert Sells, President, Roanoke Cement Company LLC

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