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To: Whom It May Concern

Re: Letter of Approval

Pend Oreille County hereby joins in the request submitted by HiTest Sand, Inc. for the Silicon Sand Smelter proposal on the South end of the Ponderay Newsprint Company property in Usk, Washington.

Pend Oreille County will contract with a professional consultant or will hire professional staff to be the project manager on this venture to expedite the processes necessary to the completion of a **“Project of Statewide Significance.”**

Pend Oreille County ranks 36<sup>th</sup> in the state with an 8.2% unemployment rate. This project will provide the County with much needed 180 additional jobs.

Pend Oreille County land is 65.2% publically owned leaving us with relatively little land to develop. HiTest Sand, Inc. is a well-respected international company and will be a great addition to our county.

Sincerely,

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