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**Approval of Wake Stone Corporation Triangle Quarry Mining Permit Modification
to Support Economic Growth, Quality of Life in the Triangle**

Raleigh, N.C. – After years of stakeholder engagement and due diligence, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources has issued Wake Stone Corporation a mining permit modification to expand the Triangle Quarry to the adjacent 105-acre RDU Airport Authority property.

“We are excited about the future of our growing region and the role that the Triangle Quarry expansion will have in building the critical infrastructure needed to support our thriving community and quality of life for generations to come,” said Sam Bratton, President and CEO of Wake Stone Corporation. **“We look forward to beginning the mining process while upholding our 50+ year commitment to our industry’s highest environmental and safety standards.”**

The permit modification provides for the protection of Umstead State Park, while also unleashing the essential building blocks needed to support the region’s growing local infrastructure needs. More than 90 percent of all Wake County aggregates are used within 20 miles of where they are produced. Thus, products from the expanded Wake Stone Triangle Quarry will be deployed locally in the Triangle, helping to build roads, bridges, schools, sidewalks, hospitals, homes and other critical infrastructure to support our quality of life and growing population.

“Wake Stone Corporation has been an excellent neighbor to Umstead State Park and we will continue to be a good neighbor as we begin the process of mining the property,” said Bratton. **“While there will likely be more litigation regarding the permit action, we are confident we will prevail in the court system and begin expansion and mining activities in the near future.”**

Wake Stone Corporation has operated the Triangle Quarry right next door to a flourishing Umstead State Park for 42 years with an excellent environmental and safety record.

About Wake Stone Corporation

Wake Stone Corporation is a family mining business with a 54-year track record of environmental stewardship, regulatory compliance and safety operating four quarries in North Carolina and one in South Carolina. To work at Wake Stone is to be part of a family that cares

deeply for each other, our customers, the environment and the communities where we work and live. Our 190 dedicated employees have helped maintain the family atmosphere that goes back to our roots. To learn more, visit <https://www.wakestonecorp.com>.

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