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Mr. Earl Hahn  
Development Director  
DeSoto County  
201 E Oak Street, Suite 204  
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Re: Mosaic Fertilizer, L.L.C. DeSoto Mine  
Rezoning Application

Dear Mr. Hahn:

On behalf of Mosaic Fertilizer, L.L.C. (Mosaic), we are pleased to submit nine (9) rezoning applications for the DeSoto Mine and adjacent lands. Incorporated into this rezoning application package you will find the following:

- Requisite zoning application forms
- Check for fee payment
- Brief overview of the request
- Legal description of properties to be rezoned to PM-I
- Authorizing deeds, permitting agreements, and merger documents
- Maps / plot plans to detail lands to be rezoned
- Table of property identification numbers currently zoned "A-10" to be rezoned "PM-I"

Mosaic requests that the rezoning application should be reviewed along with the DeSoto Mine's Master Mine Plan and Operating Permit Applications, as these applications detail further compliance with DeSoto County's LDRs.

In keeping with the DeSoto County Planning and Zoning fee schedule (Resolution 2012-57) check #167620 is enclosed for \$30,000.00 in accordance with Section F.

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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this application is to rezone those lands under Mosaic's DeSoto County ownership / control that are currently zoned AR to Comprehensive Plan compliant PM-I. Presently, 8,985.4 acres of lands adjacent to this request and under Mosaic's ownership / control are zoned PM-I. Refer to Map 4 for general location. All of these properties are located with the

Phosphate Mining Overlay District in the NW corner of the unincorporated DeSoto County where the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map / Phosphate Mining Overlay District identifies phosphate mining as an approved land use.

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### **OWNERSHIP STATUS**

Mosaic owns fee simple 9,482.4 acres and has mineral interest / controlling rights (aka: Hollingsworth, Brewers, DiMare) over 4,575.1 acres that are addressed in this application. Together these lands total 14,057.5 acres and make up this rezoning request. Please refer to the Ownership / Mineral Interest section of this rezoning application for more information. Accordingly, the rezoning application provides copies of the fee simple, permitting agreements and mineral interest deeds for the properties that make up this application. These enclosed documents authorize Mosaic to rezone and apply for the necessary permits to include these lands in the proposed DeSoto mine or future expansions.

On behalf of Mosaic, we look forward to starting this collaborative effort working with the County BOCC and Staff to facilitate the permitting, construction and opening of the DeSoto Mine. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (813) 500-6958.

Sincerely,



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#### **W/attachments:**

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