



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

**Jeffrey W. Cown, Director**

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**Land Protection Branch**

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01/29/2025

Bo Langham  
Pro-Grade South, LLC  
819 Union Springs Road  
Clyo, Georgia 31303

**SUBJECT: Issuance of Permit:**

Permittee: Pro-Grade South, LLC  
Mine Name: Lowground Road Surface Mine  
Mine ID Number: 402234-25  
County: Effingham

Dear Bo Langham:

Your application for a Surface Mining Permit, including the supporting data and bonding, where necessary, has been reviewed and approved. Your Surface Mining Permit is enclosed and includes conditions and limitations for your mining operation.

Compliance with the provisions of Georgia's Surface Mining Act of 1968, as amended, is expected of the Permittee. Also, the issuance of this Permit does not relieve the Permittee of any obligation or responsibility for complying with the provisions of any other laws or regulations of any Federal, local, or additional State authority.

This permit is now in effect; however, under Georgia Law it is subject to appeal for thirty (30) days following issuance and is subject to modification or possible vacation if appealed. Should an appeal be received within the thirty (30) day appeal period, you will be immediately notified and further construction or operation under this permit may not be undertaken until such time as the appeals process is concluded.

If you have any questions regarding this Permit or upon commencement of activities, please contact Michael Coughlan at 404.782.3391.

Sincerely,

William Cook  
Program Manager  
Solid Waste Management Program

PERMIT NO. 402234-25  
ISSUANCE DATE: 01/29/2025



# GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

### SURFACE MINING PERMIT

Permittee: **Pro-Grade South, LLC**  
**819 Union Springs Road**  
**Clyo, Georgia 31303**

Operation: **Lowground Road Surface Mine**

County: **Effingham**

Permitted Acres: **29**

In accordance with the provisions of the Georgia Surface Mining Act of 1968, O.C.G.A. §12-4-70, et seq., and the Rules of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Chapter 391-3-3, Surface Mining, both as amended, this Permit is issued for the surface mining operation as recorded hereon and presented in the Application received on **May 31, 2024**, and the Mining Land Use Plan approved on **December 18, 2024**.

This Permit is conditioned upon the Permittees continued compliance with the provisions of the Georgia Surface Mining Act of 1968, O.C.G.A. §12-4-70, et seq., and the Rules of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Chapter 391-3-3, Surface Mining, both as amended; the provisions of the Approved Surface Mining Land Use Plan and Approved Amendments, if any; and any special conditions which may be attached to this Permit.

This Permit shall be rendered null, and void should the mining activity not commence within twelve (12) months from the date this Permit becomes final, or should cessation of mining occur for a period of eighteen (18) months without the Permittee obtaining an inactive status classification through an Approved Amendment of the Surface Mining Land Use Plan.



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## **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

**Issued to:** Pro-Grade South, LLC  
819 Union Springs Road  
Clyo, Georgia 31303

**Permit No:** 402234-25

### **Conditions for Surface Mine Facility**

#### **A. Mining Activities:**

1. The Permittee shall implement site survey controls to ensure that all acres affected by the mining operation will be on permitted lands.
2. The Permittee shall maintain adequate erosion and sediment controls in accordance with The Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia, latest edition.
3. The Permittee shall obtain any necessary water permits and maintain compliance with the Water Quality Control Rules, Chapter 391-3-6-.16.
4. The Permittee shall post an identification sign which shall display the Permittee's Name, Mine Name, Permit Number at the entrance of the property.

#### **B. Reclamation**

1. The Permittee shall submit a Reclamation Report and Release Request Form upon completion of reclamation responsibilities on affected acreage.

#### **C. Additional Permittee Requirements**

1. The Permittee shall fully satisfy all applicable financial assurance responsibility requirements in accordance with Surface Mining Rule 391-3-3-.03
2. The Permittee shall submit an Annual Status Report on forms provided by the Division. The report will be due on or before April 1 of each year, covering the prior calendar (Jan.- Dec.) year.
3. The Permittee shall submit any proposed changes to the approved Mine Land Use Plan to the Division for approval as an amendment prior to changing or varying from the Plan.
4. This permit supersedes all other previous permits, special permitting conditions, and requirements of previously approved surface mining plans associated with this mining operation.