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**Addendum
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

ITEM No 67

Subject Authorize negotiation and execution of a Lease Amendment with M E Ruby Jr Inc (Ranger Excavation L P) for operation of a stone quarry located immediately south of the intersection of FM 1431 along Lime Creek Road in Cedar Park TX

**Additional Backup
Material**

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No Attachments Available

For More Information Perwez Moheet 972 - 0125

The City of Austin purchased approximately 215 acres of land in 1987 to use as a lime residual collection and disposal site for Austin's future Water Treatment Plant #4 (WTP 4). The property is located on both sides of Lime Creek Road immediately south of the intersection of FM 1431 in Cedar Park. The land was an active quarry at the time of purchase and has remained active. The excavated acreage resulting from quarry operations is expected to provide a 50 to 60 year capacity for lime residual collection and disposal from the WTP 4 facility. Lime is used in the City's water treatment process primarily as a softening agent.

The City currently has a lease agreement with M E Ruby Jr Inc (M E Ruby or Ranger Excavating L P) for quarry operations which will expire on December 18, 2007. M E Ruby has requested the City to extend its current lease agreement. Staff recommends approval of M E Ruby's lease agreement to include the following amendments:

1. The term of the lease will be extended for a period not to exceed ten (10) years.
2. The lease will provide for adjusted lease payments.
3. M E Ruby will at its sole expense design and implement a site improvement project that will provide for native trees and plants and for dust and noise mitigation to help buffer the site from adjacent property.
4. The lease agreement will provide for a phased approach for winding down quarry operations and commencing water treatment residual disposal activities.