

June 15, 2007

The Honorable TCEQ Commissioners and Executive Director  
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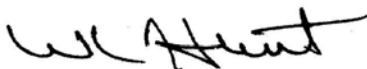
Dear TCEQ Commissioners and Executive Director:

As the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Hunt Building Corporation, I am writing to oppose the passage of Air Permit #20345. Hunt Building Corporation was founded in El Paso in 1947 and has been operated by the Hunt family for four generations. The Hunt Family of Companies provide a full range of development, design, construction, investment and asset/property management services nationwide but our home is El Paso, Texas. Since 1987 our philanthropic affiliate, the Hunt Family Foundation, has made contributions and commitments in excess of \$10 million to hundreds of recipients in our community. One of the foundation's primary focuses is improving quality of life in El Paso. The reopening of ASARCO would have a negative effect on our quality of life and harm the health of two million people.

Hunt Building Corporation joins the cities of El Paso, Sunland Park, New Mexico, and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, in opposing the passage of ASARCO's Air Permit. While ASARCO has played a past role in our community's economy, recent economic trends in El Paso, such as the expansion of Fort Bliss; the redevelopment of our downtown; adoption of smart-growth principles in our city's land development policies; and the approval by the Texas Legislature of the first four-year medical school in the United States in the past 30 years clearly illustrates that ASARCO's role should remain historical in nature.

In closing, it is my opinion that ASARCO will have a negative impact directly on El Paso and our region by adversely affecting the present and future environment, economic development, and health of our community. ASARCO's past contributions to our community should be recognized, but I would ask you to deny their current Air Permit request.

Sincerely,



Woody L. Hunt  
Chairman of the Board and CEO  
Hunt Building Corporation