BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL STATE OF WYOMING

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE BOND FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS |) | |
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| AGAINST THE BOND OF |) | Docket No. |
| RAVEN QUARRIES, LLC, |) | |
| MINING PERMIT 683s. |) | |

MOTION FOR BOND FORFEITURE ORDER

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division (DEQ), by and through the Office of the Attorney General, pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 35-11-421(b), moves the Council for an order requiring Raven Quarries, LLC (Raven Quarries) to forfeit its reclamation performance bond. The grounds for this motion are:

- On April 3, 2000, the DEQ approved small mining permit 683s to Raven Quarries to conduct a small mining operation located west of Wheatland, near mile post 7 on county Road 727 in Albany County, Wyoming. Raven Quarries posted a \$13,200.00 reclamation performance bond, in the form of Certificate of Deposit No. 000237339 aka 76506820151460, issued by Key Bank N.A., McDonald Financial Group, 3300 East 1st Avenue, Denver, Colorado, 80206.
- 2. The DEQ issued Notice of Violation No. 3577-04 to Raven Quarries on July 20, 2004 because the mining site had been inactive since 2002, and because Raven Quarries had failed to commence reclamation of the area disturbed during its mining operation.
- 3. Based on these facts, the DEQ determined Raven Quarries' reclamation performance bond should be forfeited.
- 4. The Council approved the DEQ's request to initiate bond forfeiture proceedings against Raven Quarries on May 18, 2006.
- 5. The DEQ then requested that the Office of the Attorney General begin this proceeding.
- 6. On August 23, 2006, the Office of the Attorney General mailed notice to Raven Quarries by certified mail that the Council would enter an order forfeiting its bond unless Raven Quarries demanded a hearing before the Council within thirty days.

- 7. Raven Quarries received the notice on August 24, 2006.
- 8. Raven Quarries has executed a voluntary bond forfeiture agreement for permit 683s.

 The agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. In the agreement, Raven Quarries also waives its right to a hearing.
- 9. The DEQ and the Attorney General's Office have satisfied all of the statutory prerequisites to forfeit this bond, and the Council should therefore order the bond forfeited.

THEREFORE, the DEQ respectfully requests that the Council enter an order requiring Raven Quarries, LLC to forfeit its reclamation performance bond to the DEQ to be used to reclaim those lands affected by Raven Quarries' mining activities under small mining permit 683s.

Respectfully submitted this 3151. day of October, 2006.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, LAND QUALITY DIVISION

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, John S. Burbridge, hereby certify that on October 31, 2006, I served a true copy of the foregoing Motion For Bond Forfeiture order as follows:

Alvin Wiederspahn Alvin Wiederspahn J.D., P.C. 2015 Central Avenue, Suite 200 Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001 Attorney for Raven Quarries [x] U.S. Mail, postage prepaid[] Facsimile[] Hand Delivery[] Express Mail

John S. Burbridge

VOLUNTARY BOND FORFEITURE AGREEMENT

| Raven Quarries, LLC | mined <u>Granite</u> | under Permit |
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| | (mineral) | |
| No. <u>683s</u> , issued by the Wyoming Department of | of Environmental Quality, Land | Quality Division. |
| Raven Quarries, LLC | is no longer will | ing or able to mine |
| or reclaim the mine site, pursuant to Permit No. 683s | · | |
| Raven Quarries, LLC Department, as a condition of its permit. | posted a <u>\$13,200.00</u> | CD with the |
| Department, as a condition of its permit. | • | |
| Raven Quarries, LLC to the Department for reclamation purposes. | agrees to voluntar | ily forfeit this bond |
| Pursuant to W.S. §35-11-421, Raven Quarring before the Wyoming Environmental Quality Coforfeit its bond. | | <u> </u> |
| By this Agreement, <u>Raven Quarries, LLC</u> that the Council will order its bond forfeited, thereby to the bond principal, except for any amount remaining | terminating any right <u>Raven C</u> | |
| Dated this 5th day of Obs., 200 | Signature Title | soldy 11 () eserbline |
| State of <u>COLORADo</u> | | |
| County of DENVER) | | |
| The foregoing instrument was acknowledged b this 13th day of OCTORIES, 2006. | efore me by Donay W. ORF | ENMORFF, PER REP |
| Witness my hand and official sealow. (Notar bondforf.agr | ry Public) My Commommission Expires: | ission Expires 24, 2010 |