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BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL STATE OF WYOMING

IN RE BENTONITE PERFORMANCE) DOCKET 18-1601
MINERALS LLC)

NOTICE OF DEPOSITION DUCES TECUM OF MR. RONALD ERICSSON

Pursuant to the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure, counsel for Petitioner Bentonite

Performance Minerals, LLC (BPM) will take the deposition of Mr. Ronald Ericsson, manager of

2U Ranch, LLC, 426 Lonesome Country Road, Alzada, Montana 59311, at the date and time

indicated below:

DEPONENT	DATE	TIME
Ronald Ericsson	November 19, 2018	9:00 a.m. MST

The deposition will be conducted in the meeting room of the Sundance State Bank building, located at 207 North Second Street, Sundance, Wyoming. The deposition will be taken before and recorded by a certified court reporter and notary public and will continue until completed. The deposition will be taken in accordance with the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure and may be used for all purposes as provided by the rules. The deponent is requested to bring the responsive documents identified on the **Exhibit A** attached to this Notice of Deposition Duces Tecum.

Please advise at your earliest convenience as to whether there exists a conflict with the proposed deposition date, time, or location, or whether a different date, time, or location is preferred by you. Counsel for BPM will work with you, to the extent possible, to limit burdens associated with appearing for this deposition and producing responsive documents.

DATED this 5th day of November 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on November 5, 2018 I served a copy of the foregoing document to the following by email and certified mail:

2U Ranch, LLC c/o Ronald Ericsson 426 Lonesome Country Road Alzada, Montana 59311 ericsson@childselect.com

and by email:

Jim Ruby
Executive Secretary, Wyoming Environmental Quality Council
122 W. 25th Street
Herschler Building 1W, Room 1714
Cheyenne, WY 82001
jim.ruby@wyo.gov

EXHIBIT A

You are commanded to produce at deposition the documents, books, papers, and other tangible things identified below, in accordance with the following instructions and definitions:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE AND DEFINITIONS

- 1. The terms "you" and "your" means 2U Ranch, LLC and its predecessor-ininterest Lonesome Country Limited.
 - 2. The term "BPM" means Bentonite Performance Minerals, LLC.
- 3. The term "Subject Lands" means those surface lands owned by you and being described as follows:

Township 57 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M.

Section 30: Lots 18 and 19

Section 31: Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, S/2NE/4, and SE/4NW/4

Section 32: Lot 3 and SW/4NW/4

Being approximately 608.66 acres and located in Crook County, Wyoming.

- 4. The term "Lease 0-42804" means BPM's June 2, 2011 bentonite lease agreement by and between BPM and the State of Wyoming, granting BPM the right to explore and develop the bentonite deposits underlying the Subject Lands.
- 5. The term "Proposed Mining Operations" means the bentonite surface mining and reclamation operations proposed for Lease 0-42804 and affecting the Subject Lands, as described and detailed in the Mine and Reclamation Plans.
- 6. The term "documentation" is intended to include but are not necessarily limited to the following: billing statements, telephone call records, files, notes, calculations, emails, memoranda, drafts, correspondence or letters of any kind, intradepartmental or office communications, voice recordings, written statements of reports, either signed or unsigned, agreements, contracts, leases, records, computer printouts, magnetic tapes, disks, diskettes or other machine readable information storage devices.
- 7. The term "evidencing" means and includes: with respect to, referring to, relating to, embodying, establishing, comprising, connected with, commented on, responding to, showing, describing, documenting, supporting, mentioning, analyzing, reflecting or representing, pertaining to, whether or in whole or in part, or directly or indirectly.
- 8. All documentation is to be divulged which is in your possession or that of your attorneys, investigators, lessees, agents, employees or other representatives.

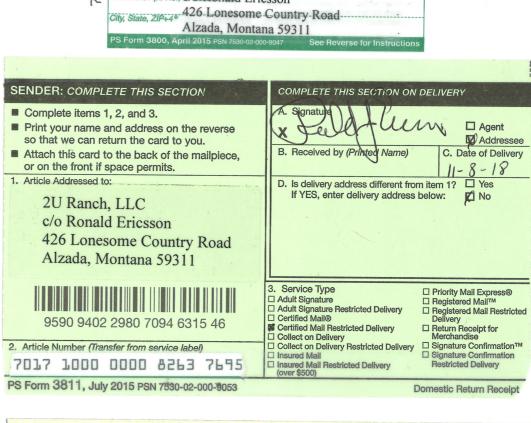
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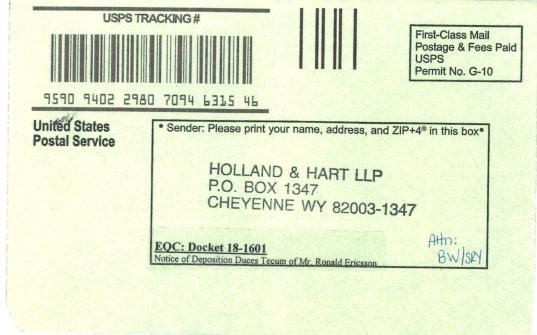
- 1. All documentation evidencing existing uses of the Subject Lands that you allege will be adversely impacted by the Proposed Mining Operations, including but not limited to grazing, hunting, planting and harvesting of crops, haying, ranching operations, logging operations, and use of water resources.
- 2. All documentation evidencing existing uses by third parties of the Subject Lands, including but not limited to grazing leases, hunting leases, road use agreements, right of way agreements, and haying agreements.
- 3. All documentation evidencing the type and yield of any vegetation utilized for livestock grazing on the Subject Lands by you or a third party.
- 4. All documentation evidencing the type and yield of crops planted and harvested from the Subject Lands by you or a third party, including but not limited to grasses, legumes, and other herbaceous plants planted and harvested for purposes of having operations.
- 5. All documentation evidencing the use of the Subject Lands for ranching operations by you or a third party, including but not limited to the types, varieties, and numbers of livestock utilizing the Subject Lands.
- 6. All documentation evidencing the use of the Subject Lands for logging operations, including but not limited to the types, varieties, and quantities of trees planted and harvested from the Subject Lands by you or a third party.
- 7. All documentation evidencing existing improvements to the Subject Lands, including but not limited to buildings, fences, and roads, that you allege will be impacted by the Proposed Mining Operations.
- 8. The May 24, 2018 certified letter, together with the enclosed mine and reclamation plans, mailed by BPM to you and requesting your consent to the Proposed Mining Operations, together with any documentation evidencing a response from you to BPM.

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2	STATE OF WYOMING
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4	IN RE BENTONITE PERFORMANCE)
5	MINERALS LLC)
6	DOCKET NUMBER: 18-1601
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11	CERTIFICATE OF NON-APPEARANCE DEPOSITION OF RONALD ERICSSON
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13	Taken on behalf of BPM
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15	8:55 a.m., Monday November 19th, 2018
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17	PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT, the Deposition of
18	Ronald Ericsson was noticed in accordance with the
19	applicable Rules of Civil Procedure. Attorney for
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21	BPM appearing in Sundance, Wyoming, before Carol
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23	A. O'Bryan, Certified Court Reporter, and a Notary
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25	Public in and for the State of Wyoming.

1	MR. YEMINGTON: So let's go on the
2	record with that. My name is Samuel Yemington.
3	I'm an attorney with Holland & Hart representing
4	Bentonite Performance Minerals, LLC in a matter
5	before the Environmental Quality Council of the
6	State of Wyoming.
7	We are at 207 North Second Street in
8	Sundance, Wyoming, at the Sundance State Bank
9	meeting room.
10	Mr. Ronald Ericsson has been noticed for
11	a deposition at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on Monday,
12	November 19th, 2018. We have been at this
13	location since approximately 8:30 a.m.
14	It is currently 10:15 in the morning.
15	Mr. Ericsson has not shown for the deposition, and
16	repeated efforts to contact him at two different
17	numbers have been unsuccessful.
18	At 10:10 we attempted to reach
19	Mr. Ericsson at 432-364-2645 and 307-878-4494.
20	We received a voicemail message and no answer.
21	Mr. Ericsson received this deposition
22	notice on the 8th day of November of 2018 and
23	acknowledged receipt by completing the return
24	receipt on the mailed letter.

A copy of that return receipt is

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4 1 attached to the deposition notice together with the request for document production. And we'll 2 mark that as Exhibit A for the record. 3 5 (Whereupon the document referred to by counsel was marked for identification as 6 7 Deposition Exhibit A, after which the proceedings continued as follows:) 8 9 10 MR. YEMINGTON: The deposition notice requested Mr. Ericsson advise us at his earliest 11 12 convenience as to whether there existed a conflict 13 with the proposed deposition date, the time or location; or whether a different date, time, or 14 15 location was preferred by Mr. Ericsson. Counsel for BTM did not receive any 16 communication from Mr. Ericsson after he received 17 the deposition notice on the 8th of November 18 19 notifying us that 9:00 a.m. at the Sundance State 20 Bank meeting room in Sundance, Wyoming on November 19th, 2018 was a date that would not work. 21 22 Nothing further from us.

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(Whereupon the proceedings were concluded at 10:22 a.m. on Monday, November 19, 2018.)

REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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I, CAROL A. O'BRYAN, a Certified Court

Reporter and a Notary Public of the State of

5 Wyoming, do hereby certify that Ronald Ericsson

did not appear for the giving of his deposition at

7 the date and time indicated on the Notice of

8 Deposition.

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That the foregoing transcript, consisting of

11 four typewritten pages, is a true record of the

12 proceeding wherein said deponent did not appear

13 for the deposition.

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15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set

my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal this 28th day

17 of November, 2018.

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19 S/Carol A. O'Bryan

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Carol A. O'Bryan
Certified Court Reporter

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Subject: Deposition & Production of Documents

To Samuel R Yemington

The production of documents will be made at the time and place of the deposition of Ronald J Ericsson.

Ronald J Ericsson will be available to have his deposition taken on 22 December 2018 at Alpine, Texas.

Roland S Ericsson