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June 21, 2022

By Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested 7015 1730 0000 3880 0742

RDG Oil and Gas LLC Attn: Christopher Osborne-Moss 708 South Clearwater Loop, Suite 106 Post Falls, Idaho 83854

Re: Notice of Proposed Bond Forfeiture

Dear Mr. Osborne-Moss:

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality is seeking forfeiture of the following reclamation performance bond pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-11-421:

LMO No.	Bond No.	Amount	Form of Bond
ET1337	585352	\$10,000	Certificate of Deposit
			(Washington Trust Bank)

RDG Oil and Gas LLC is the responsible operator for the limited mining operation (LMO) listed above. RDG Oil and Gas has not filed an annual report for the LMO since March 2014. The Wyoming Secretary of State's records show that RDG Oil and Gas LLC was administratively dissolved on March 11, 2014. On January 7, 2022, the Department issued a Notice of Violation to RDG Oil and Gas for failing to commence reclamation when it ceased mining operations at the LMO.

Despite the Department's prior notices, RDG Oil and Gas has failed to satisfy its reclamation obligations for LMO ET1337. Accordingly, the Department now seeks the forfeiture of the reclamation bonds RDG Oil and Gas posted to ensure reclamation of these operations. On March 9, 2022, the Department sought approval from the Wyoming Environmental Quality Council to initiate bond forfeiture proceedings for the LMO. The Council approved the Department's request on June 14, 2022. The Council's Order of Approval is attached.

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The Wyoming Attorney General's Office is hereby notifying you that the Department seeks an order from the Council forfeiting the bonds identified in this letter. The Council will order these bonds forfeited unless you make a written demand for a hearing to the Council within thirty (30) days after receiving this notice. If the bonds are forfeited, the Department will apply the proceeds to RDG Oil and Gas LLC's reclamation obligations.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (307) 777-6199 or david.dewald@wyo.gov.

Sincerely,

David DeWald Senior Assistant Attorney General

Enclosure

cc: Kyle Wendtland, LQD Administrator Mark Rogaczewski, District III Supervisor David Schellinger, Natural Resources Program Principal

BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL STATE OF WYOMING

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IN THE MATTER OF THE BOND FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE BOND OF In Re RDG Oil & Gas, LLC LMO ET1337

Docket No. 22-4501

On the 9th day of March 2022 the Department of Environmental Quality filed the Bond Forfeiture recommendation for RDG Oil and Gas, LLC, LMO ET1337 seeking approval to make a formal request of the Attorney General to begin bond forfeiture proceedings for a performance bond in the amount of \$10,000.00 in the form of a Certificates of Deposit Number 58532 issued by Washington Trust Bank, Spokane WA.

After review of the documentation the Council on June 14, 2022 by a majority vote approved the Departments request to pursue bond forfeiture proceedings in the above entitled cause.

So ordered this 14th day of June 2022.

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