BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL STATE OF WYOMING

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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director Environmental Quality Council

IN THE MATTER OF THE BOND FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE BOND OF EMULSIFIED ASPHALT, INC, LIMITED MINING OPERATION PERMIT NO. 874ET

Docket No. 03-4416

MOTION FOR BOND FORFEITURE ORDER

The Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division (DEQ), by and through the Office of the Attorney General, pursuant to WYO. STAT. ANN. § 35-11-421(b), moves the Environmental Quality Council (Council) for an order requiring Emulsified Asphalt, Inc. to forfeit its reclamation performance bond, and as grounds for this motion, offers the following:

- Emulsified Asphalt conducts a Limited Mining Operation under Permit No. 874ET located approximately eight miles northeast of Bosler, Wyoming. Emulsified Asphalt posted a \$3,000.00 reclamation performance bond, in the form of a Surety Bond No. 11141404662, issued by The American Insurance Company.
- 2. The DEQ issued Notice of Violation No. 3476-03 to Emulsified Asphalt on April 29, 2003 because Emulsified Asphalt failed to submit annual reports to the Land Quality Division for 2001 and 2002. In addition, the Land Quality Division has determined that the site had been abandoned and that reclamation had not been completed.
- Based on these facts, the DEQ determined Emulsified Asphalt, Inc's. reclamation performance bond should be forfeited.
- 4. The Council approved the DEQ's request to initiate bond forfeiture proceedings against Emulsified Asphalt on October 22, 2003.
- The DEQ then requested that the Office of the Attorney General begin this proceeding.

- 6. On December 1, 2004, the Office of the Attorney General sent by certified mail to Emulsified Asphalt, Inc., Debra K. Stoddard (Attorney in Fact), and Ken Vines (Wyoming Insurance Commissioner) notice that the Council would enter an order forfeiting its bond unless a hearing was demanded before the Council within thirty days.
- 7. Emulsified Asphalt received its notice on December 6, 2004.
- Neither the Office of the Attorney General nor the DEQ has a record of a request for a hearing before the Council from Emulsified Asphalt.
- WYO. STAT. ANN. § 35-11-421(b) states that if no demand is made by the operator within thirty days of his receipt of the notice, then the Council shall order the bond forfeited.
- 10. The DEQ and the Attorney General's Office have satisfied all of the statutory prerequisites for this bond forfeiture, and the Council should therefore order the bond forfeited.

WHEREFORE, the DEQ respectfully requests that the Council enter an order requiring Emulsified Asphalt, Inc. to forfeit its reclamation performance bond to the DEQ to be used to reclaim those lands affected by Emulsified Asphalt, Inc's mining activities under Limited Mining Operation, Permit 874ET.

Respectfully submitted this <u>23</u> day of February, 2005.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, LAND QUALITY DIVISION

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I, John S. Burbridge, hereby certify that on February <u>23</u>, 2005, I served a true

copy of the foregoing Motion For Bond Forfeiture order as follows:

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