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**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL
STATE OF WYOMING**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL)
OF THE RENEWAL BOND AMOUNT) EQC DOCKET NO. 16-4601
FOR BENTONITE MINING)
PERMIT NO. 624)**

DEQ'S DESIGNATION OF EXPERT WITNESSES

Respondent, the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality ("Department"), through its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to the Order of Schedule in this case, filed on March 8, 2016, the Department of Environmental Quality Rules of Practice and Procedure, Chapter 2, Section 14(a), and Wyoming Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2)(B)(ii), hereby designates the following expert witness to present expert testimony in this case:

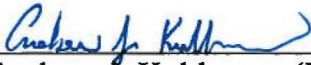
Mr. Brian Wood, Assistant Supervisor, Land Quality Division District 2, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, c/o Andrew Kuhlmann, Senior Assistant Attorney General, 2320 Capitol Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82002; (307) 777-3537. Mr. Wood may testify about his duties as a permit coordinator for the Department, and specifically his work on Permit No. 624. Mr. Wood may testify generally about the procedures and

processes involved with the Department reviewing annual reports, inspecting mine permits, drafting inspection reports, calculating bond amounts, setting bond amounts, or other related procedures. He is also may testify regarding his knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education qualifying him as an expert regarding field inspections, inspection reports, and bond determinations for mining permits including, but not limited to, Permit No. 624. Additionally, he may testify about his knowledge, observations, and opinions regarding field inspections, annual reports, inspection reports, bond calculations, interactions and communications with petitioners or their agents, or other aspects of or issues related to Permit No. 624 or its reclamation bonding. He may testify based upon his observations, actions, and expert opinions in support of the Department's inspection reports, determination of the bond amount for Permit No. 624, and the correspondence from the Department regarding the bond amount for Permit No. 624.

Mr. Wood may also testify about his actions, observations, or opinions regarding field inspections, annual reports, inspection reports, bond calculations, or other aspects of petitioners' other mining permits or their reclamation bonds. He may also rebut expert any opinions or evidence provided by Petitioners.

The Department reserves its right to designate additional expert witnesses or expert testimony to rebut experts designated by Petitioners.

DATED this 13th day of May, 2016.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 13th day of May, 2016, a copy of the foregoing document was filed electronically with the Wyoming Environmental Quality Council's online docket system and copies were served electronically via that system on the following:

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