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# BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL STATE OF WYOMING

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In RE Yellowstone Landscaping, Inc.	)			
AGAINST THE BOND OF	)	<b>Docket No. 20-4502</b>		
FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS	)			
IN THE MATTER OF THE BOND	)			
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#### MOTION FOR BOND FORFEITURE

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The Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division, through the Wyoming Attorney General's Office, moves the Environmental Quality Council for an order forfeiting Yellowstone Landscaping, Inc.'s (Yellowstone) reclamation performance bond pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-11-421(b). The Department states the following in support of this motion:

- 1. On December 18, 2007, the Department issued Limited Mining Operation (LMO) No. ET1419, also known as the Topsoil Pit, to Spomer Construction Co., Inc. The Topsoil Pit is a 2.5 acre gravel pit located in Tract 43R, Township 56 North, Range 98 West, Section 30 approximately four miles northeast of Powell, Wyoming.
- 2. On August 23, 2012, Spomer Construction Co., Inc. transferred LMO No. ET1419 to Yellowstone, which is owned by Daniel May.

- 3. Pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-11-401(e)(vi)(B), Yellowstone posted a bond for the reclamation of the Topsoil Pit after mining operations ceased. Specifically, Yellowstone posted a two thousand five hundred dollar (\$2,500.00) Certificate of Deposit (No. 1177), issued by Big Horn Federal Savings Bank.
- 4. On June 9, 2014, the Wyoming Secretary of State administratively dissolved Yellowstone for delinquent taxes. Exhibit A. As a result, Yellowstone is no longer licensed to do business in the State of Wyoming.
- 5. The Department considers the limited mining operation at the Topsoil Pit to be abandoned as of June 9, 2014.
- 6. On August 29, 2018, the Department issued Yellowstone a Notice of Violation for LMO ET1419 (Docket No. 5869-18) for administrative and compliance issues, including failure to commence reclamation at the Topsoil Pit.
- 7. Yellowstone submitted its last annual report for the Topsoil Pit in December 2012. Since then, there has been no authorized mining at the Topsoil Pit. Yellowstone has failed to reclaim the mining site.
- 8. Based on the facts above, the Department determined that the reclamation performance bond should be forfeited.
- 9. On July 16, 2020, in accordance with Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-11-421(a), Director Todd Parfitt filed a Bond Forfeiture Recommendation with the Council, requesting approval to have the Attorney General's Office begin bond forfeiture proceedings against Yellowstone.

- 10. On August 19, 2020, the Council approved the Department's request to initiate bond forfeiture proceedings against Yellowstone.
- 11. On September 1, 2020, the Attorney General's Office sent notice of the forfeiture proceedings to Yellowstone, Daniel May, and Big Horn Federal Savings Bank by certified mail. Exhibit B.
- 12. The notice stated that Bond No. 1177, in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), would be forfeited unless Yellowstone made a written demand for a hearing within thirty days of receipt of the notice. Exhibit B.
- 13. The notice sent to Yellowstone was returned to the Attorney General's Office as undeliverable. Exhibit C.
- 14. The notice sent to Daniel May was returned to the Attorney General's Office as undeliverable. Exhibit D.
- 15. The notice sent to Big Horn Federal Savings Bank was received on September 3, 2020. Exhibit E.
- 16. On September 9, 2020, the Department's counsel contacted Daniel May at the phone number on record in the Department's permit file. During this phone conversation, Mr. May provided his personal mailing address of P.O. Box 661, Cowley, Wyoming 82420.
- 17. On September 9, 2020, the Attorney General's Office sent a second notice of forfeiture proceedings to Daniel May by certified mail to the new mailing address he provided. Exhibit F.

18. The second notice sent to Daniel May was returned to the Attorney General's Office as unclaimed. Exhibit G.

19. Neither the Attorney General's Office nor the Council has a record of a request for a hearing from Yellowstone, Daniel May, or Big Horn Federal Savings Bank.

20. If the operator does not demand a hearing before the Council within thirty days of receipt of notice, the Council shall order the bond forfeited. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-11-421(b).

WHEREFORE, the Department respectfully requests that the Council enter an order forfeiting Yellowstone's reclamation bond totaling two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), to be used by the Department to reclaim the mining operations developed under Limited Mining Operation No. ET1419.

Dated this 5th day of November, 2020.

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Attorney for the Wyoming
Department of Environmental Quality

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Motion for Bond Forfeiture* upon the persons listed below, this 5th day of November, 2020, addressed as follows:

Wyoming EQC (Original) – **By Inter-Agency Mail**Attn: Joe Girardin
2300 Capitol Ave.
Hathaway Bldg. 1st, Room 136
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Yellowstone Landscaping, Inc. - **By U.S. Mail** Attn: Daniel May, Registered Agent 401 South Bent St. Powell, Wyoming 82435

Daniel May – **By U.S. Mail** P.O. Box 661 Cowley, Wyoming 82420

Big Horn Federal Savings Bank – **By U.S. Mail** P.O. Box 821 Powell, Wyoming 82435

Cheryl Lobb, Paralegal

Wyoming Attorney General's Office

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Herschler Bldg East, Ste. 100 & 101, Cheyenne, WY 82002-0020 Phone 307-777-7311

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### **Filing Information**



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Name Yellowstone Landscaping Incorporated

Filing ID 2006-000511405

Type **Profit Corporation** Status Inactive -

> Administratively Dissolved (Tax)

**General Information** 

Old Name Sub Status Archived Fictitious Name Standing - Tax Delinquent

Standing - RA Good

Sub Type Close Corporation Standing - Other Good

Formed in Wyoming Filing Date 04/10/2006 12:00 AM

Term of Duration Perpetual **Delayed Effective Date** 

> **Inactive Date** 06/09/2014

**Share Information** 

Common Shares 1,000 **Preferred Shares** Additional Stock Ν

Par Value 0.0000 Par Value 0.0000

**Principal Address Mailing Address** 

PO Box 2642 PO Box 2642 Cowley, WY 82420 Cowley, WY 82420

**Registered Agent Address** 

Daniel P May 401 S Bent

Powell, WY 82435

**Parties** 

Type Name / Organization / Address

**Notes** 

Recorded By Date Note

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Type Original AR Year 2013

License Tax \$214.75 AR Exempt N AR ID 01823019

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Officers / Directors

Type Name / Organization / Address

President Daniel P May PO Box 2642 Cowley WY 82420

Principal Address Mailing Address

PO Box 2642 PO Box 2642

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**Annual Report History** 

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00914835	Original	08/22/2008	2008	\$50.00	
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01050357	Original	09/30/2009	2009	\$100.00	
01158226	Original	05/10/2010	2010	\$50.00	
01317459	Original	04/11/2011	2011	\$51.23	
01546268	Original	05/22/2012	2012	\$74.90	
01823019	Original	04/23/2013	2013	\$214.75	

#### **Amendment History**

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2016-001915269 System Archive 06/10/2016

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2014-001626403 Dissolution / Revocation - Tax 06/09/2014

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Inactive Date Changed From: No Value To: 06/09/2014

2014-001599329 Delinquency Notice - Tax 04/02/2014

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2011-000966448	Delinquency Notice - Tax	04/02/201	1		
2010-000847390	Delinquency Notice - Tax	04/02/2010	)		
2009-000788292	Reinstatement - Tax	09/30/2009	)		
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2008-000666275	Delinquency Notice - Tax	04/02/2008	3		
2007-000604736	Delinquency Notice - Tax	04/01/2007	7		
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> Division Deputy James Kaste

September 1, 2020

CERTIFIED MAIL NOs: 7015 1730 0000 3880 1008; 7015 1730 0000 3880 1015; 7015 1730 0000 3880 1022

Yellowstone Landscaping, Inc. Attn: Daniel May, Registered Agent 401 South Bent St. Powell, Wyoming 82435

Daniel May 115 N. Hamilton St. Powell, Wyoming 82435

Big Horn Federal Savings Bank P.O. Box 821 Powell, Wyoming 82435

**RE:** Notice of Proposed Bond Forfeiture

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

Sincerely,

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cc: Kyle Wendtland, LQD Administrator
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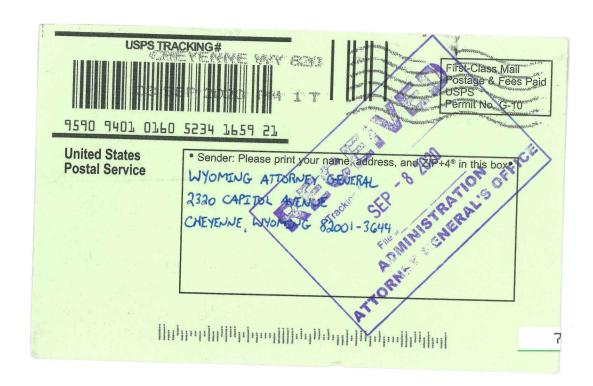
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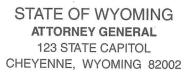
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