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BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL STATE OF WYOMING

In the Matter of the Bond Forfeiture)	
Proceedings Against the Bond of)	Docket No. 22-4502
In Re Twenty Mile, LLC)	
LMO ET1314)	

AFFIDAVIT OF KYLE WENDTLAND

- I, Kyle Wendtland, being of lawful age and first duly sworn upon oath, depose and state as follows:
- 1. I am currently employed by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality as the Administrator of the Land Quality Division.
- 2. I am over eighteen years of age, have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein, and am capable to testify thereto.
- 3. On May 31, 2005, the Department issued Limited Mining Operation (LMO) number ET1314 to Twenty Mile, LLC. The LMO is located in the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter and the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 11, Township 52 North, Range 75W in Campbell County, Wyoming. Twenty Mile disturbed approximately 4.9 acres through its mining activity at ET1314.
- 4. Pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-11-401(e)(vi)(B), Twenty Mile posted a bond for the reclamation of surface disturbance at ET1314 after mining operations ceased. Twenty Mile posted a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000.00) Certificate of Deposit Number 8100707, issued by American National Bank.

- 5. On October 9, 2013, the Wyoming Secretary of State administratively dissolved Twenty Mile for delinquent taxes. As a result, Twenty Mile is no longer registered to do business in the State of Wyoming.
- 6. Twenty Mile has not engaged in mining at ET1314 since 2014. Twenty Mile submitted its last Annual Report for ET1314 in May 2016.
- 7. Twenty Mile has not reclaimed any portion of the surface disturbance at ET1314.
- 8. On January 20, 2022, the Department issued Twenty Mile a Notice of Violation for abandonment and failure to reclaim LMO ET1314 (Docket No. 6137-22).
- 9. Based on the facts set forth above, the Department determined that Twenty Mile's reclamation performance bond should be forfeited.
- 10. On May 19, 2022, 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 Twenty Mile.
- 11. On June 14, 2022, the Council approved the Department's request to initiate bond forfeiture proceedings against Twenty Mile.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

DATED this <u>fl</u> day of August, 2022.

Kyle Wendtland

STATE OF WYOMING) ss. COUNTY OF LARAMIE)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Kyle Wendtland this day of August, 2022.

Witness my hand and official seal.

CHERYL L. LOBB

NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF WYOMING

COMMISSION ID: 161364

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 4/18/2028

My commission expires: Apr. 18,2628

Notary Public