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Department of Environmental Quality

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CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED: 7017 1070 0000 5306 0100

Mr. Randy Stevens
Quality Landscape & Nursery, Inc.
P.O. Box 1074
Saratoga, Wyoming 82331

RE: Bond Amount for Quality Landscape & Nursery, Inc., Notice of Violation, Docket No. 5970-19, Limited Mining Operation (LMO) 1496ET

Dear Mr. Stevens:


Based upon site inspection and engineering analysis to achieve final reclamation associated with NOV Docket No. 5970-19, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality-Land Quality Division (DEQ-LQD) has determined that the currently held reclamation performance bond of \$1,000 is not adequate to properly reclaim LMO1496ET. Similarly, DEQ-LQD cannot accept your December 16, 2019 proposal to increase your performance bond to a total of \$2,500.00.

LQD in field and engineering analysis indicates that the reclamation performance bond is set at \$65,000.00 to achieve adequate and stable reclamation of LMO1496ET following mineral extraction. Please provide an acceptable financial instrument in this amount to the DEQ Bonding Program for review. LQD is granting Quality Landscape & Nursery, Inc. (Mr. Randy Stevens) a one-time allowance of twenty (20) business days to provide this instrument to the Department. Your deadline for submitting the required financial instrument is Tuesday, February 25, 2020.

This reclamation liability amount is based on a cost estimate of the state assuming the outstanding liability and performing the reclamation in the event of forfeiture. If this estimate proves to be less than the amount required, the Department will bring suit to recover the additional cost as allowed under W.S. § 35-11-422.

If you have questions regarding the reclamation liability amount, please contact Brian Goodnough at (307) 777-5922 or brian.goodnough@wyo.gov.

Sincerely,



Kyle Wendtland
Administrator
Land Quality Division

Date: February 11, 2020

cc: Robin Jones, Brain Goodnough, Cheyenne DEQ-LQD
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