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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
Environmental Quality Council

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BOND)
FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS)
AGAINST THE BOND OF) Docket No.
RAVEN QUARRIES, LLC,)
MINING PERMIT 683s.)**

ORDER OF BOND FORFEITURE

THIS MATTER came before the Wyoming Environmental Quality Council (EQC) on a motion from the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for bond forfeiture against Raven Quarries, LLC. The EQC, having reviewed the motion and having been otherwise fully informed, **MAKES THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

1. Raven Quarries, LLC, posted a \$13,200.00 reclamation performance bond, in the form of Certificate of Deposit No. 000237339 aka 76506820151460, issued by the Key Bank N.A., McDonald Financial Group, 3300 East 1st Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80206 to conduct a hard rock mining operation located west of Wheatland, near mile post 7 on County Road 727 in Albany County, Wyoming.
2. The DEQ issued Notice of Violation, Docket No. 3577-04 to Raven Quarries on July 20, 2004 because the mining site had been inactive since 2002, and Raven Quarries failed to commence reclamation of the area disturbed during its mining operation.
3. The Environmental Quality Council approved the DEQ's request to initiate bond forfeiture proceedings against Raven Quarries on May 18, 2006.

4. On August 23, 2006, the Office of the Attorney General mailed Notice of Bond Forfeiture to Raven Quarries by certified mail. The notice stated that the Council would enter an order forfeiting its bond unless Raven Quarries demanded a hearing before the Council within thirty days. Raven Quarries received the notice on August 24, 2006. Raven Quarries did not request a hearing within thirty days of its receipt of the Notice of Bond Forfeiture.

5. Raven Quarries has executed a voluntary bond forfeiture agreement for permit 683s. In the agreement, Raven Quarries also waived its right to a hearing.

6. The record in this matter establishes that the Department of Environmental Quality has satisfied all requirements for bond forfeiture pursuant to WYO. STAT. § 35-11-421, for Certificate of Deposit No. 000237339 aka 76506820151460, issued by the Key Bank N.A., McDonald Financial Group.

The Council, being otherwise fully advised on the premises, HEREBY ORDERS:

1. The aforementioned reclamation performance bond be forfeited to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division, to be used by the Department for the reclamation of all lands affected by the aforementioned operation.

2. Any proceeds remaining after reclamation shall be subject to any claim by the people of the State of Wyoming.

3. Any funds remaining after reclamation and payment of other claims shall be returned to Raven Quarries, LLC, if it can be found.

DATED this 28 day of Feb, 2007.

WYOMING ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Bush", written over a horizontal line.

Chairman

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

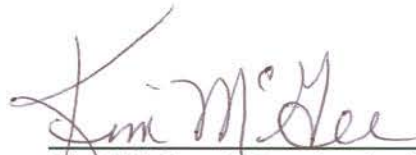
I, Kim McGee, certify that at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on the **1st day of March, 2007**, I served a copy of the foregoing **ORDER** by depositing copies of the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, duly enveloped and addressed to:

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