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**OBJECTION TO AMENDMENT TO MINING PERMIT** 

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Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary Environmental Quality Council

Re:

| Permitee:    | Intermountain Construction and Materials of Gillette, Wyoming   |
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| Protestant:  | Chuck Evitt   |
| Permit Area: | SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Section 15, T. 52M, R. 83W; NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Section 22, T. 52N<br>R. 83W; NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Section 22 T. 52N, R. 83W; Johnson County<br>Wyoming |

Adminstrator:

As attorneys for Protestant Chuck Evitt, we wish to file this formal objection to the application of Intermountain Construction and Materials of Gillette, Wyoming ("ICM") to amend the ICM mine permit upon the lands identified above.

1. <u>Name and Address of Protestant and Protestant's Attorney</u>. The name and address of the Protestant is Chuck Evitt, 988 Rock Creek Road, Buffalo, Wyoming, 82834. The name and address of Protestant's attorneys are Lonabaugh and Riggs, LLP, Attention: Thomas J. Klepperich, P.O. Drawer 5059, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801.

2. <u>Action Upon Which Hearing is Requested</u>. This is an objection to, and request for a public hearing upon, the application of ICM, for an amendment to their mining permit as described in the public notice published by ICM in the Buffalo Bulletin on (among other dates) August 21, 2008.

3. <u>Concise Statement of Issues</u>.

Chuck Evitt is the owner of land in Johnson County, Wyoming, upon which a part of ICM's "Evitt Pit" sits. The Evitt Pit is the location covered by the permit that ICM

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now seeks to amend. ICM's right to access the Evitt Pit for purposes of mining and, subsequently, reclaiming its permit area previously existed by virtue of a "Haul Road License" among Mr. Evitt and ICM's predecessor. However, ICM is currently in default of that "Haul Road License" for, among other things, failing to regularly and properly account for the quantity of materials that has been hauled across the Evitt Ranch, failing to pay Mr. Evitt the fees required by the Agreement, storing aggregate mined from neighboring property on the Evitt Ranch, and locating upon the Evitt Ranch certain machinery, equipment, and structures for handling aggregate that was mined elsewhere. As a result of these defaults on the part of ICM, it is Mr. Evitt's position that the "Haul Road License" is no longer effective and, consequently, ICM no longer has any right to access the permit area. That being the case, Mr. Evitt believes that the Department should not only refuse ICM the requested amendment, but that it should also initiate action to revoke the permit in its existing form.

4. <u>Request for Hearing</u>. The Protestant hereby requests a hearing on its above objection.

DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.

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Original Signed By Thomas J. Klepperich

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that I served true and correct copies of the within and foregoing Objection by mailing copies thereof this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008, as follows:

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