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BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF WYOMING

| IN THE MATTER OF: |) | |
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| Mullinax Concrete Services Co. | ,) | Docket No. 09-4602 |
| Limited Mining Operation Application |) | • |
| TFN 5 4/123 |) | |
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RESPONSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ")/ Land Quality Division ("LQD") by and through its attorney, John S. Burbridge, Senior Assistant Attorney General, hereby responds to Mullinax Concrete Services Co., Inc's ("Mullinax") Supplemental Petition for Review/Request for Hearing ("Petition") and states to the Environmental Quality Council ("EQC") the following:

- 1. The DEQ/LQD admit the allegations contained in the first sentence of paragraph 1 of Millinax's Petition. The DEQ/LQD denies the allegations contained in the remainder of paragraph 1 of Mullinax's Petition.
- 2. The DEQ/LQD admit the allegations contained in the first sentence of paragraph 2 of Mullinax's Petition. The DEQ/LQD denies the allegations contained in the

- remainder of paragraph 2 of Mullinax's Petition.
- 3a. The DEQ/LQD admit the allegations contained in paragraph 3a of Mullinax's Petition.
- 3b. The DEQ/LQD admit the allegations contained in the first two sentences in paragraph 3b of Mullinax's Petition. The DEQ/LQD states that the third sentence of paragraph 3b of Mullinax's Petition is a statement of law that speaks for itself. The DEQ/LQD denies the allegations contained in the last sentence of paragraph 3b of Mullinax's Petition.
- 3c. The DEQ/LQD admit the allegations contained in the first sentence of paragraph 3c of Mullinax's Petition. The DEQ/LQD denies the allegations contained in the last sentence of paragraph 3c of Mullinax's Petition.
- 3d. The DEQ/LQD admit the allegations contained in paragraph 3d of Mullinax's Petition.
- 3e. The DEQ/LQD admit the allegations contained in paragraph 3e of Mullinax's Petition.
- 3f. The DEQ/LQD admit the allegations contained in the first sentence of paragraph 3f of Mullinax's Petition. The DEQ/LQD denies the allegations contained in the second sentence of paragraph 3f of Mullinax's Petition.
- 3g. The DEQ/LQD does not have sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 3g of Mullinax's Petition.
- 3h. The DEQ/LQD does not have sufficient information to either admit or deny the

- allegations contained in paragraph 3h of Mullinax's Petition.
- 3i. The DEQ/LQD admit the allegations contained in the first sentence of paragraph 3i of Mullinax's Petition.
- 4. The DEQ/LQD denies the allegations contained in the unnumbered paragraph found between paragraph 3i and paragraph 4 of Mullinax's Petition.
- 5. Paragraphs 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d & 4e of Mullinax's Petition present issues that may be before the EQC and do not require a response. The DEQ/LQD denies any portion of the issues presented by Mullinax in paragraphs 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d & 4e that can be considered an allegation or to the extent any sort of a response could be deemed to be required.
- 6. The DEQ/LQD denies the allegations contained in the unnumbered paragraph found between paragraph 4e and paragraph 5 of Mullinax's Petition.
- 7. Paragraph 5 of Mullinax's Petition is a request for hearing. Accordingly, no response is required. To the extent any sort of response could be deemed to be required, the DEQ denies any information in paragraph 5 that could be considered an allegation.
- 8. The DEQ denies each and every allegation not specifically admitted to in this response.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 1. Mullinax has failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.
- 2. The EQC lacks jurisdiction to hear this appeal.

WHEREFORE, the DEQ prays that the EQC enter an ORDER affirming the denial of TFN 5 4/123 by the Department of Environmental Quality/Land Quality Division.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of February, 2010.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing document was served by US. Mail, postage prepaid, and addressed correctly, to the following people on the 18th day of February, 2010:

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