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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Mr. Steve Hutchinson Bald Butte Quarry, LLC 709 Kansas Ave., Room 200 Topeka, KS 66603

RE: Notice of Proposed Bond Forfeiture for Permit 551(s); Notice of Violation No. 5067-12

Dear Mr. Kerrigan:

On October 8, 2012, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division issued Notice of Violation No. 5067-12 to Bald Butte Quarry, LLC alleging that Bald Butte had abandoned its mining operations without completing reclamation in violation of the Land Quality Rules and Regulations and Wyo. STAT. ANN. §§ 35-11-401(e)(viii) and 35-11-



415(b)(ix) and that Bald Butte had failed to post adequate bonding for surface mining disturbances in violation of § 35-11-417(c)(ii). On January 9, 2013, the DEQ requested and received the Wyoming Environmental Quality Council's (EQC) approval to request that the Attorney General's Office initiate bond forfeiture proceedings pursuant to Wyo. STAT. ANN. § 35-11-421(a).

DEQ now seeks an order from the EQC to forfeit Bald Butte's reclamation performance bond, Bond No. 36-0130-25356-97-1, issued by Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, 1400 American Lane Schaumburg, IL 60196, in the amount of \$193,874.00. If the bond is forfeited, the DEQ will use the proceeds to reclaim the mine site located in Niobrara and Goshen Counties, Wyoming.

Pursuant to WYO. STAT. ANN. § 35-11-421(b), the Wyoming Attorney General's Office is hereby notifying you that the EQC will order the bond forfeited unless you make a written demand for a hearing to the EQC within thirty (30) days after receiving this notice.

If you have any questions concerning these proceedings, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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