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Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

COUNTY OF LAWRENCE:

Letitia Lister of said County and State being first duly sworn, on her oath says: That the BLACK HILLS PIONEER is a legal daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Spearfish, in said County and State by Letitia Lister, and has been such a newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned; and that said newspaper has a bonafide circulation of at least 200 copies weekly, and has been published within said County in the English language for at least one year prior to the first publication of the notice herein mentioned, and is printed in whole or in part in an office maintained at the place of publication; and that I, Letitia Lister, the undersigned, am the Publisher of said newspaper and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this affidavit; and that the advertisement headed:

Notice Of Hearing
Wharf Resources

a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in said newspaper for 2 successive and consecutive weeks, the first publication being made on the 2nd day of Nov, 2011, and the last publication on the 9th day of Nov, 2011, that the full amount of fees charged for publishing same, to-wit: The sum of \$ 70.00, insures solely to the benefit of the publisher of the BLACK HILLS PIONEER, that no agreement or understanding for a division thereof has been made with any person and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any other person whomsoever.

[Signature]
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of Nov, 2011

[Signature]
Notary Public, Lawrence County, South Dakota
My commission expires: 10-24-2016

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(USA),
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APPLICATION FOR
LARGE
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In accordance with SDCL 45-6B and SDCL 1-26, a hearing on the issuance of the permit will take place before the South Dakota Board of Minerals and Environment on November 16, 17, and 18, 2011, beginning at 1:00 p.m. CST on November 16 at the Matthew Environmental Education and Training Center, Joe Foss Building, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota.

The proposed mine expansion project will involve open pit mining and disposal of overburden primarily to the south of the existing Wharf Mine and to the west of the Golden Reward Mine. A portion of the reclaimed Golden Reward Mine will be redistributed during the project. Ore extracted from the expansion area will be hauled to the existing heap leach facility at the Wharf Mine for processing. As new mine areas are developed, waste rock and overburden will be used to backfill previously mined areas. A portion of State Highway 473 will be relocated during the project. Wharf Resources plans to disturb approximately 308 acres within the 528-acre expansion area, and total production is estimated to be about

175 million tons of ore and overburden. The proposed expansion will extend the total life of the mine from 2012 to 2020. The proposed future land use is a mixture of rangeland (woodland grazing), home sites, recreation, and industrial or commercial development which will include enhancements to the Terry Peak ski area.

The Board's action will be either to approve or disapprove the permit application. This hearing is an adversary proceeding. In accordance with ARSD 74:29:01:09, individuals that have become party to the proceeding have the following rights at the hearing: to be present, to be represented by a lawyer. Individuals may represent themselves at the hearing; organizations must be represented by a lawyer. These and other due process rights will be forfeited if not exercised at the hearing. The decision, based on the hearing, may be appealed to the circuit court and the State Supreme Court as provided by law.

If the amount of controversy exceeds two thousand five hundred dollars or if a property right may be terminated, any party to the contested case may require the agency to use the Office of Hearing Examiners by giving notice of the request to the agency no later than ten days after service of a notice of hearing issued pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the Department of Environment and Natural Resources at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have a disability for which special arrangements must be made at the hearing. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 773-4201.

Persons desiring further information regarding this hearing may con-

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Carina Tyler being first duly sworn, upon his/her oath says: That he/she is now and was at all time hereinafter mentioned, an employee of the RAPID CITY JOURNAL, a corporation of Rapid City, South Dakota, the owner and publisher of the RAPID CITY JOURNAL, a legal and daily newspaper printed and published in Rapid City, in said County of Pennington, and has full and personal knowledge of all the facts herein stated as follows: that said newspaper is and at all of the times herein mentioned has been a legal and daily newspaper with a bonafide paid circulation of at least Two Hundred copies daily, and has been printed and published in the English language, at and within an office maintained by the owner and publisher thereof, at Rapid City, in said Pennington County, and has been admitted to the United States mail under the second class mailing privilege for at least one year prior to the publication herein mentioned; that the advertisement, a printed copy of which, taken from said Rapid City Journal, the paper in which the same was published, is attached to this sheet and made a part of this affidavit, was published in said paper once each Week for two successive Weeks, the first publication there of being on the Second day of Nov. 2011 that the fees charged for the publication there of are One hundred seventy seven dollars and forty eight cents.

Carina Tyler

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of November, 2011.

Louaine K. Cummings

Notary public

Dec. 18, 2016

My commission expires