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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 Request
For Determination

a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in said newspaper for 1 successive and consecutive weeks, the first publication being made on the 12th day of Nov., 2010, and the last publication on the _____ day of _____, _____, that the full amount of fees charged for publishing same, to-wit: The sum of \$ 25.78 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.

~~Subscribed and sworn to before me this~~ 14th day of Nov., 2010

Richard Richards

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

NOTICE OF REQUEST
FOR
DETERMINATION
OF SPECIAL,
EXCEPTIONAL,
CRITICAL,
OR UNIQUE LANDS

Notice is hereby given that Wharf Resources (USA) Inc., 10928 Wharf Road, Lead, South Dakota 57754, has submitted a Request for Determination of Special, Exceptional, Critical, or Unique Lands and Notice of Intent to Operate to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The legal description of the proposed mine expansion project is portions of Sections 1, 2, 3 and 12; T4N-R2E, portions of Sections 6 and 7; T4N-R3E, and portions of Sections 33 and 36; T5N-R2E, Lawrence County, Wharf Resources has submitted the Request for Determination of Special, Exceptional, Critical, or Unique Lands and Notice of Intent to Operate for purposes of determining whether the lands potentially affected by the proposed mine expansion project are eligible for inclusion on the preliminary list of special, exceptional, critical, or unique lands. The proposed mine expansion involves mining for gold on land located approximately 3 miles west of Lead, South Dakota. Wharf Resources will affect approximately 430 acres during the 7 year life of the operation. The proposed project will involve open pit mining and the use of waste rock to backfill previously mined areas. Ore extracted from the expansion areas