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“IT’S ALL ABOUT THE ROCK QUALITY – PERMITS – MARKET AREA”

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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF WASHINGTON, THURSTON COUNTY

**My current legal name is Stephen Lee Taylor, and my current occupation is Vice President of McLucas & Associates, Inc. I am presently 73 years old.
My current mailing address is P.O. Box 5352, Lacey, WA 98509.**

Stephen L. Taylor

9/22/2021

**I hereby state that the information above is true, to the best of my knowledge.
I also confirm that the information here is both accurate and complete and relevant
information has been omitted.**

Stephen L Taylor

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- **Relevant INFORMATION:**
- **McLucas & Associates, Inc. is a registered corporation since the 1980’s. The company concentrates on Permitting Mines and providing Mineral Valuations. McLucas has been working with the required drilling and evaluation for the permits with Bill Wooding, owner of the Lake Erie Pit 1, LLC in preparing the expansion documents for the Lake Erie Pit. This process has taken 7 years,**

- **3 hospitalizations Stephen Taylor (2021)**

- (1) Providence Saint Peters Centralia
, Knee replacement (January-2021)**
- (2) Providence St. Peters Olympia
Complications with Knee (February 2021)**
- (3) CHI Franciscan Tacoma (March 2021)
Rehabilitation of Knee**

Hospitalizations this year of Stephen Taylor (Mining Consultant this Project) made it difficult in coordinating and finding a qualified Hydrologist in Skagit County to provide the necessary data for review by the Hearing Examiner and Skagit County Planning Commission. Due to these complications, we were not able to meet the Skagit County time for submittal. At the time of our last extension was given (March 23, 2021) no one was available for this service. After talking with Experts, the time frame set by Skagit County was inadequate to do a proper assessment, you need to cover all of the seasons. McLucas has contacted 5 companies in Skagit County in reference to this Project. We have found a group to take on the drilling and data collection with Canyon Environmental Group. Hopefully we will receive the one-year extension to complete this work.

Canyon Environmental Group has submitted to McLucas their proposal to drill and collect the water data to complete their report:

- a) Month of October 2021 – Site Visit & Project Outline**
- b) Month of November 2021 - Well Drilling, Surveying, Grain size analysis**
- c) Month of October 2021-June 2022 – Water table Monitoring**
- d) Month of March – Borehole evaluation**
- e) Month of June 2021 – August 2022 – Groundwater Modeling**
- f) Report Completion August 2022 – September 2022**

12 MONTH DRILLING PROJECT

We need this time for a proper Drilling Project

- **We feel it is important to bring to your attention, that through the appeals that the appellant has continued to express that the expansion to the complete 53.5, acres would immediately have the topsoil and sub-soils removed on this full acreage. This is not true. The site is visited annually by Washington Department of Natural Resources (WSDNR). A site-plan has been submitted to the DNR which depicts the 4 Sections that the mining will utilize this resource, the current operation is still in Phase 1 (approximately 5-acrs open for mining). As**

this area is mined out, the mining will move to Phase 2 and Clean Fill will be brought in for reclamation and replanting of Phase 1. The mining then moves to Phase 2 and so on. The DNR Inspector (Annual Inspection) would note any “Overmining”, and area mined outside of approved permit. This limits the open areas of the mine controlling the surface water absorption.

- **INTENT: In 2015 Bill Wooding and I discussed the potential of expanding the mine size to include parcels to the south, east and west. The whole purpose of the expansion was not to sell more rock but to ensue the resource is available in the future for expansion of the surrounding infrastructure and have rock available for roads and concrete. There were no talks of expanding the selling market but to have aggregates available or there would be trucks from out of the County bringing the resource to this area and impacting an already busy road system!**
- **During the permit process, McLucas commissioned 6 reports in reference to the Hydrology of the site and the expansion. Hydrologist, Northwest Groundwater conducted these studies including drilling the site to ascertain if the site had any perched aquifers and the groundwater flow direction. There were no peached aquifers, and the groundwater flow direction was to the Northeast. These reports can be obtained from Skagit County Planning.**

*Sincerely,
Stephen Taylor
McLucas & Associates, Inc.*