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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Ms. LaDawn Whitehead Regional Hearing Clerk United States Environmental Protection Agency-Region V 77 West Jackson Blvd. - 19th Fl. Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Re: U.S. EPA v. Joseph L. Bollig and Sons, Inc. Docket No. CWA-05-2011-0008 - Complainant's Rebuttal Prehearing Exchange

Dear Ms. Whitehead:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of Complainant's Rebuttal Prehearing Exchange in the above-referenced case. I have served copies of this Status Report with the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and a copy on Respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested.

Sincerely yours,

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Thomas P. Turner Assoc. Regional Counsel

# Enclosure

cc: Hon. M. Lisa Buschmann, ALJ (mail code: 1900L) Greg Carlson, Water Division (WW-16J) Kevin C Chow, Assoc. Regional Counsel (C-14J)

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# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 5

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**IN THE MATTER OF:** 

Joseph L. Bollig and Sons, Inc., New Lisbon, Wisconsin, DOCKET No. CWA-05-2011-0008

Honorable M. Lisa Buschmann Administrative Law Judge

**Respondent.** 

### **COMPLAINANT'S REBUTTAL PREHEARING EXCHANGE**

In accordance with the <u>Prehearing Order</u> issued by this Honorable Court on February 29, 2012, Complainant, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 ("U.S. EPA"), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files the instant rebuttal prehearing exchange pursuant to Section 22.19 of the <u>Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative</u> <u>Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders, and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits, codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22, § 22.19.</u>

## A. <u>COMPLAINANT'S REBUTTAL PREHEARING EXCHANGE</u>

### I. LOCATION OF THE HEARING

Complainant notes that Respondent, in its April 30, 2012 Prehearing Exchange, asserted that Mauston, Wisconsin would be "the appropriate location for the hearing in this matter", stating that all of the witnesses "unrelated to EPA" live in the Mauston area, and that some U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources offices are located north of Mauston. Respondent's Prehearing Exchange at 1. Complainant disagrees with the proposed location of Mauston, Wisconsin. Complainant reiterates its position that Madison, Wisconsin would be the appropriate location for the hearing in this matter. See, Complainant's March 30, 2012 Initial Prehearing Exchange at 1. Complainant notes that Madison, Wisconsin would be relatively equidistant for U.S. EPA, Region 5-based litigation staff and witnesses, as well as those proposed potential witnesses identified in either Complainant's March 30, 2012 Initial Prehearing Exchange, or Respondent's April 30, 2012 Prehearing Exchange. Moreover, Complainant notes that Madison, Wisconsin is more proximate to major airports (Chicago, Illinois, Milwaukee and/or Madison, Wisconsin), and offers more necessary resource availability (courtroom, court reporter, overnight lodging availability, dining) for all of the parties involved in this proceeding than would likely be available if the hearing were held in Mauston, Wisconsin.

# II.A. The names of the expert and other witnesses intended to be called at hearing, with a brief narrative summary of their expected testimony.

Complainant has no new witnesses intended to be called at hearing, to be identified at this time. However, pursuant to this Court's February 29, 2012 Prehearing Order at Section II, pp. 3-4, and Section 22.22(a)(1) of the <u>Consolidated Rules of Practice</u>, Complainant reserves the right to move to supplement its current list of witnesses, if necessary.

# **II.B.** Copies of all rebuttal documents and exhibits intended to be introduced into evidence.

Complainant expects to offer the following documents into evidence in rebuttal of assertions or documents presented by Respondent in Respondent's April 30, 2012 Prehearing Exchange:

1. COMPLAINANT"S REBUTTAL EXHIBIT 1: April 27, 1998 Google Earth Pro Partial

Photograph of Unnamed Tributary 1, west of the railroad tracks, showing connection as an active and wet water course between the

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Mauston-New Lisbon Union Airport Site wetlands and the Lemonweir River. This Exhibit is offered in further support (and to more graphically clarify and detail) Complainant's determination of Respondent's liability under Clean Water Act (CWA) Sections 301 and 404. The Exhibit is also offered to rebut Respondent's assertion in its April 30, 2012 Initial Prehearing Exchange at Section II.A., paragraphs 5 and 7, that it can produce witnesses who would testify that Unnamed Tributary 1 was not cleared or cleaned. The Exhibit photograph indicates evidence of dredging and side cast within the Unnamed Tributary 1 channel, i.e., cleaning.

February 14, 2007 copy of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Letter to Mr. Greg Wonderly of New Lisbon, Wisconsin indicating Corps determination that any filling affecting adjacent wetlands to the tributaries of the Lemonweir or Wisconsin Rivers falls under Corps regulation and

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# 2. COMPLAINANT'S REBUTTAL EXHIBIT 2:

requires a CWA Section 404 permit. And, that Wonderly (or a party acting for Wonderly, e.g., Respondent Bollig) had violated the applicable law at a time prior to the actions of the present case. This Exhibit is offered in further support of Complainant's calculation of a proposed penalty under proper factors of the CWA at Section 309.

Greg Carlson (U.S. EPA) and Mr. David Donnelly, Juneau County (WI) Zoning Official dated December 16, 2009. This

3. COMPLAINANT'S REBUTTAL EXHIIBIT 3: U.S. EPA Conversation Record between Mr.

Exhibit is offered to rebut the irrelevant, unsubstantiated, and improper assertion made in Respondent's April 30, 2012 Prehearing Exchange at Section IIA, paragraph 2, pp. 2-3.

4. COMPLAINANT'S REBUTTAL EXHIIBIT 4: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

(WDNR) Conversation Records of Mr. Terrence Kafka, Waste and Nonpoint Source Water Specialist, Wausau Wisconsin and Mr. Doug Wells, Manager, Mauston-New

Lisbon Union Airport dated March 21, 2006. This Exhibit is offered to refute Respondent's assertion that it relied upon information from Mr. Wells indicating that no permit was required for the Airport wetlands, as per a conversation with WDNR. Mr. Kafka is further identified as a witness in Complainant's March 27, 2012 Initial Prehearing Exchange, Section II.A, pp. 4-5.

Copies of these exhibits are attached to this Rebuttal Prehearing Exchange.

Complainant's Rebuttal Prehearing Exchange for <u>In the Matter of Joseph L. Bollig and Sons, Inc.</u> is hereby respectfully submitted.

Respectfully Submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the original and one copy of the attached <u>Complainant's Rebuttal</u> <u>Prehearing Exchange</u>, for <u>In the Matter of Joseph L. Bollig and Sons</u>, Inc., Docket No. CWA-05-2011-0008, was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA, Region 5, and that true, accurate and complete copies of <u>Complainant's Rebuttal Prehearing Exchange</u> were served by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, on Administrative Law Judge M. Lisa Buschmann and Mr. William Curran, Counsel for Respondent, on the date indicated below.

### Administrative Law Judge

The Honorable M. Lisa Buschmann Office of the Administrative Law Judges U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Mail Code 1900L 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20460

#### Counsel for Respondent

William T. Curran, Esq. Curran, Hollenbeck & Orton, SC 111 Oak Street, P.O. Box 140 Mauston, WI 53948-0140

Dated in Chicago, Illinois, this 11 day of Mky, 2012.

Thomas Turner Associate Regional Counsel U.S. EPA - Region 5

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY St. Paul District Corps of Engineers 190 Fifth Street East St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1683

### CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF FEB 1 4 2007

Operations Regulatory (2006-6729-CKK)

Mr. Greg Wonderly N6840 N. Germantown Road New Lisbon, WI 53950

Dear Mr. Wonderly:

It has come to our attention that you, or persons acting for you, may have discharged dredged or fill material into approximately 2 acres of a wetland. We have made a preliminary determination that this wetland is adjacent to an unnamed tributary to the Lemonweir River, a tributary of the Wisconsin River. The project site is located in the NE <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Sec. 10, T.16N., R 3E., Juneau County, Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin River, its tributaries, and the wetlands adjacent to both, are regulated by the Corps of Engineers pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1344). A review of our records indicated that a Department of the Army permit has not been issued for this activity. Section 301 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1311) prohibits discharges of dredged or fill material into Waters of the United States, including most wetlands, unless the work has been authorized by a Department of the Army permit. Persons violating Section 301 are subject to administrative, civil, and criminal penalties under Section 309 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1319). Under the Clean Water Act, restoration of the site to its pre-violation condition may also be required.

You are advised not to perform any additional work that requires Department of the Army authorization without obtaining that authorization.

As per your conversation with Mr. Chris Knotts of our Stevens Point (Plover) field office, you have agreed to voluntarily restore the wetland area by removing the unauthorized fill material. The fill would be removed to an upland location, and the site regraded to pre-existing elevations. Mr. Knotts will contact you this spring to set up an onsite field visit to flag-out the wetland/fill boundaries for this restoration work. It was agreed that the excavated pond shall remain, and that the site shall be fully restored by October 31, 2007.

Please contact us when the work has been completed so we can conduct a compliance inspection. Once the unauthorized material is removed and the area is satisfactorily restored, we will close our case file. Should you fail to restore the waters of the U.S. on the site, we will consider referring the case to the U.S. Department of Justice or the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for enforcement.

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TIME DATE 12-10-09 **CONVERSATION RECORD** -TYPE ROUTING TELEPHONE T VISIT CONFERENCE NAME/SYMBOL INT B-INCOMING Location of Visit/Conference: NAME OF PERSON(S) CONTACTED OR IN CONTACT ORGANIZATION (Office, dept., bureau, TELEPHONE NO: etc.) 608 2010 Uer's Mine SUBJECT ı SUMMARY et 0 1 1 10 Oz 2 C. C ACTION REQUIRED NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION SIGNATURE DATE P ACTION, TAKEN SIGNATURE TITLE DATE OPTIONAL FORM 271 (12-76) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE 50271-101 \$ GPO : 1984 0 - 461-275 (317) CONVERSATION RECORD

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