NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PUBLIC NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT PERMIT FOR A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY UNDER THE NORTH DAKOTA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES

FACILITY NAME: GMHR Acquisitions – Permit 0179

<u>APPLICANT</u>: GMHR Acquisitions

2151 I-94 Business Loop E. Dickinson, ND 58601

BACKGROUND:

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (Department) received a permit application for a modification for GMHR Acquisitions' inert waste landfill, petroleum contaminated soil treatment (composting) facility, waste pile storage areas, and railroad car cleaning area facility.

GMHR currently owns and operates an inert waste landfill, petroleum contaminated soil treatment (composting) facility, waste pile storage areas, and railroad car cleaning area facility, regulated under Permit 0179 on approximately 697 acres located in the Tract I (484 acres) and Tract II (213 acres) in portions of Section 27 and Section 34, Township 131 North, Range 99 West in Bowman County, ND. The main access road and office/shop areas for the facility are located in Tract III (portion of Section 34). A portion of the rail yard is dually located in Tract III. Tract III is not included in the permit application. Full legal descriptions can be found in the Department's records. GMHR is proposing to modify their permit to change their facility name from Gascoyne Material Handling & Recycling, LLC, to GMHR Acquisitions Co., LLC. The facility was first permitted in 1997.

The Department believes that a permit which meets the requirements of the North Dakota Solid Waste Management Rules and is protective of human health and the environment can be issued to GMHR Acquisitions and has prepared a Draft Permit for public review and comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND HEARING

As required by Section 33.1-20-03.1-03 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, the Draft Permit will be available for public review and comment for thirty (30) days following publication of the Public Notice. The public comment period begins September 4, 2024 and ends October 5, 2024. During that period, any interested person may submit written comments and request a public hearing by stating the nature of the specific issues to be raised. A fifteen (15) day notice will be provided before any hearing is scheduled. The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality will consider all comments prior to taking any action on the permit. Comments, questions and written communication should be directed to:

Charles R. Hyatt, Director North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality Division of Waste Management 4201 Normandy Street Bismarck, ND 58503

Comments may also be sent via e-mail to solidwaste@nd.gov.

The Draft Permit and Permit Application are available for review during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Waste Management, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND. A copy of this Public Notice is also on the Department's website at: https://deq.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx

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