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Jana Murphy, reclamation and environmental services manager for the Reclaimed Flambeau Mine, today issued the following statement related to a lawsuit threatened against the mine and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) by long-time mining opponents. The statement is in response to the summary of facts presented by the Wisconsin Department of Justice on behalf of the WDNR to those potential plaintiffs in a letter dated November 10, 2009.

“The State of Wisconsin has presented mining opponents with a very detailed, thorough and accurate summary of the regulations under which our mine operated and complied, and the ongoing environmental monitoring and results from the site. We are pleased that the State has provided this comprehensive summary as it addresses opponents’ main claims from their June 2009 notice of a lawsuit.

“The State’s letter also references a desire by the WDNR to further examine ways to reduce stormwater runoff from the industrial outlot area on Flambeau Mining Company’s property. This outlot area includes a business park with a surface parking lot, and it is not a part of Flambeau’s reclaimed site that received its certificate of completion in 2007. The best management practices being utilized for runoff are in compliance with all regulations and standards, but WDNR would like to discuss additional measures to improve the industrial outlot’s stormwater management near an intermittent stream on our property that leads to the Flambeau River.

“As always, we strive to go above and beyond when it comes to environmental protection on our property, and we will certainly discuss such ideas with the WDNR. If a voluntary change in the management of stormwater runoff from the business park has benefit and is feasible, we will certainly consider it. We also appreciate the State’s clear message that all water management at the business park is within standards and should not be construed differently.

“We thank the State for its thorough response to potential plaintiffs, as it further demonstrates our company’s strict adherence to the state’s environmental regulations and may assist in avoiding costly litigation for all involved.

“We are proud of the Reclaimed Flambeau Mine site, its strong environmental record and the fact that the site is a good example of how mining can and has been done in a responsible and successful manner.”

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