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EQB MONITOR

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: April 4, 2012

Project Title: SAP 034-609-022 Grading, Aggregate Base, Bituminous Base, Curb and Gutter, Storm Sewer and Bridge No. 3552; County State Aid Highway 9

Description: A 2.90 mile portion of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 9 will be reconstructed and realigned beginning 0.11 miles south of CR 90 and heading northeast cross country to and along 37th St NE to CSAH 26. It will then follow the existing alignment of CSAH 9 to 0.45 miles north of CR 93.

RGU: Kandiyohi County Public Works

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Project Title: Johnson Gravel Pit, Roseville Township, Kandiyohi County

Description: The applicant is proposing to mine and process gravel and granular materials from the NE ¼ of Section 31, T122N, R33W, Kandiyohi County, Minnesota, for use in hot-mix asphalt, ready-mix concrete, and aggregate base.

Project Proposer: Duininck, Inc.
Jason Ver Steeg, Director of Engineering
P.O. Box 208
Prinsburg, MN 56281

RGU: Kandiyohi County Environmental Services

Contact Person: Gary Geer
Planning and Zoning Administrator
Kandiyohi County
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Willmar, MN 56201

EIS NEED DECISIONS

The responsible governmental unit has determined the following projects do not require preparation of an EIS. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the EAW notice was published in the *EQB Monitor*.

- City of Kasson, Old Kasson Elementary School Building Demolition, February 2, 2012 (November 28, 2011)
- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Trunk Highway 15/Stearns County State Aid Highway 120 Interchange, Cities of Sartell and St. Cloud, Stearns County, February 20, 2012 (November 28, 2011)

AUAR UPDATE ADOPTED

Project Title: Target North Campus

The City of Brooklyn Park adopted this AUAR Update on February 21, 2012, with Resolution #2012-29. The comment period ended on February 3, 2012. Responses and comments are available for your information. This environmental review will remain valid through February 21, 2017.

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SCOPING DOCUMENT AND DRAFT SCOPING DECISION DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY AND NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Project Title: US 53 – Virginia to Eveleth

Description: A Scoping Document/ Draft Scoping Decision Document (SD/DSDD) has been prepared as part of the federal NEPA and state environmental review processes for the US 53 project. This project is being undertaken in response to MnDOT's receipt of a notice in May 2010 that easement rights for a portion of existing US 53 right-of-way between Virginia and Eveleth are being terminated. The project is located within Saint Louis County, Minnesota.

Mn/DOT prepared the SD/DSDD to describe the alternatives to be studied in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and describe the social, economic, and environmental issues to be studied in the DEIS.

Copies of the SD/DSDD will be available for review at the Virginia Public Library (Virginia, MN), Eveleth Public Library, Gilbert Public Library, Mountain Iron Public Library, Duluth Public Library, Mn/DOT Library (395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul), and the Environmental Conservation Library (in the Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis).

Electronic versions of the documents are available on the MnDOT project web site at:
<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d1/projects/hwy53relocation/>

A Public Scoping Meeting to receive comments on the DEIS Scope will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012. The meeting will be held from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Mountain Iron Community Center at 8586 Enterprise Drive South, Mountain Iron, MN 55768. A formal presentation will be given at 6:00 pm; otherwise, the meeting will be open house format. Written comments must be submitted by close of business (4:30pm) on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 to the contact person listed below.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

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NOTICES**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
ENERGY FACILITY PERMITTING****NOTICE OF DRAFT SITE PERMIT ISSUANCE AND
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

**In the Matter of the Site Permit Application for the Getty Wind Project,
a 40 Megawatt Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Stearns County**

PUC Docket Number: IP-6866/WS-11-831

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Facility Permitting (EFP) staff will hold a public information meeting on the application of Getty Wind Company, LLC (Getty Wind) to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a site permit to build and operate the Getty Wind Project, a 40 megawatt large wind energy conversion system (LWECS) near the city of Sauk Centre, in Getty and Sauk Centre townships.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday, March 20, 2012
6:00 p.m.

Sauk Centre City Hall
320 Oak Street South
Sauk Centre, Minnesota 56378

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information about the project and solicit public comments regarding the site permit application submitted by Getty Wind and the draft site permit issued by the Commission. Getty Wind is wholly owned by 10 Minnesota limited liability companies formed by 18 Minnesota residents for the intent and purpose of owning Getty Wind collectively and developing the Project. EFP staff will provide an overview of the state's wind energy site permitting process and the draft site permit. Representatives of Getty Wind will also be present to answer questions about the proposed project.

EFP staff will accept written comments on the site permit application and draft site permit until 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 4, 2012. Please include PUC Docket No. **IP-6866/WS-11-831** on all comments. Comments should be mailed, e-mailed, or faxed to:

Suzanne Steinhauer
State Permit Manager
Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101-2198
Fax: 651-296-2888
suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us

Comments may also be submitted on the Commission's energy facility permitting website, <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us>.

Project Description. The proposed Getty Wind Project site is located approximately five miles southwest of Sauk Centre and comprises approximately 7,360 acres of agricultural land in Sauk Centre (Section 29-33) and Getty (Sections 4-9, 16-21) townships in Stearns County (see accompanying map). Depending upon final layout, approximately 18 to 32 acres of agricultural land would be permanently converted to turbines and associated infrastructure.

Depending upon turbine models selected, Getty Wind would install between 13 and 26 turbines. Turbine towers would range from 262 to 328 feet (80 to 100 meters), with rotor diameters of 286 to 367 feet (87 to 112 meters), for a total height of 423 to 492 feet (129 to 150 meters). The Project would also require the following associated facilities as identified in the permit application: electric feeder and collection lines, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) communication lines, a project substation, access roads, and up to two permanent meteorological towers.

The Project would interconnect with the electrical grid at Xcel Energy's Black Oak Switching Station. Getty Wind intends to seek a permit from Stearns County for a 69 kV transmission line to connect the Project Substation with Xcel Energy's Black Oak Switching Station and an operations and maintenance building for the Project.

The applicant's goal is to achieve commercial operation by December 31, 2012.

Review Process. EFP staff, on behalf of the Commission, is initiating the permit review process for this project under the Wind Siting Act (Minnesota Statutes 216F) and the Wind Permitting Rules (Minnesota Rules 7854).

Getty Wind filed a site permit application with the Commission on October 11, 2011. The Commission accepted the site permit application as complete on November 14, 2011.

EFP staff solicited comments on issues to be considered in developing a draft site permit for this project, and prepared a draft site permit for consideration by the Commission. On February 23, 2012, the Commission approved the draft site permit for distribution and public comment (Minn. Rules 7854.0900). Upon completion of the comment period, EFP staff will present the record of this matter to the Commission for a final permit decision. Under the LWECS siting process, environmental review is incorporated into the development of the site permit application and the site permit itself; there is no separate environmental review document prepared on the project.

Contested Case Hearing Request. Any person may request a contested case hearing on the site permit proceeding for the Getty Wind Project pursuant to Minnesota Rules 7854.0900. All contested case hearing requests must be filed in writing with the EFP state permit manager by **4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 4, 2012.**

A person requesting a contested case hearing must list the issues sought to be addressed in the hearing and the reason why a contested case hearing is required to resolve those issues. The Commission shall order a contested case hearing if it finds that a material issue of fact has been raised and that the holding of the contested case hearing will aid the Commission in making a final decision on whether to authorize construction of the project.

Eminent Domain. Getty Wind does not have the power of eminent domain to acquire the land or wind rights for the project. Wind and land rights necessary to build the project must be in the form of voluntary easements or lease agreements between individual landowners and Getty Wind.

Project Documents. Electronic versions of the site permit application, the draft site permit, and other documents relevant to this matter are available on the Commission's energy facility permitting website: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=32297>, and on the Commission's eDocket website at: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year "11" and the number "831").

The site permit application and draft site permit are also available at the locations noted below:

<p>Great River Regional Library Bryant Library 430 Main Street South Unit 1 Sauk Centre, MN 56378</p>	<p>City Office in Sauk Centre City Hall 320 Oak Street South Sauk Centre, MN 56378</p>
<p>Stearns County Auditor's Office 705 Courthouse Square Room 148 St. Cloud, MN 56303-4701</p>	

Mailing List. Persons interested in adding their names to the mailing list for this project should contact the state permit manager or the public advisor, or register online at: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us>.

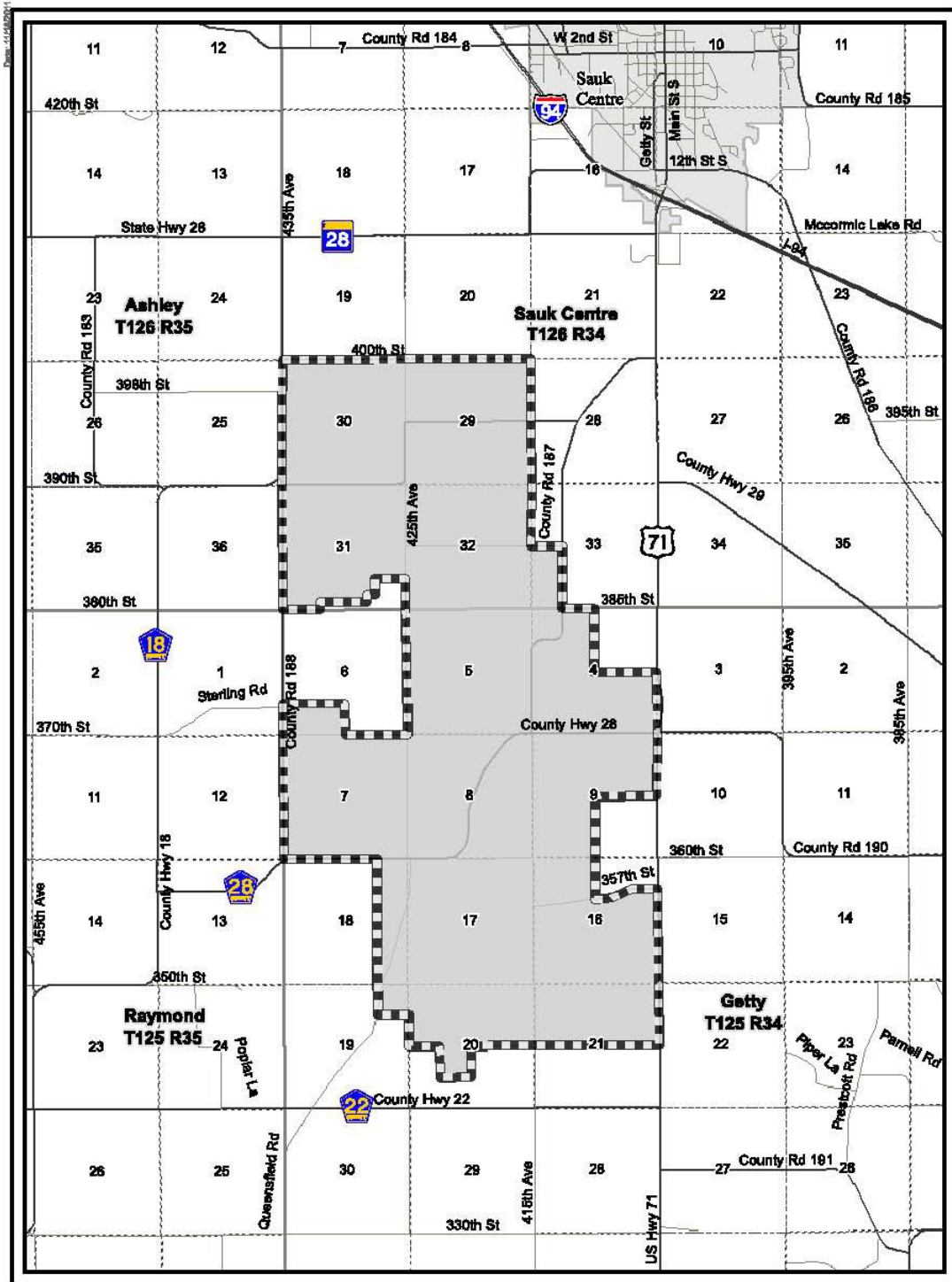
Project Contacts and Information. If you have questions or if you would like more information about the permitting process or this proposed project please contact:

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Requests for copies of the site permit application or questions about the project and site permit application can also be directed to the applicant by contacting Roland Jurgens, at 320-324-7122 or rjurgens@mnioka.com.

This document can be made available in alternative formats (i.e., large print or audio) by calling 651-296-0391 (voice). Persons with hearing or speech disabilities may call us through Minnesota Relay at 1-800-627-3529 or by dialing 711.



MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
12-NO-020	Syngenta	Maize	Herbicide Tolerant	Blue Earth, Mower (2), Rice (2), Dakota, Faribault (2), Goodhue
12-NO-021	Syngenta	Maize	Insect Resistant; Herbicide Tolerant	Blue Earth, Dakota, Faribault (2), Goodhue, Mower (2), Rice (2)
12-NO-022	Syngenta	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerant; Insect Resistant; Nematode Resistant	Dodge, Goodhue, Jackson, Renville, Steele (2)
12-NO-023	Dow AgroSciences	Corn	Herbicide Tolerant; Insect Resistant; Marker Genes	Fillmore
12-NO-024	University of North Texas	Wheat	Fungus Resistant: Fusarium head blight resistant; Marker Genes: Selectable marker; Other: Salicylic acid level reduced	Dakota
12-NO-025	Betaseed	Sugarbeet	Virus Resistant	Carver (2), Chippewa (2), Clay (7), Dakota (2), Goodhue (2), Kandiyohi, LeSeuer, Otter Tail, Polk, Renville (4), Scott (12), Wilken
12-NO-026	Dow AgroSciences	Corn	Herbicide Tolerant	Becker, Cottonwood, McLeod, Otter Tail, Pope, Renville, Sibley, Stearns, Wilkin
12-NO-027	Syngenta	Maize	Insect Resistant; Agronomic Properties: Improved Stress and Drought Tolerance	Blue Earth, Dakota, Faribault (2), Goodhue, Mower (2), Rice (2)
12-NO-028	Monsanto	Soybean	Product Quality: Altered oil composition	Blue Earth, Kandiyohi, Redwood (3), Sibley
12-NO-029	Syngenta	Maize	Agronomic Properties: Improved stress tolerance	Blue Earth, Dakota, Faribault (2), Goodhue, Mower (2), Rice (2)
12-NO-030	Syngenta	Maize	Insect Resistant	Fillmore, Goodhue, Mower (2), Rice, Sherburne
12-NO-031	Syngenta	Maize	Agronomic Properties: Improved stress tolerance	Blue Earth, Dakota, Faribault (2), Goodhue, Mower (2), Rice (2)
12-NO-032	Syngenta	Maize	Agronomic Properties: Improved stress tolerance	Blue Earth, Dakota, Faribault (2), Goodhue, Mower (2), Rice (2)

For more information contact Tina Seeland, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN, 55155, 651-201-6404, tina.seeland@state.mn.us.