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June 5, 2007

Mr. John Axelson  
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**Re: Project Report, Lewis Creek & Little Hoot Gas Plants Reclamation Project**

Dear Mr. Axelson:

The purpose of this letter report is to document the work activities performed by Transportation & Industrial Services, Inc. (TIS) on the above referenced project.

**Project Background**

TIS was contracted by the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) to remove all vertical runs of pipe, conduit, and anchor posts to 3-feet below surface grade; backfill, compact, and grade excavations; and re-vegetate with appropriate grass seed at two former gas plant sites located north of Sterling, Colorado. The former gas plants were known as Lewis Creek Gas Plant and Little Hoot Gas Plant.

**Project Activities**

On Monday, May 14, 2007, the TIS crew, consisting of Michael L. Walker, Project Manager, Daniel Rivas, Project Foreman, Ronald L. Corwin, Environmental Technician II, and Cody D. Race, Environmental Technician II, loaded equipment and drove to the Lewis Creek site, where they met with John Axelson, of COGCC, and Rod Williams, the landowner. A Site Walk and a Safety Briefing were conducted to familiarize the crew with the site and identify possible hazards. Mike Walker then met with the utilities locator and determined that no utilities crossed the site where excavation was to be performed.

All exposed piping was excavated with a backhoe. The vertical runs were cut off with either sawsall or cutting torch. The remaining ends were sealed with grout. The excavations were backfilled, compacted, and graded. One run of pipe was found to contain a petroleum product, which was pumped into a 55-gallon drum for disposal. All piping and bolts protruding from the concrete slabs that were to be left in place were also cut off. The re-seeding had to be postponed until the seed company could get the buffalo grass seed that was requested by the landowner.

By mid-morning Wednesday, May 16, 2007, the TIS crew was done with everything, except re-seeding, at the Lewis Creek site, so the crew mobilized to the Little Hoot site. All exposed piping was excavated, cut off, sealed, and backfilled. The dirt pit was backfilled. All excavations were compacted, graded, and re-seeded with Dry Land Pasture Mix seed, purchased at Lubsack's Feed & Seed Company, 401 Front Street, Sterling, CO., 80216. Friday morning,

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May 18, 2007, the TIS crew returned to the TIS shop at Erie, Colorado and unloaded the equipment.

On May 22, 2007, a TIS crew, consisting of Daniel Rivas, Project Foreman, Cody Race, Environmental Technician II, and Brian Johnson, Environmental Technician II, returned to the Lewis Creek site, after picking up the Sharps Buffalo Grass seed at Lubsack's Feed & Seed. The with Rod Williams, who showed them that, due to heavy overnight rains, some of the areas to be re-seeded were covered with standing water. The crew spread seed on the workable areas, and raked the seed into the topsoil. They left the remaining seed with the landowner and returned to the TIS shop in Erie, Colorado.


Waste Disposal

The drum of petroleum product was hauled back to the TIS shop, where it was stored pending authorization for recycling at a local petroleum facility. After obtaining permission from the facility owner, TIS pumped the drum of petroleum into the recovered oil tank at an Anadarko tank battery located in Weld County. The cut off piping was hauled to Iron & Metals, Inc., 5555 Franklin, Denver, CO 80216 for recycling. The Bill of Lading and weight ticket are attached to this report.

Also attached to this report is a CD-R with project photographs documenting the project activities performed by TIS. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please call me at 303.833.1111.

Sincerely:

**Transportation & Industrial Services, Inc.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary E. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" and last name "Johnson" clearly distinguishable.

Gary E. Johnson  
President

Encl: CD-R with Photos and Report  
Bill of Lading  
Weight Ticket



Photo 1: Exposed risers were dug up for removal.



Photo 2: Remaining piping was sealed with non-shrinking grout.





Photo 3: One line still contained a petroleum product.



Photo 4: The product was pumped into a 55-gallon drum.





Photo 5: Cutting torch was used to cut off tie down anchors.



Photo 6: Removed piping was loaded onto trailer for transport to recycling facility.





Photo 7: View of one area before excavation.



Photo 8: View of same area after excavation, pipe removal, and backfill.





Photo 9: Sharp's Buffalo Grass seed was raked into the topsoil of disturbed areas.



Photo 10: Another area being re-seeded.





Photo 1: Dirt pit before reclamation.



Photo 2: Piping was excavated and risers removed.





Photo 3: Remaining pipe ends were sealed with non-shrinking grout.



Photo 4: Dirt pit was backfilled after pipe removal.





Photo 5: Some piping was shallow enough that the whole line was removed.



Photo 6: Disturbed areas were re-seeded with Dry Land Pasture Mix seed.





Photo 7: The seed was raked into the topsoil.



Photo 8: Removed piping was loaded onto trailer for transport to recycling facility.

*Transportation & Industrial Services, Inc.*





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**TICKET 09998**

Date 5/21

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Price	<u>100</u>
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