BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD LERK'S OFFICE

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

FEB 17 2005

STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

Complainant,

vs.

PCB No. 00-104 (Enforcement)

THE HIGHLANDS, LLC, an Illinois limited liability corporation, MURPHY FARMS, INC., a/k/a MURPHY FAMILY FARMS, a North Carolina corporation, and BION TECHNOLOGIES, INC., a Colorado corporation,

Respondents.

NOTICE OF FILING

To:

Ms. Jane E. McBride Assistant Attorney General Environmental Bureau 500 S. Second Street Springfield, IL 62706 Mr. Charles M. Gering McDermott, Will & Emery 227 West Monroe Street Chicago, IL 60606-5096

W. Tock

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board a Respondent The Highlands LLC's Motion to Strike Plaintiff's First Set of Interrogatories to Respondent The Highlands LLC, a copy of which is herewith served upon you.

February 14, 2005

Jeffrey W. Tock Harrington & Tock 201 W. Springfield Avenue, Suite 601 P.O. Box 1550 Champaign, IL 61824-1550 Telephone: (217) 352-4167



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STATE OF ILLINOIS Pollution Control Board

I hereby certify that I did on February 14, 2005, send by First Class Mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, by depositing in a United States Post Office Box a true and correct copy of the following instruments entitled Respondent The Highlands LLC's Motion to Strike Plaintiff's First Set of Interrogatories to Respondent The Highlands LLC

To: Ms. Jane E. McBride
Assistant Attorney General
Environmental Bureau
500 S. Second Street
Springfield, IL 62706

Mr. Charles M. Gering McDermott, Will & Emery 227 West Monroe Street Chicago, IL 60606-5096

and the original and four copies by First Class Mail with postage thereon fully prepaid of the same foregoing instrument(s):

To: Dorothy Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
State of Illinois Center
100 W. Randolph, Suite 11-500
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Chicago, IL 60601

a copy was also sent by First Class Mail with postage thereon fully prepaid

To: Mr. Brad Holloran, Hearing Officer Illinois Pollution Control Board State of Illinois Center 100 W. Randolph, Suite 11-500 Chicago, IL 60601

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RESPONDENT THE HIGHLANDS, LLC'S MOTION TO STRIKE PLAINTIFFS' FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES TO RESPONDENT THE HIGHLANDS LLC

COMES NOW the Respondent, The Highlands LLC, by its attorneys,

Harrington & Tock, and respectfully moves to strike the Plaintiff's First Set of

Interrogatories to Respondent The Highlands LLC, and, in support thereof, states
as follows:

- The People of the State of Illinois have propounded a First Set of Interrogatories to The Highlands LLC pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 213.
- 2. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 213(c) "a party shall not serve more than 30 interrogatories, including subparts, on any other party, except upon agreement of the parties or leave of court granted upon a showing of good cause. A motion for leave of court to serve more than

- 30 interrogatories must be in writing and shall set forth the proposed interrogatories and the reasons establishing good cause for their use."
- 3. The interrogatories propounded to The Highlands LLC are numbered 1 through 27. However, when each of those interrogatories is actually examined for all of the subparts contained therein, including information requested for each of 347 days identified in Exhibit "A" attached to those interrogatories, the actual number of interrogatories, including all subparts, is over 2,000 separate interrogatories.
- 4. The Plaintiff in this matter has not obtained leave of court and has not shown good cause as to why it is necessary for the proponent to have responses from The Highlands LLC to over 2,000 interrogatories.

WHEREFORE, Respondent The Highlands LLC respectfully prays that Plaintiff's First Set of Interrogatories to Respondent The Highlands LLC be stricken in its entirety.

The Highlands L.L.C. by its attorneys, Harrington & Tock

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Prepared by:

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