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February 14, 2006

Pollution Control Board, Attn: Clerk  
100 West Randolph Street  
James R. Thompson Center, Suite 11-500  
Chicago, Illinois 60601-3218

RE: In the Matter of: Proposal of Vaughan & Bushnell Manufacturing Company of  
Amendment (R06-11)

Dear Clerk of the Pollution Control Board:

Enclosed find ten copies of the summary of proposed testimony to be elicited on behalf of  
Vaughan & Bushnell Manufacturing Company at the Public Hearing scheduled for March 7, 2006  
in the above referenced matter.

If you have any questions regarding this submission, or the contents hereof, please contact  
me. We look forward to your favorable consideration.

Cordially,



Jeremy M. Pelphrey  
Attorney for VAUGHAN & BUSHNELL  
MANUFACTURING COMPANY

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TO: Illinois Pollution Control Board

FROM: Stephen E. Holland, President, Bushnell Economic Development Corporation

DATE: February 14, 2006

I am speaking as President of the Bushnell Economic Development Corporation in support of the proposal of Vaughan and Bushnell Manufacturing Company to be allowed to operate its forging shop on a 24-hour per day basis.

For a town of approximately 3,200 people, Bushnell is very fortunate to have the manufacturing base that we have which currently consists of approximately 550 manufacturing related jobs. Vaughan and Bushnell is by far our biggest employer with approximately 300 employees and any reduction in their employment would have a major negative impact on the City of Bushnell, Illinois.

Vaughan is requesting to be allowed to operate its forge shop on a 24-hour per day basis. Although the City of Bushnell does not have a zoning ordinance, the area where Vaughan is located is primarily industrial with the Burlington Northern Railroad to the east of the forge shop and the smaller Keokuk Junction Railroad located to the south of the forge shop. Very few residences are located in this area. The numerous trains on the Burlington Northern Railroad line, with their constant whistles, create far greater noise and have a far greater impact on the City of Bushnell than Vaughan ever would.

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The primary competition for Vaughan is offshore forging operations, primarily in China. In order for Vaughan to compete, it needs to increase its manufacturing output. The Bushnell Economic Development Corporation believes that the most practical and inexpensive way for Vaughan to do this is by operating its forge shop on a 24-hour per day basis. There would be a far greater community impact on the City of Bushnell if Vaughan outsourced its operations to China than any additional noise that might be caused by the increased forging operation.

With the global economy that we live in today, we all know that many cities, states and countries actively recruit employers, with various incentives, to relocate to their geographic area. Any such relocation by Vaughan, with the consequent reduction in jobs, would have a very negative ripple effect on the City of Bushnell by impacting our retail area, housing, as well as our locally owned City of Bushnell Municipal Gas and Electric Utility. The negative impact to our area would not be limited to just the city limits of Bushnell, Illinois as a number of employees of Vaughan commute from outside the area to Bushnell.

The Economic Development Corporation believes that the addition of employment opportunities to the City of Bushnell by the granting of the proposal before the Illinois Pollution Control Board will be of great value to the community, will allow Vaughan to grow and compete in the present day world markets and remain to be a strong presence in the City of Bushnell.

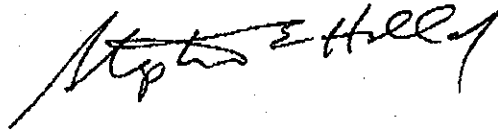
Not only are the employment opportunities created by Vaughan important to the City of Bushnell, but I think it is also important to stress that Vaughan has been a great corporate citizen in the City of Bushnell by strongly supporting virtually every fund raising activity, whether

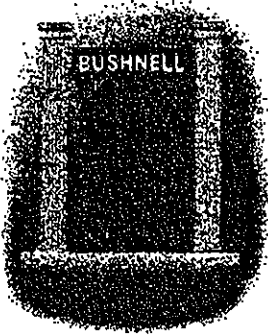
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it be through the City, the Park District, the School District or some other organization. The loss of this potential support would also have another negative impact on the City of Bushnell.

Consequently, the Bushnell Economic Development Corporation strongly supports the request of Vaughan and Bushnell Manufacturing Company to be allowed to operate its forge shop on a 24-hour per day basis.

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February 7, 2006

To: Whom it may concern

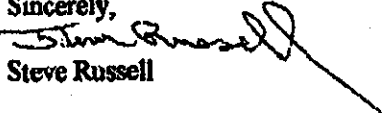
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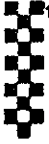
Vaughan and Bushnell Manufacturing Company is a major employer for the City of Bushnell. They employ over 300 people and are looking to expand to keep up with the increased demand for their product. The City of Bushnell is in need of job opportunities since over 50% of the Bushnell-Prairie City Schools students qualify for free and reduced lunches. The Bushnell City Council and myself are unanimously in favor of the request of Vaughan and Bushnell increasing its hours to meet demands for its product.

The City of Bushnell has just been accepted into the enterprise zone in McDonough County in hopes to have existing businesses expand and attract new businesses. It is our hope that Vaughan and Bushnell as well as other manufactures will see the enterprise zone as an opportunity to expand their business and bring more jobs to Bushnell.

We would hate to see Vaughan and Bushnell have to move to another location when the City of Bushnell is in need of job opportunities.

Sincerely,

  
Steve Russell



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# State Representative

## Richard P. Myers

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From: Rep. Rich Myers      Date: 2-13-06

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Re: Hearing Statement      Pages: one

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Notes: Dan,

My statement will reference the importance of Vaughan & Bushnell as part of the industrial base of Bushnell. I will also stress the significance of this industrial base with respect to the loss of jobs as other manufacturers have left the area, and the necessity of the amendment to assist Vaughan & Bushnell in adding to the area employment.

If you have any questions, or suggestions on what my comments should include, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Rich





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## **FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK OF BUSHNELL**

### **SYNOPSIS OF TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL G. STEELMAN**

**RE: SUPPORT OF VAUGHAN & BUSHNELL MANUFACTURING  
COMPANY AMENDMENT TO SITE-SPECIFIC RULE**

**DATED: February 13, 2006**

**The following is a synopsis of the testimony of Michael G. Steelman in support of Vaughan & Bushnell Manufacturing Company Amendment to Site-Specific Rule.**

- Michael G. Steelman is the Chairman and CEO of Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Bushnell, Illinois, a community bank located in Bushnell, Illinois, doing business in Bushnell since its founding in 1913. Michael G. Steelman is also the Secretary and a Director of the Bushnell Economic Development Corporation.
- Farmers and Merchants State Bank is located approximately three blocks from the Vaughan & Bushnell Manufacturing plant.
- A central goal of the Bushnell Economic Development Corporation is the retention and growth of Bushnell's existing businesses, and particularly manufacturing businesses located in the Bushnell community.
- The Bushnell Economic Development Corporation has always worked closely with Vaughan & Bushnell Manufacturing Company, Bushnell's largest employer, in that the economic well-being of Vaughan & Bushnell is crucial to the economic well-being of the City of Bushnell and all of its citizens.

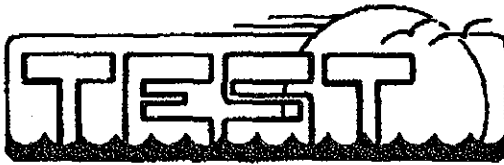
- The City of Bushnell has a unique mix of commercial and retail businesses, all within an approximate six block area of downtown Bushnell, i.e., manufacturing plants are located in the downtown area of Bushnell, Illinois, as well as retail businesses.
- The City of Bushnell has no applicable zoning laws that separate commercial, retail and residential areas of the city.
- The Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railroad operates two tracks directly through the heart of the City of Bushnell, and numerous trains pass directly through the city on a daily basis. Further, TP&W tracks also run near the downtown area of Bushnell, Illinois, with limited railroad services.
- The Farmers and Merchants State Bank and Bushnell Economic Development Corporation fully support the proposal for the operation of three shifts of Vaughan & Bushnell's forge shop on a 24-hour day basis.
- The operation of the forge shop will be less intrusive than the innumerable trains that run directly through the heart of the city of Bushnell on a 24-hour a day basis.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael G. Steelman  
Chairman and CEO





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TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

February 13, 2006

: Statement regarding a Public hearing scheduled for March 7th  
at 10:00 a.m. at Bushnell City Hall.

My name is Daniel Roberts and I am employed by TEST INC., operating  
the City of Bushnell's Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants. I  
currently reside at 123 S. Dean St. in the city of Bushnell, IL.;  
and have lived there for the last 18 years.

I have no objection to Vaughn and Bushnell extending the forge shop  
hours to a 3rd shift. I have not noticed any increase in noise  
level from the factory.

  
Daniel Roberts

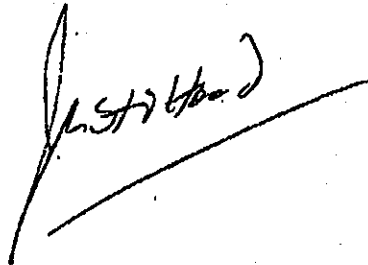
First of all, I'd like to say that not only am I an alderman for this city, I'm also an employee of Vaughan & Bushnell Mfg. Co. So as you can see, I have a double interest in the outcome of this hearing. I feel the importance of Vaughan & Bushnell to receive this variance is the need for the plant to keep up with the demand of the plant for forgings. Without the extra output, it will cause a slowdown throughout the rest of the plant, causing a lack of shippable goods.

Saying this, Vaughan & Bushnell has been a great working partner with the City of Bushnell through the years. I know that without their presence in this city, our economy would suffer greatly. So as you can see, it would benefit the city as well as Vaughan & Bushnell's future in this matter.

THANK YOU  
Mike Howell

February 14, 2006

My name is Justin Hood. I live at 197 W Davis Street in Bushnell. I have no objection to Vaughan & Bushnell adding a third shift in the forge shop. My family and I usually go to bed between 9 and 10 at night. The sounds of the factory don't disturb us at all.

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