BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,) STATE OF ILLINOIS) Pollution Control Board	
Complainant,		
VS.)) PCB No. 07-70	
J. B. TIMMERMANN FARMS, LTD. an Illinois Corporation,) (Enforcement-Water)))	
Respondent.) -)	

NOTICE OF FILING

TO: Andrew J. Nicholas, Assistant Attorney General, State of Illinois, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, 500 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on this date I mailed for filing with the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board of the State of Illinois, an Response to Motion to Dismiss, a copy of which is attached hereto and herewith served upon you.

Dated: Decontract 15, 2008

James Richard Myers, Attorney for J. B. Timmermann Farms, Ltd.

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RESPONSE TO MOTION TO STRIKE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

COMES NOW the Respondent, J. B. Timmermann Farms, Ltd., by and through its attorney, James Richard Myers of LeFevre Oldfield Myers Apke & Payne Law Group, Ltd., and for its Response to the Motion to Strike Respondent's Affirmative Defenses states:

- 1. The Motion alleges that the Affirmative Defenses should be stricken as being both factually and legally deficient.
- 2. The allegations in the Affirmative Defenses are not factually deficient. The detail lacking in the allegations are issues for discovery, not pleading. The pleadings serve to advise the parties of the factual basis for the defenses, which is all that is required by law.
- 3. The affirmative defenses are legally relevant. The Complaint filed in this matter seeks not only a finding of a violation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, but also the assessment of a civil penalty. In determining the appropriate civil penalty to be imposed, the trial court is authorized, but not limited, by section 42(h) of the Act to

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consider the following factors:

(1) the duration and gravity of the violation;

(2) the presence or absence of due diligence on the part of the violator in attempting to comply with requirements of this Act and regulations thereunder or to secure relief therefrom as provided by this Act;

(3) any economic benefits accrued by the violator because of delay in compliance with requirements;

(4) the amount of monetary penalty which will serve to deter further violations by the violator and to otherwise aid in enhancing voluntary compliance with this Act by the violator and other persons similarly subject to the Act; and

(5) the number, proximity in time, and gravity of previously adjudicated violations of this Act by the violator.

415 ILCS 5/42(h) (West 1994). In addition, the court can consider any other factor it chooses as this list is not exclusive. *See People ex rel. Ryan v. McHenry Shores Water Co.*, 295 Ill.App.3d 628, 693 N.E.2d 393 (2d Dist. 1998).

4. The affirmative defenses plead are relevant and material to the issue of the possible imposition of a penalty in this case.

WHEREFORE, the Respondent, J. B. Timmermann Farms, Ltd., respectfully requests that the Board enter an Order denying the Motion to Strike and requiring that a reply be filed within a short date certain.

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Dated: Decom34 0, 2008

J. B. TIMMERMANN/FARMS, LTD. By: James Richard Myers, its Autorney

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I did on December 15, 2008, send by U.S. mail, first class with postage thereon fully prepaid, by depositing in a United Stated Post Office Box a true and correct copy of the following instruments entitled NOTICE OF FILING and RESPONSE TO **MOTION TO DISMISS**

Andrew J. Nicholas Assistant Attorney General State of Illinois Attorney General of the State of Illinois 500 South Second Street Springfield, IL 62706

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

John T. Therriault, Assistant Clerk **Illinois Pollution Control Board** James R. Thompson Center 100 West Randolph, Suite 11-500 Chicago, Illinois 60601

A copy of the Notice of Filing was also sent by First Class Mail with postage thereon fully prepaid to:

Carol Webb Hearing Officer Illinois Pollution Control Board 1021 North Grand Avenue East Springfield, IL 62794

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