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DECLARATION OF DEED RESTRICTIONS FOR CONSERVATION Recorded 30

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THIS DECLARATION OF DEED RESTRICTIONS FOR CONSERVATION ("**Declaration**") is made this 7th day of September, 2021, by Decker's Creek Limestone Company, a West Virginia corporation ("**Grantor**"), having an address at 578 Canyon Road, Morgantown, WV 26508;

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Grantor is the owner of certain real property located in Morgan District, Monongalia County, West Virginia described in a deed of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Monongalia County, West Virginia ("Clerk's Office") in Deed Book 1116 at Page 5, assessed as containing 403.8520 acres, more or less, and 26.2570 acres, more or less, and designated as of the date of this Declaration as TMP 23-0001 and TMP 23-0002, respectively ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, Grantor, having the authority to do so, intends to record this Declaration in the Clerk's Office in order to restrict subsequent disturbance and/or development of certain portions of the surface of the Property depicted on Exhibit A attached hereto ("Conserved Areas") in perpetuity;

WHEREAS, the Conserved Areas possess open space and natural values of great importance to Grantor, the people of Monongalia County, and the people of the State of West Virginia, and all current and future generations of mankind; and

WHEREAS, preservation of the Conserved Areas is consistent with the central objective of the Administrative Order for Compliance in the matter of Greer Industries, Inc. CWA-03-2018-0036DW ("Order"); and

WHEREAS, Grantor agrees that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and their successor agencies (collectively "Third Parties"), are third-party beneficiaries under this Declaration, except that nothing herein creates a property estate, interest, or right in Third Parties or the United States of America with regard to the Conserved Areas;

NOW THEREFORE, Grantor hereby agrees that the Conserved Areas shall be subject in perpetuity to the following covenants and restrictions:



This Declaration shall be a burden upon and shall run with the Conserved Areas, shall apply to only the surface of the Conserved Areas, and shall bind Grantor and its successors and assigns with respect to the Conserved Areas in perpetuity. Grantor shall record this Declaration in the Clerk's Office within sixty (60) days of the date of this Declaration. Grantor shall provide Third Parties with proof of recordation and give notice of this Declaration to current record title holders of easements in the Conserved Areas within thirty (30) days of recording in the Clerk's Office. This Declaration shall not limit, preclude, prohibit, or restrict any development of, drilling for, exploration for, extraction of, mining

of, operation of, production of, recovery of, or removal of any minerals, gaseous, liquid, or solid, including, without limitation, any coal, coalbed methane gas, coal seam gas, gas, hydrocarbons, limestone, non-hydrocarbons, or oil, below, beneath, or underlying the Conserved Areas ("Mineral Operation Activities") so long as such Mineral Operation Activities shall not occur on the surface of the Conserved Areas or the one hundred (100) feet immediately below the surface of the Conserved Areas.

- Except as otherwise contained in Paragraph 3, the following activities are prohibited in the Conserved Areas, except as necessary for the control of alien, invasive, or noxious plant or animal species, or as necessary to accomplish restoration and/or mitigation described in Paragraph 10:
 - a. Removal, excavation, dredging, or disturbance of the surface;
 - b. Dumping of, storage of, or filling with soil, rock, biological material, trash, ashes, garbage, waste, or other materials;
 - c. Draining, impounding, or impairing the flow or circulation, or reducing the reach of waters, including wetlands, or any other discharge or activity requiring a permit under applicable clean water or water pollution control laws and regulations, as amended;
 - d. Installation of structures;
 - e. Placement of pavement or other impervious materials;
 - f. Alteration of the existing pattern of vegetation through removal, destruction, or planting of vegetation;
 - g. Conversion of, or expansion into, any portion of the Conserved Areas for use of agricultural, horticultural, aquacultural, silvicultural, livestock production, or grazing activities. This prohibition also includes conversion from one type of these activities to another (e.g., from agricultural to silvicultural);
 - h. The use of fertilizers, herbicides, or pesticides;
 - i. Removal, clearing, pruning, or mowing of live vegetation, including trees, unless Grantor demonstrates that such removal will result in habitat enhancement or to prevent a safety hazard, and Grantor has received written approval of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection;
 - j. The use of the Conserved Areas to provide required open space for the development or subdivision of another property or to determine any other permissible residential, commercial, or agricultural uses of another property, or any legal or de facto division, subdivision, or portioning of the Conserved Areas;

- k. Any other use of or activity in the Conserved Areas that is inconsistent with the purpose of this Declaration.
- 3. The following activities in the Conserved Areas are not subject to the prohibitions of Paragraph 2:
 - a. Maintenance and improvements to allow continued access to and employment and use of roadways, foot bridges, and trails already in place as long as the displacement of surface water or runoff does not increase; and
 - b. With regard to logging roads and trails, such logging roads and trails are limited to 20-foot wide areas, measured 10 feet on each side of the centerline of the existing travel area of such logging roads and trails, and may be converted or improved as non-permeable surface access roads.
- 4. It is the purpose of this Declaration to assure that the Conserved Areas will be maintained as such and to prevent any unauthorized disturbance and/or development to the Conserved Areas.
- 5. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, this Declaration is subject and subordinate to any existing and duly recorded rights with respect to the Conserved Areas. All structures, infrastructure, as well as all pre-existing easements or other duly recorded rights in the Conserved Areas identifiable through a title search extending to documents placed on record within twenty (20) years prior to the date of this Declaration shall be indicated on Exhibit "A", which is attached to this Declaration, and includes depictions sufficient to identify the boundaries of the Conserved Areas. Grantor certifies that to Grantor's actual knowledge, there are no previously granted easements existing in the Conserved Areas that interfere or conflict with the purpose of this Declaration.
- 6. All mortgages and deeds of trust granted or entered into after the date hereof affecting the Conserved Areas will be subordinate to this Declaration.
- 7. The Conserved Areas are subject to this Declaration. Each deed, title, or other instrument subsequently conveying an interest in the Conserved Areas shall contain a notice stating that the Conserved Areas are subject to this Declaration and shall reference the recorded location of this Declaration and incorporate this Declaration by reference.
- 8. Third Parties shall have the right to:
 - a. enter upon the Conserved Areas for the purpose of inspecting the Conserved Areas to determine compliance with the purposes and terms of this Declaration, or for any other purpose authorized by this Declaration or by the Order. When practicable, such entry shall be upon prior reasonable notice to the property owner. This right of entry is in addition to and does not limit any right of entry otherwise granted by Federal or State law;

- b. take any and all action within the authority of Third Parties within the Conserved Areas necessary to address a situation that poses an immediate risk to health, life, property, or the environment; and
- c. take any and all action within the authority of Third Parties within the Conserved Areas required by Federal or State law.
- Grantor grants to Third Parties a discretionary right to enforce this Declaration. In the event 9. of a breach of this Declaration by Grantor or another party, Third Parties shall notify Grantor of the breach. If Grantor fails to take corrective action within 60 days of such notice, Third Parties may undertake actions to effect such corrective action, including bringing a judicial action against any person(s) or entity(ies) violating or attempting to violate this Declaration; provided, however, that no violation of this Declaration shall result in a forfeiture or reversion of title. In any enforcement action, an enforcing party shall be entitled to a complete restoration for any violation, as well as any other judicial remedy such as civil penalties. The costs of breach, correction and/or restoration, including Third Parties' expenses, court costs, and attorney's fees, shall be paid by Grantor, provided Grantor is determined to be responsible for the breach. Enforcement shall be at the discretion of Third Parties, and no omissions or delay in acting shall constitute a waiver of any enforcement right. These rights are in addition to, and shall not limit, enforcement rights available under other provisions of law or equity, under any applicable permit or certification, or under the Order.
- 10. Grantor, any Defendants to the Order, and/or their agent(s), employee(s), contractor(s), licensee(s), representative(s), and subcontractor(s), shall have the right to enter upon the Conserved Areas for the purpose of performing any work advisable, incidental, necessary, prudent, or required by a restoration or mitigation plan approved under the Order, including construction, planting, maintenance, monitoring, long-term management, or any other restoration, enhancement, or mitigation work specified therein, provided such work is conducted in accordance with such approved plan.
- 11. Grantor reserves to itself, its successors or assigns, all rights as owner of the Property, including the right to engage in all uses of the Conserved Areas not inconsistent with the purpose and terms of this Declaration.
- 12. Grantor shall provide the Defendants to the Order and Third Parties written notice of any transfer or change in ownership of, or of the execution of any subsequent easement affecting, any portion of the Conserved Areas, including but not limited to the name and address of the new owner at least thirty (30) days subsequent to the transfer or change in ownership or execution of such easement.
- 13. Grantor agrees that this Declaration shall be expressly referenced in any subsequent deed, subdivision deed, lease, sub-lease, or other legal instrument by which Grantor divests itself of any estate or interest in any portion of the Conserved Areas and that such reference shall expressly state that the Conserved Areas are burdened and encumbered by this Declaration. Notwithstanding the failure of Grantor to include the foregoing reference in any subsequent

- instrument, this Declaration shall run with the Conserved Areas and be binding upon Grantor's assigns and successors.
- 14. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, any modification or termination of this Declaration shall require the prior written approval of Third Parties. Modifications to this Declaration must be in writing, and must be consistent with the conservation purposes of this Declaration. Grantor shall record any modification or termination of this Declaration in the Clerk's Office within sixty (60) days of executing such a modification or termination. Grantor shall provide the Defendants to the Order and Third Parties with proof of recordation within thirty (30) days of recording in the Clerk's Office.
- 15. For any modification accomplished under Paragraph 14, Grantor shall modify this Declaration by preparing and submitting to the Clerk's Office:
 - a. A revised plan and metes and bounds description for the area(s) to be preserved under this Declaration (hereinafter the "Modification Documents"); and
 - b. A Modified Declaration of Deed Restrictions that reflects the modifications to this original Declaration, the justification for the modification, and that also includes the deed book and page of the title deed for the property or properties subject to the modified Declaration set forth in the Modification Documents.
- 16. Grantor shall record the documents listed in Paragraph 15, above, in the same manner and place as this original Declaration was recorded.
- 17. This Declaration does not and shall not be construed or deemed to dedicate the Conserved Areas for enjoyment or use by any party other than Grantor and shall not create or vest a property estate, interest, or right in any party other than Grantor.
- 18. Miscellaneous.
 - a. The laws of the State of West Virginia shall govern the interpretation and performance of this Declaration.
 - b. If any provision of this Declaration or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid, the remainder of the provisions of this Declaration, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is found to be invalid, as the case may be, shall not be affected thereby.
 - c. Should there be more than one Grantor, the obligations imposed by this Declaration upon each Grantor shall be joint and several.

- d. The covenants, terms, conditions and restrictions of this Declaration shall continue as a servitude running in perpetuity with the Conserved Areas.
- e. The captions in this Declaration have been inserted solely for convenience of reference and are not a part of this Declaration and shall have no effect upon construction or interpretation.
- f. The covenants, terms, conditions, restrictions and purposes imposed by this Declaration shall not only be binding upon Grantor while it owns the Conserved Areas but also upon its agents, personal representatives, executors, assigns and all other successors to it in interest, and shall continue as servitudes running in perpetuity with the Conserved Areas.
- 19. Any notice, demand, request, consent, approval or communication under this Declaration shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested or reliable overnight courier, addressed as follows:

To Grantor:

J. Robert Gwynne
Executive Vice President
Greer Industries, Inc.
P.O. Box 1900
Morgantown, WV 26507-1900

To the Defendants to the Order:

J. Robert Gwynne
Executive Vice President
Greer Industries, Inc.
P.O. Box 1900
Morgantown, WV 26507-1900

To Third Parties:

TO EPA:

(1) Pamela J. Lazos
Senior Assistant Regional Counsel
Water and General Law Branch
Office of Regional Counsel
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
MC 3RC20
1650 Arch St.
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

(2) Katelyn Almeter
Clean Water Act, Section 404
Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division
Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
3ED31
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

TO THE CORPS:

Dana M. Adipietro Assistant District Counsel U.S. Army Corps of Engineers William S. Moorhead Federal Bldg. 1000 Liberty Ave., Fl. 22 Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Scott A. Hans Section Chief Regulatory Branch U.S. Army Corps of Engineers William S. Moorhead Federal Bldg. 1000 Liberty Ave., Fl. 20 Pittsburgh, PA 15222

20. A party may change the address or person to whom notices to it are required to be given by notice given in the manner above provided.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has set its hand and seal on the day and year first above written, and directs that this Declaration be recorded in the Clerk's Office.

Decker's Creek Limestone Company, a West Virginia corporation

By:

Name: JCRobert Gwynne

Title: Executive Vice-President

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA **COUNTY OF MONONGALIA**

Be it remembered that on this day of subscriber, a Notary Public, personally appeared: J. Robert Gwynne, in his capacity as Executive Vice-President of Decker's Creek Limestone Company, a West Virginia corporation, and he thereupon acknowledged that he signed the foregoing instrument in such capacity, and that said instrument is the voluntary act of deed of said corporation.

Printed Name:

Notary Public of West Virginia

My Commission Expires:

OFFICIAL SEAL **NOTARY PUBLIC** STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA Debra Christopher PO Box 1900 Morgantown, WV 26507-1900 My Commission Expires March 2, 2025

This instrument was prepared by:

Reeder & Shuman Robert Louis Shuman Post Office Box 842 Morgantown, West Virginia 26507-0842

EXHIBIT A

DEPICTION OF CONSERVED AREAS

Pre-existing easements or other duly recorded rights in the Conserved Areas identifiable through a title search extending to documents placed on record within twenty (20) years prior to the date of this Declaration-

- 1. The easement or right of way conveyed to Clinton Water Association, Inc. by The Marquette Company by the instrument dated July 29, 1986, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Monongalia County, West Virginia in Deed Book 948 at Page 70.
- 2. The easements or rights of way conveyed to Consolidated Gas Supply Corporation by Marquette Cement Manufacturing Company, now Marquette Company, by the instrument dated December 14, 1982, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Monongalia County, West Virginia in Deed Book 875 at Page 667.
- 3. The easement or right of way conveyed to Consolidated Gas Supply Corporation by Marquette Company by the instrument dated February 27, 1979, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Monongalia County, West Virginia in Deed Book 820 at Page 588.
- 4. The easement or right of way conveyed to Consolidated Gas Supply Corporation by Marquette Cement Manufacturing Company by the instrument dated April 27, 1971, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Monongalia County, West Virginia in Deed Book 711 at Page 161.
- 5. The easement or right of way conveyed to Phillips Petroleum Company by Marquette Cement Manufacturing Company by the instrument dated February 12, 1968, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Monongalia County, West Virginia in Deed Book 676 at Page 400.









































