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TO
MONTANA BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
2535 ST. JOHNS AVENUE
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REQUEST FOR TRADE SECRET EXEMPTION

1. Classification of Requesting Party
☐ Operator ☒ Service Company ☐ Other – Specify _____
2. Full name of the Owner, Operator, or Service Company SECURE Specialty Chemicals USA LLC
3. Address 1925 Pyrite Rd, Casper, WY 82604 403-493-9695
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code) (Telephone Number)
4. 82-10-603, MCA requires that an owner, operator, or service company provide the complete disclosure of fracturing fluid. This must include the chemical compound name and the chemical abstracts service (CAS) registry number of the ingredients, including any hazardous components listed on a material safety data sheet as defined in 50-78-102, MCA, the product name, and the type of additive used. In limited situation the identity of the components of the fracturing fluid may be exempt from public disclosure as a "trade secret" under the criteria in 30-14-402, MCA.

I am requesting that the identity of a fracturing fluid component qualify for non-disclosure as a trade secret.

Chemical Family associated with the Chemical Constituent Iron Control

In order to claim that the identity of the fracturing fluid component is entitled to protection as a trade secret, I understand that I must provide specific information regarding each of the questions set forth in the MBOGC Trade Secret Guidelines. I have attached separate pages setting forth information in response to the questions set forth in the Guidelines.

CERTIFICATE

I declare under penalties of perjury that this request and supporting information have been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge are true, correct and complete.

Signature

Tanya Forster Sr. Technical Advisor

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APPROVED: ☒ Yes☐ No

Signature

Title

Date

Montana Trade Secret Exemption Request for SlickFix-WX

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Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

2535 St. Johns Avenue

Billings, Montana 59102

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Re: SlickFix-WX request for trade secret exemption

Dear Ben Jones:

SECURE Specialty Chemicals USA LLC requests that the Board withhold the specific SlickFix-WX formulation information identified in the full disclosure from the disclosure otherwise required by 82-10-603, MCA, on the ground that it constitutes trade secrets as defined in 30-14-402, MCA. The request is [REDACTED]. The product name, Iron Control function, proposed loading, and the existence of water and methanol are not claimed as secrets.

This is the third related SlickFix-family trade secret submission. Related trade secret applications have been approved by the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission and the Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Commission. The Wyoming approval is file 21-30-001, approved May 19, 2021, with a follow up extension granted June 3, 2024 for protection through May 18, 2027.

The package is organized to include the materials requested by the Board: the completed Request for Trade Secret Exemption form, separate written responses to Questions 1 through 5 of the MBOGC Trade Secret Guidelines, a full unredacted disclosure, a redacted public-facing disclosure, product SDS, and supporting Wyoming records.

Completed Request for Trade Secret Exemption form, to be signed and submitted in duplicate.

- Full unredacted disclosure containing the complete formulation and confidential supporting explanation.
- Redacted public-facing disclosure identifying the product, Iron Control classification, water, and methanol while withholding the protected information.
- Wyoming Form 22 acceptance and June 3, 2024 extension confirmation, attached as supporting records.
- SlickFix-WX SDS.

Please contact me with any questions about this filing.

Taryn Forster, PhD, Sr. Technical Advisor

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Redacted Disclosure

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This full disclosure provides the complete information requested by the Board and supports SECURE's request to protect [REDACTED].

Product and use**Product:** SlickFix-WX.**Use:** Iron control additive for hydraulic fracturing operations.**Intended users:** Multiple oil and gas operators.**Proposed loading:** 0.35 to 1.4 gpt, meaning gallons of product per 1,000 gallons of fracturing fluid.**Formulation objective:** A winterized, stable liquid with a freeze point below -40 F and months-scale stability.**pH:** [REDACTED]**Flash point:** 95 °F. (35 °C). Closed Cup estimated.**Industry status:** SlickFix-WX is newly formulated and has not been pumped or used in industry.**Question 1 Public disclosure and investigation**

The constituent family has been the subject of granted trade secret requests in Wyoming (Approval number: 21-30-001) and Colorado (Chemical Product Registration: 404697134). [REDACTED]

I conducted a targeted review of the public sources relevant to SlickFix-WX, including FracFocus disclosure resources, the ECHA substance search, the NIST Chemistry WebBook, public SECURE materials, public trade publications, and the 2026 SPE paper supplied with the background materials. Search terms included SlickFix, SlickFix-NF, SlickFix-WX, SlickFix-W, [REDACTED]. The searches were performed on September 16, 2026.

The review did not identify a public disclosure [REDACTED] The review also did not identify a FracFocus, ECHA, or NIST entry using the SlickFix-WX or SlickFix-NF trade names or identifying the complete WX formulation or its protected active.

The FracFocus review did not identify the active or complete WX formulation under [REDACTED], or the trade names SlickFix, SlickFix-NF, SlickFix-W, and SlickFix-WX. The ECHA and NIST searches likewise did not identify a matching record for the WX active or complete formulation.

A patent family owned by SECURE's parent company discloses [REDACTED]

Separately, FDA Food Contact Notification [REDACTED]

The public SECURE SlickFix materials describe the general Iron Control and production-enhancement function and related field history. The 2026 SPE paper (spe-230640-ms) describes related SlickFix work but does not identify SlickFix-WX, disclose its active identity, or disclose its formulation. Public materials concerning [REDACTED] in non-oilfield applications likewise do not disclose the composition of any SECURE product.

Other than the public information described above, SECURE is aware of no disclosure of the SlickFix-WX constituent identity, [REDACTED]. The Wyoming and Colorado filings were protected filings and did not publicly disclose the withheld information.

For internal company knowledge, I relied on my direct knowledge as the technical advisor and product developer, relevant product-development records, the controlled-access structure described in Question 2, and the review of public materials. The review was directed to personnel and records relevant to the formulation; it was not a general employee survey. No customer, operator, competitor, or general industry audience has received the exact WX formulation. The only authorized external recipient is a third-party toll blender, which receives the formulation under legal confidentiality protections solely for preparation of the product.

Question 2 Internal knowledge and protection measures

The exact SlickFix-WX formulation is maintained in internally protected company databases. Access is controlled by [REDACTED]. The formulation is not maintained as an openly accessible laboratory or production document.

Knowledge is limited to [REDACTED].

All employees execute nondisclosure agreements as a condition of employment. Employees, officers, directors, advisors, contractors, and other authorized persons are subject to contractual and legal confidentiality obligations. Those protections include confidentiality provisions and nondisclosure agreements where appropriate, including blanket legal protections and NDAs [REDACTED]

The company has not disclosed [REDACTED] to customers, operators, competitors, or the industry. Samples of related SlickFix products have been handled only under confidentiality protections. [REDACTED]

Question 3 Prior determinations and requests

To my knowledge, no federal or state entity has determined that the identity, concentration, or specific SlickFix-WX formulation is not entitled to trade-secret protection. This is the third related SlickFix-family submission, and SECURE is disclosing the following favorable prior regulatory history.

The Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission approved a trade-secret request for the related SlickFix product under file 21-30-001 on May 19, 2021. The Wyoming record identifies the use as Iron Control. A June 3, 2024 WOGCC email confirms that the protection was extended through May 18, 2027. [REDACTED]

Colorado ECMC has also approved a related SlickFix trade-secret filing with Chemical Product Registration: 404697134 where the only disclosed ingredient is water. That approval is cited as additional regulatory precedent for protecting related formulation information and for the Iron Control classification. The present request concerns the distinct SlickFix-WX formulation.

[REDACTED]

Question 4 Commercial value and unusual aspects

The exact SlickFix-WX formulation has substantial commercial value to SECURE because it provides a winterized version of the SlickFix technology for use by multiple operators in cold-weather hydraulic fracturing operations. [REDACTED]

SlickFix-WX is a distinct improved formulation [REDACTED]

The active chemistry is valuable because it addresses iron interactions and residual friction-reducer polymers through [REDACTED].

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The product family has been developed through more than five years of industry experience, testing, and formulation work. SECURE acquired Raptor Innovations for this technology. Thousands of formulations and adjustments were evaluated to address stability, reactivity, corrosion, precipitation, freeze point, and performance issues. [REDACTED]

Related SlickFix work and the active chemistry have demonstrated performance and commercial value, including the public 2026 SPE paper. SlickFix-WX itself has not been pumped in industry, so SECURE is not claiming field results for WX. The present commercial value is the proprietary formulation, development investment, anticipated multi-operator use, and technical performance demonstrated through formulation and stability work.

Question 5 Difficulty of determining the complete composition

The complete SlickFix-WX composition cannot be reliably determined from the public product description, public SDS information, or the public databases searched. Those materials do not disclose [REDACTED]

The active is present in [REDACTED]

The principal risk addressed by this request is the linkage between public information and the commercial product. Publication of the [REDACTED]

A systems-approach disclosure would not adequately protect SECURE's proprietary interest. [REDACTED]

SlickFix-WX is a [REDACTED]

Chemical family designation requested for publication

If the Administrator determines that the specific chemical compound information and associated CAS number are exempt from disclosure, SECURE requests that the chemical family name made available to the public in lieu of the specific compound name and CAS number be Iron Control. This is the same family designation approved by the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission for the related SlickFix constituent under file 21-30-001, and SECURE requests consistency across jurisdictions.

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Redacted Public Disclosure

This redacted disclosure identifies the information that may be made public while withholding the specific information claimed as a trade secret.

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Product: SlickFix-WX.

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Additive type: Iron Control.

Proposed loading: 0.35 to 1.4 gpt,

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Public ingredient disclosure

Ingredient in finished product	CAS Registry Number	Concentration by weight
Iron Control	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Methanol	67-56-1	20 - <30%
Water	7732-18-5	[REDACTED]

The withheld information consists of [REDACTED]. The public disclosure does not withhold the product name, Iron Control classification, proposed loading, or the identities of water and methanol.