NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT OF 1970- CEQA)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

- 1. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern has approved the following project in the County of Kern, State of California:
 - a. Applicant or sponsoring Agency or Department: Blackwell Test Facility, LLC by QK Inc. (PP24147);
 - b. Name of Project: Conditional Use Permit Case No. 14, Map 28;
 - c. Street Address/Cross-Street of Project: Approximately 1.5 miles east of the State Route 33 and State Route 46 intersection, north of State Route 46 (APN: 057-250-15)

Map of Project (if no street address): Attached

- d. Description of Project: A Conditional Use Permit for the construction and operation of a 2.0-Megawatt (MW) battery energy storage system facility and associated infrastructure (Section 19.12.030.G) on an approximate 6.7-acre site in an A (Exclusive Agriculture) District
- 2. Approval Summary of Proceedings:

Adoption date June 18, 2024, Item No. CA 4 2:00 p.m.

3. The Board of Supervisors has determined that, under the provisions of Section 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the action is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines concerning the evaluation of projects, further environmental review, and the preparation and review of environmental documents. Therefore, no environmental documents were required for consideration of the action taken.

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