

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A PETITION BY WHITE SPRINGS AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS, INC., AN INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF NUTRIEN, LTD., FOR RENEWAL OF SPECIAL PERMIT 03-1 FOR PHOSPHATE MINING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 14.7.2, PART 5.C(5) OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AND SECTION 3.A.1 OF RESOLUTION 2003-05 (SPECIAL PERMIT 03-1); REPEALING RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 1. Findings of Fact

WHEREAS, White Springs Agricultural Chemicals, Inc., an indirect subsidiary of Nutrien, Ltd., (hereinafter “WSA”) is the owner/operator of a phosphate mining operation in Hamilton County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Master Mining Plan and Special Permit 03-1 for WSA’s operations under Section 14.7.2 of the Land Development Regulations of Hamilton County was approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County by Resolution 2003-5 on February 18, 2003, and was subsequently amended by Resolution 2005-19 on September 6, 2005, Resolution 2013-02 on January 22, 2013 and Resolution 2023-01, on February 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 14.7.2 of the Hamilton County Land Development Regulations and Section 3.A.1 of Resolution 2003-5, on March 18, 2008, August 20, 2013, and May 15, 2018, the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 08-05, Resolution 13-14, and Resolution 2018-12, respectively, approving the 2007, 2012 and 2017 applications of WSA for five-year renewal of Special Permit 03-01, as amended; and

WHEREAS, also pursuant to Section 14.7.2 of the Hamilton County Land Development Regulations and Section 3.A.1 of Resolution 2003-5, in 2022 WSA timely filed an application with Hamilton County for five-year review and renewal of Special Permit 03-1; and

WHEREAS, the County retained the services of a qualified consultant who conducted an independent evaluation of the status of compliance with Section 14.7.2 of the Hamilton County