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TEMPORARY VARIANCE PERMIT APPROVAL

**Expires: Midnight on February 18, 2021, or Upon Completion of the Project
(whichever occurs first)**

**Pulses America, Inc.
Variance Permit
Application**

Case No. WM-20-367

Issued To:

Pulses America, Inc.
301 S. Potato Rd.
Northwood, ND 58267

Scale Location:

Pulses America, Inc.
301 S. Potato Rd.
Northwood, ND 58267

Scale Information:

Rice Lake Weighing Systems ATV Portable Truck Scale, Serial Number TBD, 160,000 lb.
Capacity, 11' x 70'

Variance Permit Request Received August 13, 2020:

To operate a portable pitless scale in commerce.

Temporary Variance Permit Conditions:

- The scale will not be used beyond its 160,000 lb. capacity.
- During the temporary variance permit period, the scale must maintain acceptance tolerance.
- Once every three months from the date of being placed into service by a registered service company, the scale must be retested and adjusted by a registered service company. The three-month test reports must be submitted to the Commission.
- The service company test report must include both the "as found" and "as left" readings. *The placing in service test report MUST include the scale serial number.*
- Except for the specific variance granted by Permit Number 536, the scale must be operated according to all applicable North Dakota Laws and Rules.

- The enclosed variance permit must be posted near the designated scale in a place clearly visible to the public.
- Failure to comply with the variance permit conditions may result in revocation.
- At least thirty days prior to the expiration date of this variance permit, if the scale is going to be used in commerce beyond the expiration date, you must make written request for an extension and ensure that the approach requirements referenced below will be met prior to the expiration date of this variance permit. The request must include the service company test reports for the installation and subsequent retests performed during the temporary variance permit period.

We must also notify you that a portable pitless scale that is in a location for **6 months or more** must meet approach requirements found in North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-10-02-09 and NIST Handbook 44 UR.2.6.1 as follows:

On the entrance and exit ends of the vehicle scale there shall be a straight approach as follows:

- the width at least the width of the platform,
- the length of twelve feet or a distance equal to one-third of deck length, whichever is greater, beginning in a level plane with the surface of the scale deck, and
- the first twelve feet of the straight approach from the scale must be of metal or concrete to ensure that this portion remains smooth and level and in the same plane as the platform. Metal grating must be of sufficient strength to withstand all loads equal to the concentrated load capacity of the scale. Any slope of the remaining portion of the straight approach away from the scale deck may not exceed one-third inch [8.47 millimeters] per foot [30.48 centimeters].
- any slope in any remaining portion of approaches beyond the straight approach shall ensure ease of vehicle access, ease for testing purposes, and drainage away from the scale.

If you have any further questions, or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at (701) 328-4097.

Dated August 18, 2020



Konrad Crockford, Director
Compliance Division

Enclosure



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Issued To:

Permit No. 536

Pulses America, Inc.
301 S. Potato Rd.
Northwood, ND 58267

Scale Location:

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301 S. Potato Rd.
Northwood, ND 58267

Scale Information:

Rice Lake Weighing Systems ATV Portable Truck Scale, Serial Number TBD, 160,000 lb.
Capacity, 11' x 70'

This Permit allows the above referenced **portable pitless scale to be operated in commerce.**

This Permit is conditioned upon Pulses America, Inc. adhering to the terms of the August 18, 2020 Temporary Variance Permit Approval.

Dated August 18, 2020

Konrad Crockford, Director
Compliance Division