

STATE LEASE

MF106048

#	LeaseDate	Acres	Status	CONTROL	BASEFILE	COUNTY
A	Oct 01 2005	166.40	ACTIVE	07-109345	94106 -	REEVES /195
B	Oct 01 2005	122.51	ACTIVE			
C	Oct 01 2005	51.20	ACTIVE	SURVEY	: T & P RY CO	
D	Oct 01 2005	38.41	ACTIVE	BLOCK	: 57	
F	Oct 01 2005	38.40	ACTIVE	TOWNSHIP	: 03S	

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DATE 10-1-10LEASING BD

MAPS

GIS RGRentals: MSLease DB

Admin:

Mineral JAMaps: JP

SECTION/TRACT: 4

PART :

ACRES : 640.00

DEPTH LIMITS : NO

LESSEE : JACK E. BLAKE, JR & MICHAEL J.

LEASE DATE : Oct 01 2005

PRIMARY TERM : 5 yrs

BONUS (\$) : 0.00

RENTAL (\$) : 0.00

ROYALTY : 0.12500000

VAR ROYALTY :

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From: <Navoil@aol.com>
To: <drew.reid@glo.state.tx.us>
Date: 11/11/2005 12:36:01 PM
Subject: Request for approval of terms, Fortune OGL to Jack Blake, Jr., et al, Reeves, TX

Please confirm terms are acceptable to the state by return E-mail. We had verbal approval at \$300 NMA/ 5 yr. w/ rentals escalating prior to 3rd anniversary to \$200/ NMA/ 22.50% Royalty. However, we increased our royalty on these to 1/4th. Thanks Drew. Have a good weekend.

Jack

Jack E. Blake, Jr.
Navigator Oil & Minerals, Inc.
Tel. 432-682-9585
Fax 432-684-4621
Mail: P.O. Box 10184
Midland, Texas 79702
Physical: 400 N. Main
Midland, Texas 79701

Forwarded Message:

Subj: Fortune Leases, Reeves Co., Texas Date: 10/26/2005 10:42:32 A.M.
Central Standard Time From: _Navoil_ (mailto:Navoil) To:
ddrew.reid@glo.state.tx.us (mailto:ddrew.reid@glo.state.tx.us) CC: _MJDANRPC_
(mailto:MJDANRPC)

Drew,

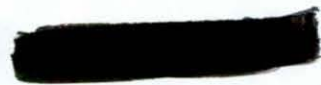
Pursuant to Mike Daniel's conversation (2) weeks ago, these are leases that we have sent out Section 4, Block 57, T-3, T&P R.R., Reeves Co., Texas. Terms are \$300/ NLA for (3) years w/ escalated rentals \$200/ NLA prior to 3rd anniversary. Mary and I enjoyed seeing you and meeting Jessie.

Best regards,

Jack

CC: <MJDANRPC@aol.com>, <Navoil@aol.com>

*Contact - 715
Trans. - 4983*



1.
File No. MF106048

Email

Date Filed: 11/11/05

Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner

By [Signature]

RAL REVIEW SHEET

Transaction # 4983
 Lessor: Blake, Jr., Jack, et al
 Lessee: Fortune OGL

Geologist: R. Widmayer
 Lease Date: 11/15/2005 ☐ ~~UL~~
 Acres: 640

LEASE DESCRIPTION

County	PIN#	Base File No	Part	Sec.	Block	Twp	Survey	Abst#
REEVES	640 Ac. [REDACTED]	94106	ALL	4	57	03S	T & P RY CO	2465

TERMS OFFERED

Primary Term: 5 years
 Bonus/Acre: \$300.00
 Rental/Acre: \$1.00
 Royalty: 1/4

TERMS RECOMMENDED

Primary Term: 5 years
 Bonus/Acre: \$300.00
 Rental/Acre: \$1.00
 Royalty: 1/4

COMPARISONS

MF #	Lessee	Date	Term	Bonus/Ac.	Rental/Ac.	Royalty	Distance
							Last Lease

Comments: 4th year rental will be \$200.00 per acre.

Approved: PAB 11.16.05

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File No. MT 706048

BKR Review

Date Filed: 11/16/05

Jerry F. Patterson, Commissioner

by [Signature]



NAVIGATOR OIL & MINERALS, INC.

Oil Exploration & Development

January 29, 2006

Mr. Drew Reid
General Land Office of Texas
P.O. Box 12873
Austin, Texas 78711-2873

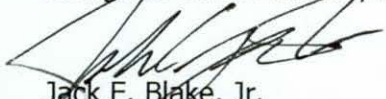
Re: Mineral Classified Leases
Reeves Counties, Texas

Dear Drew,

Certified Copies of Mineral Classified Oil and Gas Leases and checks totaling \$98,015.06 detailed on the attached Check Request are enclosed. Thank you kindly for your efforts in this matter.

Yours truly,

Navigator Oil & Minerals, Inc.



Jack E. Blake, Jr.
President

MINERAL CLASSIFIED LEASE PAYMENTS, REEVES CO., TEXAS
FORTUNE LEASE, ALL SEC. 4, BLOCK 57, T-3, T and P R.R.

PAYEE NAME/ ADDRESS	FOR	LEASE BONUS	PROCESSING FEE	FILING FEE	CHECK #1 TOTAL	PRE-PAID DELAY RENTALS	CHECK #2 TOTAL	TOTAL COST
STATE OF TEXAS P.O. Box 12873 Austin, Texas 78711-2873	640 acre Linda F. Spires OGL dated 10-1-2005, Reeves Co., Texas	\$ 5,760.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 5,885.00	\$ 38.40	\$ 38.40	\$ 5,923.40
STATE OF TEXAS P.O. Box 12873 Austin, Texas 78711-2873	640 acre Gayle Walker OGL dated 10-1-2005, Reeves Co., Texas	\$ 5,760.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 5,885.00	\$ 38.40	\$ 38.40	\$ 5,923.40
STATE OF TEXAS P.O. Box 12873 Austin, Texas 78711-2873	640 acre Tobi Stepan OGL dated 10-1-2005, Reeves Co., Texas	\$ 5,760.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 5,885.00	\$ 38.40	\$ 38.40	\$ 5,923.40
STATE OF TEXAS P.O. Box 12873 Austin, Texas 78711-2873	640 acre Terry Fortune OGL dated 10-1-2005, Reeves Co., Texas	\$ 7,680.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 7,805.00	\$ 51.20	\$ 51.20	\$ 7,856.20
STATE OF TEXAS P.O. Box 12873 Austin, Texas 78711-2873	640 acre Doyle Foster Goodspeed, Jr., OGL dated 10-1-2005, Reeves Co., Texas	\$ 5,485.50	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 5,610.50	\$ 36.58	\$ 36.58	\$ 5,647.08
STATE OF TEXAS P.O. Box 12873 Austin, Texas 78711-2873	640 acre Joe Bayne Goodspeed OGL dated 10-1-2005, Reeves Co., Texas	\$ 5,485.50	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 5,610.50	\$ 36.58	\$ 36.58	\$ 5,647.08



MINERAL CLASSIFIED LEASE PAYMENTS, REEVES CO., TEXAS
FORTUNE LEASE, ALL SEC. 4, BLOCK 57, T-3, T and P R.R.

STATE OF TEXAS P.O. Box 12873 Austin, Texas 78711-2873	640 acre Houston Goodspeed OGL dated 10-1-2005, Reeves Co., Texas	\$	18,376.50	\$	100.00	\$	25.00	\$	18,501.50	\$	122.52	\$	122.52	\$	18,624.02
STATE OF TEXAS P.O. Box 12873 Austin, Texas 78711-2873	640 acre Mary Jane Rogers OGL dated 10-1-2005, Reeves Co., Texas	\$	5,485.50	\$	100.00	\$	25.00	\$	5,610.50	\$	36.58	\$	36.58	\$	5,647.08
STATE OF TEXAS P.O. Box 12873 Austin, Texas 78711-2873	640 acre Grace E. Atkinson OGL dated 10-1-2005, Reeves Co., Texas	\$	5,761.50	\$	100.00	\$	25.00	\$	5,886.50	\$	38.42	\$	38.42	\$	5,924.92
STATE OF TEXAS P.O. Box 12873 Austin, Texas 78711-2873	640 acre Darlene H. Goodspeed OGL dated 10-1- 2005, Reeves Co., Texas	\$	24,960.00	\$	100.00	\$	25.00	\$	25,085.00	\$	166.40	\$	166.40	\$	25,251.40
STATE OF TEXAS P.O. Box 12873 Austin, Texas 78711-2873	640 acre Pecos Bend Royalties, Inc. OGL dated 10-1- 2005, Reeves Co., Texas	\$	5,485.50	\$	100.00	\$	25.00	\$	5,610.50	\$	36.58	\$	36.58	\$	5,647.08
TOTAL		\$	96,000.00	\$	1,100.00	\$	275.00	\$	97,375.00	\$	640.06	\$	640.06	\$	98,015.06



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Letter to Mineral Owners

Date Filed: 2/27/06

Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner

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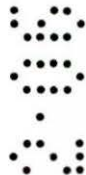
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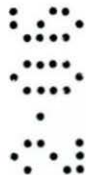


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Gayle Walker Lease Bonus, Reeves Co.TX
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attn: Drew Reid

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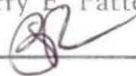
Bonus Payments

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Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner

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General Land Office
Relinquishment Act Lease Form
Revised, September 1997

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of October, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, **Darlene H. Goodspeed, whose address is 2202 Harrison, Apt. 156 Wichita Falls, Texas 76308**, said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and

Jack E. Blake, Jr., whose address is P.O. Box 10184, Midland, Texas 79702, and **Michael J. Daniel**, whose address is 201 W. Wall St., Suite 201, Midland, Texas 79701, in equal shares, hereinafter called Lessee (whether one or more).

1. GRANTING CLAUSE. For and in consideration of the amounts stated below and of the covenants and agreements to be paid, kept and performed by Lessee under this lease, the State of Texas acting by and through the owner of the soil, hereby grants, leases and lets unto Lessee, for the sole and only purpose of prospecting and drilling for and producing oil and gas, laying pipe lines, building tanks, storing oil and building power Stations, telephone lines and other Structures thereon, to produce, save, take care of, treat and transport said products of the lease, the following lands situated in **Reeves** County, State of Texas, to-wit:

Block 57, T-3, T&P R.R. Co. Survey
Section 4: All, 640 acres, more or less.
Reeves County, Texas

Containing 640.00 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas: <u>(\$24,960.00)</u>	<u>TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY AND NO/100** Dollars</u>
To the owner of the soil: <u>\$24,960.00)</u>	<u>TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY AND NO/100** Dollars</u>
Total bonus consideration: <u>\$49,920.00)</u>	<u>FORTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY AND NO/100** Dollars</u>

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of THREE HUNDRED AND NO/100** Dollars (\$300.00) per acre, on 166.40 net acres.

2. TERM. Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of **FIVE YEARS** from this date (herein called primary term") and as long thereafter as oil and gas, or either of them, is produced in paying quantities from said land. As used in this lease, the term "produced in paying quantities" means that the receipts from the sale or other authorized commercial use of the substance(s) covered exceed out of pocket operational expenses for the six months last past.

3. DELAY RENTALS. If no well is commenced on the leased premises on or before one (1) year from this date, this lease shall terminate, unless on or before such anniversary date Lessee shall pay or tender to the owner of the soil or to his credit in the Bank, at _____, or its successors (which shall continue as the depository regardless of changes in the ownership of said land), the amount specified below; in addition, Lessee shall pay or tender to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, a like sum on or before said date. Payments under this paragraph shall operate as a rental and shall cover the privilege of deferring the commencement of a well for one (1) year from said date. Payments under this paragraph shall be in the following amounts:

To the owner of the soil:	<u>EIGHTY-THREE AND 20/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$83.20)
To the State of Texas:	<u>EIGHTY-THREE AND 20/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$83.20)
Total Rental:	<u>ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX AND 40/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$166.40) **

(** See attached Amended Delay Rental Provision)

In a like manner and upon like payments or tenders annually, the commencement of a well may be further deferred for successive periods of one (1) year each during the primary term. All payments or tenders of rental to the owner of the soil may be made by check or sight draft of Lessee, or any assignee of this lease, and may be delivered on or before the

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Reeves County
Clerks Office

rental paying date. If the bank designated in this paragraph (or its successor bank) should cease to exist, suspend business, liquidate, fail or be succeeded by another bank, or for any reason fail or refuse to accept rental, Lessee shall not be held in default for failure to make such payments or tenders of rental until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil shall deliver to Lessee a proper recordable instrument naming another bank as agent to receive such payments or tenders.

4. PRODUCTION ROYALTIES. Upon production of oil and/or gas, Lessee agrees to pay or cause to be paid one-half (1/2) of the royalty provided for in this lease to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, at Austin, Texas, and one-half (1/2) of such royalty to the owner of the soil:

(A) OIL. Royalty payable on oil, which is defined as including all hydrocarbons produced in a liquid form at the mouth of the well and also as all condensate, distillate, and other liquid hydrocarbons recovered from oil or gas run through a separator or other equipment, as hereinafter provided, shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be determined by 1) the highest posted price, plus premium, if any, offered or paid for oil, condensate, distillate, or other liquid hydrocarbons, respectively, of a like type and gravity in the general area where produced and when run, or 2) the highest market price thereof offered or paid in the general area where produced and when run, or 3) the gross proceeds of the sale thereof, whichever is the greater. Lessee agrees that before any gas produced from the leased premises is sold, used or processed in a plant, it will be run free of cost to the royalty owners through an adequate oil and gas separator of conventional type, or other equipment at least as efficient, so that all liquid hydrocarbons recoverable from the gas by such means will be recovered. The requirement that such gas be run through a separator or other equipment may be waived in writing by the royalty owners upon such terms and conditions as they prescribe.

(B) NON PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas (including flared gas), which is defined as all hydrocarbons and gaseous substances not defined as oil in subparagraph (A) above, produced from any well on said land (except as provided herein with respect to gas processed in a plant for the extraction of gasoline, liquid hydrocarbons or other products) shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be based on the highest market price paid or offered for gas of comparable quality in the general area where produced and when run, or the gross price paid or offered to the producer, whichever is the greater; provided that the maximum pressure base in measuring the gas under this lease shall not at any time exceed 14.65 pounds per square inch absolute, and the standard base temperature shall be sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit, correction to be made for pressure according to Boyle's Law, and for specific gravity according to tests made by the Balance Method or by the most approved method of testing being used by the industry at the time of testing.

(C) PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas processed in a gasoline plant or other plant for the recovery of gasoline or other liquid hydrocarbons shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the residue gas and the liquid hydrocarbons extracted or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office. All royalties due herein shall be based on one hundred percent (100%) of the total plant production of residue gas attributable to gas produced from this lease, and on fifty percent (50%), or that percent accruing to Lessee, whichever is the greater, of the total plant production of liquid hydrocarbons attributable to the gas produced from this lease; provided that if liquid hydrocarbons are recovered from gas processed in a plant in which Lessee (or its parent, subsidiary or affiliate) owns an interest, then the percentage applicable to liquid hydrocarbons shall be fifty percent (50%) or the highest percent accruing to a third party processing gas through such plant under a processing agreement negotiated at arm's length (or if there is no such third party, the highest percent then being specified in processing agreements or contracts in the industry), whichever is the greater. The respective royalties on residue gas and on liquid hydrocarbons shall be determined by 1) the highest market price paid or offered for any gas (or liquid hydrocarbons) of comparable quality in the general area, or 2) the gross price paid or offered for such residue gas (or the weighted average gross selling price for the respective grades of liquid hydrocarbons), whichever is the greater. In no event, however, shall the royalties payable under this paragraph be less than the royalties which would have been due had the gas not been processed.

(D) OTHER PRODUCTS. Royalty on carbon black, sulphur or any other products produced or manufactured from gas (excepting liquid hydrocarbons) whether said gas be casinghead, "dry," or any other gas, by fractionating, burning or any other processing shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production of such products, or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such market value to be determined as follows: 1) on the basis of the highest market price of each product for the same month in which such product is produced, or 2) on the basis of the average gross sale price of each product for the same month in which such products are produced; whichever is the greater.

5. MINIMUM ROYALTY. During any year after the expiration of the primary term of this lease, if this lease is maintained by production, the royalties paid under this lease in no event shall be less than an amount equal to the total annual delay rental herein provided; otherwise, there shall be due and payable on or before the last day of the month succeeding the anniversary date of this lease a sum equal to the total annual rental less the amount of royalties paid during the preceding year. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre.

6. ROYALTY IN KIND. Notwithstanding any other provision in this lease, at any time or from time to time,



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the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office may, at the option of either, upon not less than sixty (60) days notice to the holder of the lease, require that the payment of any royalties accruing to such royalty owner under this lease be made in kind. The owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's right to take its royalty in kind shall not diminish or negate the owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's rights or Lessee's obligations, whether express or implied, under this lease.

7. NO DEDUCTIONS. Lessee agrees that all royalties accruing under this lease (including those paid in kind) shall be without deduction for the cost of producing, gathering, storing, separating, treating, dehydrating, compressing, processing, transporting, and otherwise making the oil, gas and other products hereunder ready for sale or use. Lessee agrees to compute and pay royalties on the gross value received, including any reimbursements for severance taxes and production related costs.

8. PLANT FUEL AND RECYCLED GAS. No royalty shall be payable on any gas as may represent this lease's proportionate share of any fuel used to process gas produced hereunder in any processing plant. Notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, and subject to the written consent of the owner of the soil and the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee may recycle gas for gas lift purposes on the leased premises or for injection into any oil or gas producing formation underlying the leased premises after the liquid hydrocarbons contained in the gas have been removed; no royalties shall be payable on the recycled gas until it is produced and sold or used by Lessee in a manner which entitles the royalty owners to a royalty under this lease.

9. ROYALTY PAYMENTS AND REPORTS. All royalties not taken in kind shall be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Austin, Texas, in the following manner:

Payment of royalty on production of oil and gas shall be as provided in the rules set forth in the Texas Register. Rules currently provide that royalty on oil is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 5th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, and royalty on gas is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 15th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, accompanied by the affidavit of the owner, manager or other authorized agent, completed in the form and manner prescribed by the General Land Office and showing the gross amount and disposition of all oil and gas produced and the market value of the oil and gas, together with a copy of all documents, records or reports confirming the gross production, disposition and market value including gas meter readings, pipeline receipts, gas line receipts and other checks or memoranda of amount produced and put into pipelines, tanks, or pools and gas lines or gas storage, and any other reports or records which the General Land Office may require to verify the gross production, disposition and market value. In all cases the authority of a manager or agent to act for the Lessee herein must be filed in the General Land Office. Each royalty payment shall be accompanied by a check stub, schedule, summary or other remittance advice showing by the assigned General Land Office lease number the amount of royalty being paid on each lease. If Lessee pays his royalty on or before thirty (30) days after the royalty payment was due, then Lessee owes a penalty of 5% on the royalty or \$25.00, whichever is greater. A royalty payment which is over thirty (30) days late shall accrue a penalty of 10% of the royalty due or \$25.00 whichever is greater. In addition to a penalty, royalties shall accrue interest at a rate of 12% per year, such interest will begin accruing when the royalty is sixty (60) days overdue. Affidavits and supporting documents which are not filed when due shall incur a penalty in an amount set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the affidavits or supporting documents were due. The Lessee shall bear all responsibility for paying or causing royalties to be paid as prescribed by the due date provided herein. Payment of the delinquency penalty shall in no way operate to prohibit the State's right of forfeiture as provided by law nor act to postpone the date on which royalties were originally due. The above penalty provisions shall not apply in cases of title dispute as to the State's portion of the royalty or to that portion of the royalty in dispute as to fair market value.

10. (A) RESERVES, CONTRACTS AND OTHER RECORDS. Lessee shall annually furnish the Commissioner of the General Land Office with its best possible estimate of oil and gas reserves underlying this lease or allocable to this lease and shall furnish said Commissioner with copies of all contracts under which gas is sold or processed and all subsequent agreements and amendments to such contracts within thirty (30) days after entering into or making such contracts, agreements or amendments. Such contracts and agreements when received by the General Land Office shall be held in confidence by the General Land Office unless otherwise authorized by Lessee. All other contracts and records pertaining to the production, transportation, sale and marketing of the oil and gas produced on said premises, including the books and accounts, receipts and discharges of all wells, tanks, pools, meters, and pipelines shall at all times be subject to inspection and examination by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, the Governor, or the representative of any of them.

(B) PERMITS, DRILLING RECORDS. Written notice of all operations on this lease shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the General Land Office by Lessee or operator five (5) days before spud date, workover, re-entry, temporary abandonment or plug and abandonment of any well or wells. Such written notice to the General Land Office shall include copies of Railroad Commission forms for application to drill. Copies of well tests, completion reports and plugging reports shall be supplied to the General Land Office at the time they are filed with the Texas Railroad Commission. All applications, permits, reports or other filings that reference this lease or any specific well on the leased premises and that are submitted to the Texas Railroad Commission or any other governmental agency shall include the word "State" in the title. Additionally, in accordance with Railroad Commission rules, any signage on the leased premises for the purpose of identifying wells, tank batteries or other associated improvements to the land must also include the word "State." Lessee shall supply the General Land Office with any records, memoranda, accounts, reports, cuttings and



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cores, or other information relative to the operation of the above described premises, which may be requested by the General Land Office, in addition to those herein expressly provided for. Lessee shall have an electrical and/or radioactivity survey made on the bore-hole section, from the base of the surface casing to the total depth of well, of all wells drilled on the above described premises and shall transmit a true copy of the log of each survey on each well to the General Land Office within fifteen (15) days after the making of said survey.

(C) PENALTIES. Lessee shall incur a penalty whenever reports, documents or other materials are not filed in the General Land Office when due. The penalty for late filing shall be set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the materials were due in the General Land Office.

11. DRY HOLE/CESSATION OF PRODUCTION DURING PRIMARY TERM. If, during the primary term hereof and prior to discovery and production of oil or gas on said land, Lessee should drill a dry hole or holes thereon, or if during the primary term hereof and after the discovery and actual production of oil or gas from the leased premises such production thereof should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if on or before the expiration of sixty (60) days from date of completion of said dry hole or cessation of production Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations thereon, or pays or tenders the next annual delay rental in the same manner as provided in this lease. If, during the last year of the primary term or within sixty (60) days prior thereto, a dry hole be completed and abandoned, or the production of oil or gas should cease for any cause, Lessee's rights shall remain in full force and effect without further operations until the expiration of the primary term; and if Lessee has not resumed production in paying quantities at the expiration of the primary term, Lessee may maintain this lease by conducting additional drilling or reworking operations pursuant to Paragraph 13, using the expiration of the primary term as the date of cessation of production under Paragraph 13. Should the first well or any subsequent well drilled on the above described land be completed as a shut-in oil or gas well within the primary term hereof, Lessee may resume payment of the annual rental in the same manner as provided herein on or before the rental paying date following the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date of completion of such shut-in oil or gas well and upon the failure to make such payment, this lease shall ipso facto terminate. If at the expiration of the primary term or any time thereafter a shut-in oil or gas well is located on the leased premises, payments may be made in accordance with the shut-in provisions hereof.

12. DRILLING AND REWORKING AT EXPIRATION OF PRIMARY TERM. If, at the expiration of the primary term, neither oil nor gas is being produced on said land, but Lessee is then engaged in drilling or reworking operations thereon, this lease shall remain in force so long as operations on said well or for drilling or reworking of any additional well are prosecuted in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days during any one such operation, and if they result in the production of oil and/or gas, so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced in paying quantities from said land, or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or compensatory royalties is made as provided in this lease.

13. CESSATION, DRILLING, AND REWORKING. If, after the expiration of the primary term, production of oil or gas from the leased premises, after once obtained, should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after such cessation, and this lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as such operations continue in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. If such drilling or reworking operations result in the production of oil or gas, the lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as oil or gas is produced from the leased premises in paying quantities or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or payment of compensatory royalties is made as provided herein or as provided by law. If the drilling or reworking operations result in the completion of a well as a dry hole, the lease will not terminate if the Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after the completion of the well as a dry hole, and this lease shall remain in effect so long as Lessee continues drilling or reworking operations in good faith and in a workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. Lessee shall give written notice to the General Land Office within thirty (30) days of any cessation of production.

14. SHUT-IN ROYALTIES. For purposes of this paragraph, "well" means any well that has been assigned a well number by the state agency having jurisdiction over the production of oil and gas. If, at any time after the expiration of the primary term of a lease that, until being shut in, was being maintained in force and effect, a well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities is located on the leased premises, but oil or gas is not being produced for lack of suitable production facilities or lack of a suitable market, then Lessee may pay as a shut-in oil or gas royalty an amount equal to double the annual rental provided in the lease, but not less than \$1,200 a year for each well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre. To be effective, each initial shut-in oil or gas royalty must be paid on or before: (1) the expiration of the primary term, (2) 60 days after the Lessee ceases to produce oil or gas from the leased premises, or (3) 60 days after Lessee completes a drilling or reworking operation in accordance with the lease provisions; whichever date is latest. Such payment shall be made one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil. If the shut-in oil or gas royalty is paid, the lease shall be considered to be a producing lease and the payment shall extend the term of the lease for a period of one year from the end of the primary term, or from the first day of the month following the month in which production ceased, and, after that, if no suitable production facilities or suitable market for the oil or gas exists, Lessee may extend the lease for four more successive periods of one (1) year by paying the same amount each year on or before the expiration of each shut-in year.



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15. **COMPENSATORY ROYALTIES.** If, during the period the lease is kept in effect by payment of the shut-in oil or gas royalty, oil or gas is sold and delivered in paying quantities from a well located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises and completed in the same producing reservoir, or in any case in which drainage is occurring, the right to continue to maintain the lease by paying the shut-in oil or gas royalty shall cease, but the lease shall remain effective for the remainder of the year for which the royalty has been paid. The Lessee may maintain the lease for four more successive years by Lessee paying compensatory royalty at the royalty rate provided in the lease of the market value of production from the well causing the drainage or which is completed in the same producing reservoir and within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. The compensatory royalty is to be paid monthly, one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil, beginning on or before the last day of the month following the month in which the oil or gas is produced from the well causing the drainage or that is completed in the same producing reservoir and located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. If the compensatory royalty paid in any 12-month period is in an amount less than the annual shut-in oil or gas royalty, Lessee shall pay an amount equal to the difference within thirty (30) days from the end of the 12-month period. Compensatory royalty payments which are not timely paid will accrue penalty and interest in accordance with Paragraph 9 of this lease. None of these provisions will relieve Lessee of the obligation of reasonable development nor the obligation to drill offset wells as provided in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.173; however, at the determination of the Commissioner, and with the Commissioner's written approval, the payment of compensatory royalties can satisfy the obligation to drill offset wells.

16. **RETAINED ACREAGE.** Notwithstanding any provision of this lease to the contrary, after a well producing or capable of producing oil or gas has been completed on the leased premises, Lessee shall exercise the diligence of a reasonably prudent operator in drilling such additional well or wells as may be reasonably necessary for the proper development of the leased premises and in marketing the production thereon.

(A) **VERTICAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term, it shall then terminate as to all of the leased premises, EXCEPT (1) 40 acres surrounding each oil well capable of producing in paying quantities and 320 acres surrounding each gas well capable of producing in paying quantities (including a shut-in oil or gas well as provided in Paragraph 14 hereof), or a well upon which Lessee is then engaged in continuous drilling or reworking operations, or (2) the number of acres included in a producing pooled unit pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153, or (3) such greater or lesser number of acres as may then be allocated for production purposes to a proration unit for each such producing well under the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas, or any successor agency, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction. If at any time after the effective date of the partial termination provisions hereof, the applicable field rules are changed or the well or wells located thereon are reclassified so that less acreage is thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes, this lease shall thereupon terminate as to all acreage not thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes. Notwithstanding the termination of this lease as to a portion of the lands covered hereby, Lessee shall nevertheless continue to have the right of ingress to and egress from the lands still subject to this lease for all purposes described in Paragraph 1 hereof, together with easements and right-of-ways for existing roads, existing pipelines and other existing facilities on, over and across all the lands described in Paragraph 1 hereof ("the retained lands"), for access to and from the retained lands and for the gathering or transportation of oil, gas and other minerals produced from the retained lands.

(B) **HORIZONTAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term it shall further terminate as to all depths below 100 feet below the total depth drilled (hereinafter "deeper depths") in each well located on acreage retained in Paragraph 16(A) above, unless on or before two (2) years after the primary or extended term Lessee pays an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the bonus originally paid as consideration for this lease (as specified on page 1 hereof). If such amount is paid, this lease shall be in force and effect as to such deeper depths, and said termination shall be delayed for an additional period of two (2) years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities from such deeper depths covered by this lease.

(C) **IDENTIFICATION AND FILING.** The surface acreage retained hereunder as to each well shall, as nearly as practical, be in the form of a square with the well located in the center thereof, or such other shape as may be approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office. Within thirty (30) days after partial termination of this lease as provided herein, Lessee shall execute and record a release or releases containing a satisfactory legal description of the acreage and/or depths not retained hereunder. The recorded release, or a certified copy of same, shall be filed in the General Land Office, accompanied by the filing fee prescribed by the General Land Office rules in effect on the date the release is filed. If Lessee fails or refuses to execute and record such release or releases within ninety (90) days after being requested to do so by the General Land Office, then the Commissioner at his sole discretion may designate by written instrument the acreage and/or depths to be released hereunder and record such instrument at Lessee's expense in the county or counties where the lease is located and in the official records of the General Land Office and such designation shall be binding upon Lessee for all purposes.

17. **OFFSET WELLS.** Neither the bonus, delay rentals, nor royalties paid, or to be paid, under this lease shall relieve Lessee of his obligation to protect the oil and gas under the above-described land from being drained. Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall drill as many wells as the facts may justify and shall use appropriate means and drill to a depth necessary to prevent undue drainage of oil and gas from the leased premises. In addition, if oil and/or gas should be produced in commercial quantities within 1,000 feet of the leased premises, or in any case where the leased premises is being drained by production of oil or gas, the Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall in good faith begin the drilling of a well or wells upon the



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leased premises within 100 days after the draining well or wells or the well or wells completed within 1,000 feet of the leased premises start producing in commercial quantities and shall prosecute such drilling with diligence. Failure to satisfy the statutory offset obligation may subject this lease and the owner of the soil's agency rights to forfeiture. Only upon the determination of the Commissioner of the General Land Office and with his written approval may the payment of compensatory royalty under applicable statutory parameters satisfy the obligation to drill an offset well or wells required under this paragraph.

18. **FORCE MAJEURE.** If, after a good faith effort, Lessee is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this lease, from conducting drilling operations on the leased premises, or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises by reason of war, rebellion, riots, strikes, acts of God, or any valid order, rule or regulation of government authority, then while so prevented, Lessee's obligation to comply with such covenant shall be suspended and Lessee shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenants; additionally, this lease shall be extended while Lessee is prevented, by any such cause, from conducting drilling and reworking operations or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises. However, nothing in this paragraph shall suspend the payment of delay rentals in order to maintain this lease in effect during the primary term in the absence of such drilling or reworking operations or production of oil or gas.

19. **WARRANTY CLAUSE.** The owner of the soil warrants and agrees to defend title to the leased premises. If the owner of the soil defaults in payments owed on the leased premises, then Lessee may redeem the rights of the owner of the soil in the leased premises by paying any mortgage, taxes or other liens on the leased premises. If Lessee makes payments on behalf of the owner of the soil under this paragraph, Lessee may recover the cost of these payments from the rental and royalties due the owner of the soil.

20. (A) **PROPORTIONATE REDUCTION CLAUSE.** If the owner of the soil owns less than the entire undivided surface estate in the above described land, whether or not Lessee's interest is specified herein, then the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the owner of the soil shall be paid to him in the proportion which his interest bears to the entire undivided surface estate and the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas shall be likewise proportionately reduced. However, before Lessee adjusts the royalty or rental due to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee or his authorized representative must submit to the Commissioner of the General Land Office a written statement which explains the discrepancy between the interest purportedly leased under this lease and the actual interest owned by the owner of the soil. The Commissioner of the General Land Office shall be paid the value of the whole production allocable to any undivided interest not covered by a lease, less the proportionate development and production cost allocable to such undivided interest. However, in no event shall the Commissioner of the General Land Office receive as a royalty on the gross production allocable to the undivided interest not leased an amount less than the value of one-sixteenth (1/16) of such gross production.

(B) **REDUCTION OF PAYMENTS.** If, during the primary term, a portion of the land covered by this lease is included within the boundaries of a pooled unit that has been approved by the School Land Board and the owner of the soil in accordance with Natural Resources Code Sections 52.151-52.154, or if at any time after the expiration of the primary term or the extended term, this lease covers a lesser number of acres than the total amount described herein, payments that are made on a per acre basis hereunder shall be reduced according to the number of acres pooled, released, surrendered, or otherwise severed, so that payments determined on a per acre basis under the terms of this lease during the primary term shall be calculated based upon the number of acres outside the boundaries of a pooled unit, or, if after the expiration of the primary term, the number of acres actually retained and covered by this lease.

21. **USE OF WATER.** Lessee shall have the right to use water produced on said land necessary for operations under this lease except water from wells or tanks of the owner of the soil; provided, however, Lessee shall not use potable water or water suitable for livestock or irrigation purposes for watertlood operations without the prior consent of the owner of the soil.

22. **AUTHORIZED DAMAGES.** Lessee shall pay the owner of the soil for damages caused by its operations to all personal property, improvements, livestock and crops on said land.

23. **PIPELINE DEPTH.** When requested by the owner of the soil, Lessee shall bury its pipelines below plow depth.

24. **WELL LOCATION LIMIT.** No well shall be drilled nearer than two hundred (200) feet to any house or barn now on said premises without the written consent of the owner of the soil.

25. **POLLUTION.** In developing this area, Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all proper safeguards to prevent pollution. Without limiting the foregoing, pollution of coastal wetlands, natural waterways, rivers and impounded water shall be prevented by the use of containment facilities sufficient to prevent spillage, seepage or ground water contamination. In the event of pollution, Lessee shall use all means at its disposal to recapture all escaped hydrocarbons or other pollutant and shall be responsible for all damage to public and private properties. Lessee shall build and maintain fences around its slush, sump, and drainage pits and tank batteries so as to protect livestock against loss, damage or injury; and upon completion or abandonment of any well or wells, Lessee shall fill and level all slush pits and cellars and completely clean up the drilling site of all rubbish thereon. Lessee shall, while conducting operations on the leased premises, keep said premises free of all rubbish, cans, bottles, paper cups or garbage, and upon completion of



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operations shall restore the surface of the land to as near its original condition and contours as is practicable. Tanks and equipment will be kept painted and presentable.

26. **REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT.** Subject to limitations in this paragraph, Lessee shall have the right to remove machinery and fixtures placed by Lessee on the leased premises, including the right to draw and remove casing, within one hundred twenty (120) days after the expiration or the termination of this lease unless the owner of the soil grants Lessee an extension of this 120-day period. However, Lessee may not remove casing from any well capable of producing oil and gas in paying quantities. Additionally, Lessee may not draw and remove casing until after thirty (30) days written notice to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and to the owner of the soil. The owner of the soil shall become the owner of any machinery, fixtures, or casing which are not timely removed by Lessee under the terms of this paragraph.

27. (A) **ASSIGNMENTS.** Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29 of this lease, the rights and estates of either party to this lease may be assigned, in whole or in part, and the provisions of this lease shall extend to and be binding upon their heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns. However, a change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties will not enlarge the obligations of Lessee, diminish the rights, privileges and estates of Lessee, impair the effectiveness of any payment made by Lessee or impair the effectiveness of any act performed by Lessee. And no change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties shall bind Lessee for any purpose until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil (or his heirs, devisees, legal representatives or assigns) furnishes the Lessee with satisfactory written evidence of the change in ownership, including the original recorded muniments of title (or a certified copy of such original) when the ownership changed because of a conveyance. A total or partial assignment of this lease shall, to the extent of the interest assigned, relieve and discharge Lessee of all subsequent obligations under this lease. If this lease is assigned in its entirety as to only part of the acreage, the right and option to pay rentals shall be apportioned as between the several owners ratably, according to the area of each, and failure by one or more of them to pay his share of the rental shall not affect this lease on the part of the land upon which pro rata rentals are timely paid or tendered; however, if the assignor or assignee does not file a certified copy of such assignment in the General Land Office before the next rental paying date, the entire lease shall terminate for failure to pay the entire rental due under Paragraph 3. Every assignee shall succeed to all rights and be subject to all obligations, liabilities, and penalties owed to the State by the original lessee or any prior assignee of the lease, including any liabilities to the State for unpaid royalties.

(B) **ASSIGNMENT LIMITATION.** Notwithstanding any provision in Paragraph 27(a), if the owner of the soil acquires this lease in whole or in part by assignment without the prior written approval of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, this lease is void as of the time of assignment and the agency power of the owner may be forfeited by the Commissioner. An assignment will be treated as if it were made to the owner of the soil if the assignee is:

- (1) a nominee of the owner of the soil;
- (2) a corporation or subsidiary in which the owner of the soil is a principal stockholder or is an employee of such a corporation or subsidiary;
- (3) a partnership in which the owner of the soil is a partner or is an employee of such a partnership;
- (4) a principal stockholder or employee of the corporation which is the owner of the soil;
- (5) a partner or employee in a partnership which is the owner of the soil;
- (6) a fiduciary for the owner of the soil; including but not limited to a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, or conservator for the owner of the soil; or
- (7) a family member of the owner of the soil or related to the owner of the soil by marriage, blood, or adoption.

28. **RELEASES.** Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29, Lessee may at any time execute and deliver to the owner of the soil and place of record a release or releases covering any portion or portions of the leased premises, and thereby surrender this lease as to such portion or portions, and be relieved of all subsequent obligations as to acreage surrendered. If any part of this lease is properly surrendered, the delay rental due under this lease shall be reduced by the proportion that the surrendered acreage bears to the acreage which was covered by this lease immediately prior to such surrender; however, such release will not relieve Lessee of any liabilities which may have accrued under this lease prior to the surrender of such acreage.

29. **FILING OF ASSIGNMENTS AND RELEASES.** If all or any part of this lease is assigned or released, such assignment or release must be recorded in the county where the land is situated, and the recorded instrument, or a copy of the recorded instrument certified by the County Clerk of the county in which the instrument is recorded, must be filed in the General Land Office within 90 days of the last execution date accompanied by the prescribed filing fee. If any such assignment is not so filed, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture at the option of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

30. **DISCLOSURE CLAUSE.** All provisions pertaining to the lease of the above-described land have been included in this instrument, including the statement of the true consideration to be paid for the execution of this lease and the rights and duties of the parties. Any collateral agreements concerning the development of oil and gas from the leased premises which are not contained in this lease render this lease invalid.



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31. FIDUCIARY DUTY. The owner of the soil owes the State a fiduciary duty and must fully disclose any facts affecting the State's interest in the leased premises. When the interests of the owner of the soil conflict with those of the State, the owner of the soil is obligated to put the State's interests before his personal interests.

32. FORFEITURE. If Lessee shall fail or refuse to make the payment of any sum within thirty days after it becomes due, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly make any false return or false report concerning production or drilling, or if Lessee shall fail or refuse to drill any offset well or wells in good faith as required by law and the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or if Lessee should fail to file reports in the manner required by law or fail to comply with rules and regulations promulgated by the General Land Office, the School Land Board, or the Railroad Commission, or if Lessee should refuse the proper authority access to the records pertaining to operations, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly fail or refuse to give correct information to the proper authority, or knowingly fail or refuse to furnish the General Land Office a correct log of any well, or if Lessee shall knowingly violate any of the material provisions of this lease, or if this lease is assigned and the assignment is not filed in the General Land Office as required by law, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture by the Commissioner, and he shall forfeit same when sufficiently informed of the facts which authorize a forfeiture, and when forfeited the area shall again be subject to lease under the terms of the Relinquishment Act. However, nothing herein shall be construed as waiving the automatic termination of this lease by operation of law or by reason of any special limitation arising hereunder. Forfeitures may be set aside and this lease and all rights thereunder reinstated before the rights of another intervene upon satisfactory evidence to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of future compliance with the provisions of the law and of this lease and the rules and regulations that may be adopted relative hereto.

33. LIEN. In accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136, the State shall have a first lien upon all oil and gas produced from the area covered by this lease to secure payment of all unpaid royalty and other sums of money that may become due under this lease. By acceptance of this lease, Lessee grants the State, in addition to the lien provided by Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136 and any other applicable statutory lien, an express contractual lien on and security interest in all leased minerals in and extracted from the leased premises, all proceeds which may accrue to Lessee from the sale of such leased minerals, whether such proceeds are held by Lessee or by a third party, and all fixtures on and improvements to the leased premises used in connection with the production or processing of such leased minerals in order to secure the payment of all royalties or other amounts due or to become due under this lease and to secure payment of any damages or loss that Lessor may suffer by reason of Lessee's breach of any covenant or condition of this lease, whether express or implied. This lien and security interest may be foreclosed with or without court proceedings in the manner provided in the Title I, Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code. Lessee agrees that the Commissioner may require Lessee to execute and record such instruments as may be reasonably necessary to acknowledge, attach or perfect this lien. Lessee hereby represents that there are no prior or superior liens arising from and relating to Lessee's activities upon the above-described property or from Lessee's acquisition of this lease. Should the Commissioner at any time determine that this representation is not true, then the Commissioner may declare this lease forfeited as provided herein.

34. POOLING. Lessee is hereby granted the right to pool or unitize the royalty interest of the owner of the soil under this lease with any other leasehold or mineral interest for the exploration, development and production of oil or gas or either of them upon the same terms as shall be approved by the School Land Board and the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the pooling or unitizing of the interest of the State under this lease pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153. The owner of the soil agrees that the inclusion of this provision in this lease satisfies the execution requirements stated in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.152.

35. INDEMNITY. Lessee hereby releases and discharges the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns, of and from all and any actions and causes of action of every nature, or other harm, including environmental harm, for which recovery of damages is sought, including, but not limited to, all losses and expenses which are caused by the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents arising out of, incidental to, or resulting from, the operations of or for Lessee on the leased premises hereunder, or that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement, or by any other negligent or strictly liable act or omission of Lessee. Further, Lessee hereby agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees and agents, their successors or assigns, against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, actions, personal injury (including death), costs and expenses, or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, under any theory including tort, contract, or strict liability, including attorneys' fees and other legal expenses, including those related to environmental hazards, on the leased premises or in any way related to Lessee's failure to comply with any and all environmental laws; those arising from or in any way related to Lessee's operations or any other of Lessee's activities on the leased premises; those arising from Lessee's use of the surface of the leased premises; and those that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or any other act or omission of Lessee, its directors, officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns. Each assignee of this Agreement, or an interest therein, agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, and agents in the same manner provided above in connection with the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents as described above. **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY LIMITED HEREIN, ALL OF THE INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS AND/OR LIABILITIES ASSUMED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE WITHOUT LIMITS AND WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CAUSE OR CAUSES THEREOF**



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(EXCLUDING PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS), STRICT LIABILITY, OR THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY OR PARTIES (INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE INDENINIFIED PARTY), WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE BE SOLE, JOINT, CONCURRENT, ACTIVE, OR PASSIVE.

36. ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS. Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all reasonable safeguards to prevent contamination or pollution of any environmental medium, including soil, surface waters, groundwater, sediments, and surface or subsurface strata, ambient air or any other environmental medium in, on, or under the leased premises, by any waste, pollutant, or contaminant. Lessee shall not bring or permit to remain on the leased premises any asbestos containing materials, explosives, toxic materials, or substances regulated as hazardous wastes, hazardous materials, hazardous substances (as the term "Hazardous Substance" is defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601, et seq.), or toxic substances under any federal, state, or local law or regulation ("Hazardous Materials"), except ordinary products commonly used in connection with oil and gas exploration and development operations and stored in the usual manner and quantities. **LESSEE'S VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION SHALL CONSTITUTE A MATERIAL BREACH AND DEFAULT HEREUNDER AND LESSEE SHALL INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL FROM AND AGAINST ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, JUDGMENTS, PENALTIES, LIABILITIES, AND COSTS (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS) CAUSED BY OR ARISING OUT OF (I) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (II) THE PRESENCE, RELEASE, OR DISPOSAL OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OR CONTROL OF THE LEASED PREMISES. LESSEE SHALL CLEAN UP, REMOVE, REMEDY AND REPAIR ANY SOIL OR GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE PRESENCE OR RELEASE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN, ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OF THE LEASED PREMISES IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE LAW. THIS INDEMNIFICATION AND ASSUMPTION SHALL APPLY, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, LIABILITY FOR RESPONSE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO CERCLA OR ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAW OR REGULATION. LESSEE SHALL IMMEDIATELY GIVE THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY BREACH OR SUSPECTED BREACH OF THIS PARAGRAPH, UPON LEARNING OF THE PRESENCE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OR UPON RECEIVING A NOTICE FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY PERTAINING TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WHICH MAY AFFECT THE LEASED PREMISES. THE OBLIGATIONS OF LESSEE HEREUNDER SHALL SURVIVE THE EXPIRATION OR EARLIER TERMINATION, FOR ANY REASON, OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

37. APPLICABLE LAW. This lease is issued under the provisions of Texas Natural Resources Code 52.171 through 52.190, commonly known as the Relinquishment Act, and other applicable statutes and amendments thereto, and if any provision in this lease does not conform to these statutes, the statutes will prevail over any nonconforming lease provisions.

38. EXECUTION. This oil and gas lease must be signed and acknowledged by the Lessee before it is filed of record in the county records and in the General Land Office of the State of Texas. Once the filing requirements found in Paragraph 39 of this lease have been satisfied, the effective date of this lease shall be the date found on Page 1.

39. LEASE FILING. Pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, this lease must be filed of record in the office of the County Clerk in any county in which all or any part of the leased premises is located, and certified copies thereof must be filed in the General Land Office. This lease is not effective until a certified copy of this lease (which is made and certified by the County Clerk from his records) is filed in the General Land Office in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.183. Additionally, this lease shall not be binding upon the State unless it recites the actual and true consideration paid or promised for execution of this lease. The bonus due the State and the prescribed filing fee shall accompany such certified copy to the General Land Office.

40. See attached "ADDENDUM" attached hereto and made a part hereof.



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** THIS IS A PAID-UP OIL AND GAS LEASE as to any rentals that may be paid on or before the 1st and 2nd anniversary date. If delay rentals are paid on or before the 3rd anniversary date, the total rental paid shall be \$33,280.00. Of such amount, \$16,640.00 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$16,640.00 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein, and the rentals due on or before the 4th anniversary date will be PAID-UP.

JACK E. BLAKE, JR.

[Signature]

BY: Jack E. Blake, Jr.

TITLE: Individually

DATE: 11-2-2005

MICHAEL J. DANIEL

[Signature]

Michael J. Daniel

Individually

DATE: 11/2/2005

STATE OF TEXAS

BY: [Signature]
Darlene H. Goodspeed

DATE: 10-25-2005

STATE OF TEXAS

BY: _____

DATE: _____

THE STATE OF Texas

COUNTY OF Wichita

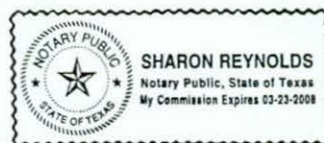
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This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 25 day of October, 2005, by **Darlene H. Goodspeed**, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires: 03-23-2008

[Signature]
Notary Public Signature



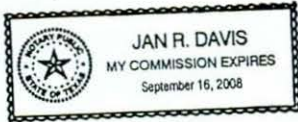
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THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF MIDLAND §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 2nd day of November, 2005, by Jack E. Blake, Jr., and Michael J. Daniel, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires:



Jan R. Davis
Notary Public Signature



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ADDENDUM attached to and made a part of that certain Oil and Gas Lease dated October 1, 2005,
by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent
Darlene H. Goodspeed, and Jack E. Blake, Jr. and Michael J. Daniel.

40. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Paragraph 5 (minimum royalty) and Paragraph 14 (shut-in royalty) refer to their computation to the delay rentals provided in Paragraph 3 herein. The undersigned do hereby recognize and acknowledge that minimum royalty and shut-in royalties due herein are payable in the amount of \$166.40. Of such amount, \$83.20 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$83.20 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein.

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DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

ANY PROVISION HEREIN WHICH RESTRICTS THE SALE, RENTAL,
OR USE OF THE DESCRIBED SOIL OR PROPERTY BECAUSE OF COLOR
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Lease A

Date Filed: 2/2/06

George P. Bush, Commissioner

By

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY CERTIFICATE
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF REEVES**

The above and foregoing is a full, true and correct photographic copy of the original record now in my lawful custody and possession, as the same is filed/recorded in the public records of my office, found in VOL. 717, PAGE 629 THRU 640 **DEED RECORDS**

I hereby certified on **JANUARY 25, 2006**



DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

By Josie Flores DEPUTY
JOSIE FLORES

FILE# 5354

General Land Office
Relinquishment Act Lease Form
Revised, September 1997

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of October, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, **Houston Goodspeed, a/k/a Houston Lowell Goodspeed, whose address is 2815 Valley View Lane, Suite 115 Dallas, Texas 75234**, said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and

Jack E. Blake, Jr., whose address is P.O. Box 10184, Midland, Texas 79702, and **Michael J. Daniel**, whose address is 201 W. Wall St., Suite 201, Midland, Texas 79701, **in equal shares**, hereinafter called Lessee (whether one or more).

1. GRANTING CLAUSE. For and in consideration of the amounts stated below and of the covenants and agreements to be paid, kept and performed by Lessee under this lease, the State of Texas acting by and through the owner of the soil, hereby grants, leases and lets unto Lessee, for the sole and only purpose of prospecting and drilling for and producing oil and gas, laying pipe lines, building tanks, storing oil and building power Stations, telephone lines and other Structures thereon, to produce, save, take care of, treat and transport said products of the lease, the following lands situated in **Reeves** County, State of Texas, to-wit:

Block 57, T-3, T&P R.R. Co. Survey
Section 4: All, 640 acres, more or less.
Reeves County, Texas

Containing 640.00 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas:	<u>EIGHTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX AND 50/100** Dollars</u>
<u>(\$18,376.50)</u>	
To the owner of the soil:	<u>EIGHTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX AND 50/100** Dollars</u>
<u>\$18,376.50)</u>	
Total bonus consideration:	<u>THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE AND NO/100** Dollars</u>
<u>\$36,753.00)</u>	

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of THREE HUNDRED AND NO/100** Dollars (\$300.00) per acre, on 122.51 net acres.

2. TERM. Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of **FIVE YEARS** from this date (herein called primary term") and as long thereafter as oil and gas, or either of them, is produced in paying quantities from said land. As used in this lease, the term "produced in paying quantities" means that the receipts from the sale or other authorized commercial use of the substance(s) covered exceed out of pocket operational expenses for the six months last past.

3. DELAY RENTALS. If no well is commenced on the leased premises on or before one (1) year from this date, this lease shall terminate, unless on or before such anniversary date Lessee shall pay or tender to the owner of the soil or to his credit in the Bank, at _____, or its successors (which shall continue as the depository regardless of changes in the ownership of said land), the amount specified below; in addition, Lessee shall pay or tender to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, a like sum on or before said date. Payments under this paragraph shall operate as a rental and shall cover the privilege of deferring the commencement of a well for one (1) year from said date. Payments under this paragraph shall be in the following amounts:

To the owner of the soil:	<u>SIXTY-ONE AND 26/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$61.26)
To the State of Texas:	<u>SIXTY-ONE AND 26/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$61.26)
Total Rental:	<u>ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO AND 51/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$122.51) **

(** See attached Amended Delay Rental Provision)

In a like manner and upon like payments or tenders annually, the commencement of a well may be further deferred for



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successive periods of one (1) year each during the primary term. All payments or tenders of rental to the owner of the soil may be made by check or sight draft of Lessee, or any assignee of this lease, and may be delivered on or before the rental paying date. If the bank designated in this paragraph (or its successor bank) should cease to exist, suspend business, liquidate, fail or be succeeded by another bank, or for any reason fail or refuse to accept rental, Lessee shall not be held in default for failure to make such payments or tenders of rental until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil shall deliver to Lessee a proper recordable instrument naming another bank as agent to receive such payments or tenders.

4. **PRODUCTION ROYALTIES.** Upon production of oil and/or gas, Lessee agrees to pay or cause to be paid one-half (1/2) of the royalty provided for in this lease to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, at Austin, Texas, and one-half (1/2) of such royalty to the owner of the soil:

(A) **OIL.** Royalty payable on oil, which is defined as including all hydrocarbons produced in a liquid form at the mouth of the well and also as all condensate, distillate, and other liquid hydrocarbons recovered from oil or gas run through a separator or other equipment, as hereinafter provided, shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be determined by 1) the highest posted price, plus premium, if any, offered or paid for oil, condensate, distillate, or other liquid hydrocarbons, respectively, of a like type and gravity in the general area where produced and when run, or 2) the highest market price thereof offered or paid in the general area where produced and when run, or 3) the gross proceeds of the sale thereof, whichever is the greater. Lessee agrees that before any gas produced from the leased premises is sold, used or processed in a plant, it will be run free of cost to the royalty owners through an adequate oil and gas separator of conventional type, or other equipment at least as efficient, so that all liquid hydrocarbons recoverable from the gas by such means will be recovered. The requirement that such gas be run through a separator or other equipment may be waived in writing by the royalty owners upon such terms and conditions as they prescribe.

(B) **NON PROCESSED GAS.** Royalty on any gas (including flared gas), which is defined as all hydrocarbons and gaseous substances not defined as oil in subparagraph (A) above, produced from any well on said land (except as provided herein with respect to gas processed in a plant for the extraction of gasoline, liquid hydrocarbons or other products) shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be based on the highest market price paid or offered for gas of comparable quality in the general area where produced and when run, or the gross price paid or offered to the producer, whichever is the greater; provided that the maximum pressure base in measuring the gas under this lease shall not at any time exceed 14.65 pounds per square inch absolute, and the standard base temperature shall be sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit, correction to be made for pressure according to Boyle's Law, and for specific gravity according to tests made by the Balance Method or by the most approved method of testing being used by the industry at the time of testing.

(C) **PROCESSED GAS.** Royalty on any gas processed in a gasoline plant or other plant for the recovery of gasoline or other liquid hydrocarbons shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the residue gas and the liquid hydrocarbons extracted or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office. All royalties due herein shall be based on one hundred percent (100%) of the total plant production of residue gas attributable to gas produced from this lease, and on fifty percent (50%), or that percent accruing to Lessee, whichever is the greater, of the total plant production of liquid hydrocarbons attributable to the gas produced from this lease; provided that if liquid hydrocarbons are recovered from gas processed in a plant in which Lessee (or its parent, subsidiary or affiliate) owns an interest, then the percentage applicable to liquid hydrocarbons shall be fifty percent (50%) or the highest percent accruing to a third party processing gas through such plant under a processing agreement negotiated at arm's length (or if there is no such third party, the highest percent then being specified in processing agreements or contracts in the industry), whichever is the greater. The respective royalties on residue gas and on liquid hydrocarbons shall be determined by 1) the highest market price paid or offered for any gas (or liquid hydrocarbons) of comparable quality in the general area, or 2) the gross price paid or offered for such residue gas (or the weighted average gross selling price for the respective grades of liquid hydrocarbons), whichever is the greater. In no event, however, shall the royalties payable under this paragraph be less than the royalties which would have been due had the gas not been processed.

(D) **OTHER PRODUCTS.** Royalty on carbon black, sulphur or any other products produced or manufactured from gas (excepting liquid hydrocarbons) whether said gas be casinghead, "dry," or any other gas, by fractionating, burning or any other processing shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production of such products, or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such market value to be determined as follows: 1) on the basis of the highest market price of each product for the same month in which such product is produced, or 2) on the basis of the average gross sale price of each product for the same month in which such products are produced; whichever is the greater.

5. **MINIMUM ROYALTY.** During any year after the expiration of the primary term of this lease, if this lease is maintained by production, the royalties paid under this lease in no event shall be less than an amount equal to the total annual delay rental herein provided; otherwise, there shall be due and payable on or before the last day of the month succeeding the anniversary date of this lease a sum equal to the total annual rental less the amount of royalties paid during the preceding year. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre.



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6. **ROYALTY IN KIND.** Notwithstanding any other provision in this lease, at any time or from time to time, the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office may, at the option of either, upon not less than sixty (60) days notice to the holder of the lease, require that the payment of any royalties accruing to such royalty owner under this lease be made in kind. The owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's right to take its royalty in kind shall not diminish or negate the owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's rights or Lessee's obligations, whether express or implied, under this lease.

7. **NO DEDUCTIONS.** Lessee agrees that all royalties accruing under this lease (including those paid in kind) shall be without deduction for the cost of producing, gathering, storing, separating, treating, dehydrating, compressing, processing, transporting, and otherwise making the oil, gas and other products hereunder ready for sale or use. Lessee agrees to compute and pay royalties on the gross value received, including any reimbursements for severance taxes and production related costs.

8. **PLANT FUEL AND RECYCLED GAS.** No royalty shall be payable on any gas as may represent this lease's proportionate share of any fuel used to process gas produced hereunder in any processing plant. Notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, and subject to the written consent of the owner of the soil and the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee may recycle gas for gas lift purposes on the leased premises or for injection into any oil or gas producing formation underlying the leased premises after the liquid hydrocarbons contained in the gas have been removed; no royalties shall be payable on the recycled gas until it is produced and sold or used by Lessee in a manner which entitles the royalty owners to a royalty under this lease.

9. **ROYALTY PAYMENTS AND REPORTS.** All royalties not taken in kind shall be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Austin, Texas, in the following manner:

Payment of royalty on production of oil and gas shall be as provided in the rules set forth in the Texas Register. Rules currently provide that royalty on oil is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 5th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, and royalty on gas is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 15th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, accompanied by the affidavit of the owner, manager or other authorized agent, completed in the form and manner prescribed by the General Land Office and showing the gross amount and disposition of all oil and gas produced and the market value of the oil and gas, together with a copy of all documents, records or reports confirming the gross production, disposition and market value including gas meter readings, pipeline receipts, gas line receipts and other checks or memoranda of amount produced and put into pipelines, tanks, or pools and gas lines or gas storage, and any other reports or records which the General Land Office may require to verify the gross production, disposition and market value. In all cases the authority of a manager or agent to act for the Lessee herein must be filed in the General Land Office. Each royalty payment shall be accompanied by a check stub, schedule, summary or other remittance advice showing by the assigned General Land Office lease number the amount of royalty being paid on each lease. If Lessee pays his royalty on or before thirty (30) days after the royalty payment was due, then Lessee owes a penalty of 5% on the royalty or \$25.00, whichever is greater. A royalty payment which is over thirty (30) days late shall accrue a penalty of 10% of the royalty due or \$25.00 whichever is greater. In addition to a penalty, royalties shall accrue interest at a rate of 12% per year, such interest will begin accruing when the royalty is sixty (60) days overdue. Affidavits and supporting documents which are not filed when due shall incur a penalty in an amount set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the affidavits or supporting documents were due. The Lessee shall bear all responsibility for paying or causing royalties to be paid as prescribed by the due date provided herein. Payment of the delinquency penalty shall in no way operate to prohibit the State's right of forfeiture as provided by law nor act to postpone the date on which royalties were originally due. The above penalty provisions shall not apply in cases of title dispute as to the State's portion of the royalty or to that portion of the royalty in dispute as to fair market value.

10. (A) **RESERVES, CONTRACTS AND OTHER RECORDS.** Lessee shall annually furnish the Commissioner of the General Land Office with its best possible estimate of oil and gas reserves underlying this lease or allocable to this lease and shall furnish said Commissioner with copies of all contracts under which gas is sold or processed and all subsequent agreements and amendments to such contracts within thirty (30) days after entering into or making such contracts, agreements or amendments. Such contracts and agreements when received by the General Land Office shall be held in confidence by the General Land Office unless otherwise authorized by Lessee. All other contracts and records pertaining to the production, transportation, sale and marketing of the oil and gas produced on said premises, including the books and accounts, receipts and discharges of all wells, tanks, pools, meters, and pipelines shall at all times be subject to inspection and examination by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, the Governor, or the representative of any of them.

(B) **PERMITS, DRILLING RECORDS.** Written notice of all operations on this lease shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the General Land Office by Lessee or operator five (5) days before spud date, workover, re-entry, temporary abandonment or plug and abandonment of any well or wells. Such written notice to the General Land Office shall include copies of Railroad Commission forms for application to drill. Copies of well tests, completion reports and plugging reports shall be supplied to the General Land Office at the time they are filed with the Texas Railroad Commission. All applications, permits, reports or other filings that reference this lease or any specific well on the leased premises and that are submitted to the Texas Railroad Commission or any other governmental agency shall include the word "State" in the title. Additionally, in accordance with Railroad Commission rules, any signage on the leased premises



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for the purpose of identifying wells, tank batteries or other associated improvements to the land must also include the word "State." Lessee shall supply the General Land Office with any records, memoranda, accounts, reports, cuttings and cores, or other information relative to the operation of the above described premises, which may be requested by the General Land Office, in addition to those herein expressly provided for. Lessee shall have an electrical and/or radioactivity survey made on the bore-hole section, from the base of the surface casing to the total depth of well, of all wells drilled on the above described premises and shall transmit a true copy of the log of each survey on each well to the General Land Office within fifteen (15) days after the making of said survey.

(C) PENALTIES. Lessee shall incur a penalty whenever reports, documents or other materials are not filed in the General Land Office when due. The penalty for late filing shall be set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the materials were due in the General Land Office.

11. DRY HOLE/CESSATION OF PRODUCTION DURING PRIMARY TERM. If, during the primary term hereof and prior to discovery and production of oil or gas on said land, Lessee should drill a dry hole or holes thereon, or if during the primary term hereof and after the discovery and actual production of oil or gas from the leased premises such production thereof should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if on or before the expiration of sixty (60) days from date of completion of said dry hole or cessation of production Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations thereon, or pays or tenders the next annual delay rental in the same manner as provided in this lease. If, during the last year of the primary term or within sixty (60) days prior thereto, a dry hole be completed and abandoned, or the production of oil or gas should cease for any cause, Lessee's rights shall remain in full force and effect without further operations until the expiration of the primary term; and if Lessee has not resumed production in paying quantities at the expiration of the primary term, Lessee may maintain this lease by conducting additional drilling or reworking operations pursuant to Paragraph 13, using the expiration of the primary term as the date of cessation of production under Paragraph 13. Should the first well or any subsequent well drilled on the above described land be completed as a shut-in oil or gas well within the primary term hereof, Lessee may resume payment of the annual rental in the same manner as provided herein on or before the rental paying date following the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date of completion of such shut-in oil or gas well and upon the failure to make such payment, this lease shall ipso facto terminate. If at the expiration of the primary term or any time thereafter a shut-in oil or gas well is located on the leased premises, payments may be made in accordance with the shut-in provisions hereof.

12. DRILLING AND REWORKING AT EXPIRATION OF PRIMARY TERM. If, at the expiration of the primary term, neither oil nor gas is being produced on said land, but Lessee is then engaged in drilling or reworking operations thereon, this lease shall remain in force so long as operations on said well or for drilling or reworking of any additional well are prosecuted in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days during any one such operation, and if they result in the production of oil and/or gas, so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced in paying quantities from said land, or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or compensatory royalties is made as provided in this lease.

13. CESSATION, DRILLING, AND REWORKING. If, after the expiration of the primary term, production of oil or gas from the leased premises, after once obtained, should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after such cessation, and this lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as such operations continue in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. If such drilling or reworking operations result in the production of oil or gas, the lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as oil or gas is produced from the leased premises in paying quantities or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or payment of compensatory royalties is made as provided herein or as provided by law. If the drilling or reworking operations result in the completion of a well as a dry hole, the lease will not terminate if the Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after the completion of the well as a dry hole, and this lease shall remain in effect so long as Lessee continues drilling or reworking operations in good faith and in a workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. Lessee shall give written notice to the General Land Office within thirty (30) days of any cessation of production.

14. SHUT-IN ROYALTIES. For purposes of this paragraph, "well" means any well that has been assigned a well number by the state agency having jurisdiction over the production of oil and gas. If, at any time after the expiration of the primary term of a lease that, until being shut in, was being maintained in force and effect, a well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities is located on the leased premises, but oil or gas is not being produced for lack of suitable production facilities or lack of a suitable market, then Lessee may pay as a shut-in oil or gas royalty an amount equal to double the annual rental provided in the lease, but not less than \$1,200 a year for each well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre. To be effective, each initial shut-in oil or gas royalty must be paid on or before: (1) the expiration of the primary term, (2) 60 days after the Lessee ceases to produce oil or gas from the leased premises, or (3) 60 days after Lessee completes a drilling or reworking operation in accordance with the lease provisions; whichever date is latest. Such payment shall be made one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil. If the shut-in oil or gas royalty is paid, the lease shall be considered to be a producing lease and the payment shall extend the term of the lease for a period of one year from the end of the primary term, or from the first day of the month following the month in which production ceased, and, after that, if no suitable production facilities or suitable market for the oil or gas exists, Lessee may extend the lease for four more successive periods of one (1) year by paying the same amount each year on or



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before the expiration of each shut-in year.

15. **COMPENSATORY ROYALTIES.** If, during the period the lease is kept in effect by payment of the shut-in oil or gas royalty, oil or gas is sold and delivered in paying quantities from a well located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises and completed in the same producing reservoir, or in any case in which drainage is occurring, the right to continue to maintain the lease by paying the shut-in oil or gas royalty shall cease, but the lease shall remain effective for the remainder of the year for which the royalty has been paid. The Lessee may maintain the lease for four more successive years by Lessee paying compensatory royalty at the royalty rate provided in the lease of the market value of production from the well causing the drainage or which is completed in the same producing reservoir and within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. The compensatory royalty is to be paid monthly, one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil, beginning on or before the last day of the month following the month in which the oil or gas is produced from the well causing the drainage or that is completed in the same producing reservoir and located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. If the compensatory royalty paid in any 12-month period is in an amount less than the annual shut-in oil or gas royalty, Lessee shall pay an amount equal to the difference within thirty (30) days from the end of the 12-month period. Compensatory royalty payments which are not timely paid will accrue penalty and interest in accordance with Paragraph 9 of this lease. None of these provisions will relieve Lessee of the obligation of reasonable development nor the obligation to drill offset wells as provided in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.173; however, at the determination of the Commissioner, and with the Commissioner's written approval, the payment of compensatory royalties can satisfy the obligation to drill offset wells.

16. **RETAINED ACREAGE.** Notwithstanding any provision of this lease to the contrary, after a well producing or capable of producing oil or gas has been completed on the leased premises, Lessee shall exercise the diligence of a reasonably prudent operator in drilling such additional well or wells as may be reasonably necessary for the proper development of the leased premises and in marketing the production thereon.

(A) **VERTICAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term, it shall then terminate as to all of the leased premises, EXCEPT (1) 40 acres surrounding each oil well capable of producing in paying quantities and 320 acres surrounding each gas well capable of producing in paying quantities (including a shut-in oil or gas well as provided in Paragraph 14 hereof), or a well upon which Lessee is then engaged in continuous drilling or reworking operations, or (2) the number of acres included in a producing pooled unit pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153, or (3) such greater or lesser number of acres as may then be allocated for production purposes to a proration unit for each such producing well under the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas, or any successor agency, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction. If at any time after the effective date of the partial termination provisions hereof, the applicable field rules are changed or the well or wells located thereon are reclassified so that less acreage is thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes, this lease shall thereupon terminate as to all acreage not thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes. Notwithstanding the termination of this lease as to a portion of the lands covered hereby, Lessee shall nevertheless continue to have the right of ingress to and egress from the lands still subject to this lease for all purposes described in Paragraph 1 hereof, together with easements and right-of-ways for existing roads, existing pipelines and other existing facilities on, over and across all the lands described in Paragraph 1 hereof ("the retained lands"), for access to and from the retained lands and for the gathering or transportation of oil, gas and other minerals produced from the retained lands.

(B) **HORIZONTAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term it shall further terminate as to all depths below 100 feet below the total depth drilled (hereinafter "deeper depths") in each well located on acreage retained in Paragraph 16(A) above, unless on or before two (2) years after the primary or extended term Lessee pays an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the bonus originally paid as consideration for this lease (as specified on page 1 hereof). If such amount is paid, this lease shall be in force and effect as to such deeper depths, and said termination shall be delayed for an additional period of two (2) years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities from such deeper depths covered by this lease.

(C) **IDENTIFICATION AND FILING.** The surface acreage retained hereunder as to each well shall, as nearly as practical, be in the form of a square with the well located in the center thereof, or such other shape as may be approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office. Within thirty (30) days after partial termination of this lease as provided herein, Lessee shall execute and record a release or releases containing a satisfactory legal description of the acreage and/or depths not retained hereunder. The recorded release, or a certified copy of same, shall be filed in the General Land Office, accompanied by the filing fee prescribed by the General Land Office rules in effect on the date the release is filed. If Lessee fails or refuses to execute and record such release or releases within ninety (90) days after being requested to do so by the General Land Office, then the Commissioner at his sole discretion may designate by written instrument the acreage and/or depths to be released hereunder and record such instrument at Lessee's expense in the county or counties where the lease is located and in the official records of the General Land Office and such designation shall be binding upon Lessee for all purposes.

17. **OFFSET WELLS.** Neither the bonus, delay rentals, nor royalties paid, or to be paid, under this lease shall relieve Lessee of his obligation to protect the oil and gas under the above-described land from being drained. Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall drill as many wells as the facts may justify and shall use appropriate means and drill to a depth necessary to prevent undue drainage of oil and gas from the leased premises. In addition, if oil and/or gas should be produced in commercial quantities within 1,000 feet of the leased



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premises, or in any case where the leased premises is being drained by production of oil or gas, the Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall in good faith begin the drilling of a well or wells upon the leased premises within 100 days after the draining well or wells or the well or wells completed within 1,000 feet of the leased premises start producing in commercial quantities and shall prosecute such drilling with diligence. Failure to satisfy the statutory offset obligation may subject this lease and the owner of the soil's agency rights to forfeiture. Only upon the determination of the Commissioner of the General Land Office and with his written approval may the payment of compensatory royalty under applicable statutory parameters satisfy the obligation to drill an offset well or wells required under this paragraph.

18. **FORCE MAJEURE.** If, after a good faith effort, Lessee is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this lease, from conducting drilling operations on the leased premises, or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises by reason of war, rebellion, riots, strikes, acts of God, or any valid order, rule or regulation of government authority, then while so prevented, Lessee's obligation to comply with such covenant shall be suspended and Lessee shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenants; additionally, this lease shall be extended while Lessee is prevented, by any such cause, from conducting drilling and reworking operations or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises. However, nothing in this paragraph shall suspend the payment of delay rentals in order to maintain this lease in effect during the primary term in the absence of such drilling or reworking operations or production of oil or gas.

19. **WARRANTY CLAUSE.** The owner of the soil warrants and agrees to defend title to the leased premises. If the owner of the soil defaults in payments owed on the leased premises, then Lessee may redeem the rights of the owner of the soil in the leased premises by paying any mortgage, taxes or other liens on the leased premises. If Lessee makes payments on behalf of the owner of the soil under this paragraph, Lessee may recover the cost of these payments from the rental and royalties due the owner of the soil.

20. (A) **PROPORTIONATE REDUCTION CLAUSE.** If the owner of the soil owns less than the entire undivided surface estate in the above described land, whether or not Lessee's interest is specified herein, then the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the owner of the soil shall be paid to him in the proportion which his interest bears to the entire undivided surface estate and the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas shall be likewise proportionately reduced. However, before Lessee adjusts the royalty or rental due to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee or his authorized representative must submit to the Commissioner of the General Land Office a written statement which explains the discrepancy between the interest purportedly leased under this lease and the actual interest owned by the owner of the soil. The Commissioner of the General Land Office shall be paid the value of the whole production allocable to any undivided interest not covered by a lease, less the proportionate development and production cost allocable to such undivided interest. However, in no event shall the Commissioner of the General Land Office receive as a royalty on the gross production allocable to the undivided interest not leased an amount less than the value of one-sixteenth (1/16) of such gross production.

(B) **REDUCTION OF PAYMENTS.** If, during the primary term, a portion of the land covered by this lease is included within the boundaries of a pooled unit that has been approved by the School Land Board and the owner of the soil in accordance with Natural Resources Code Sections 52.151-52.154, or if at any time after the expiration of the primary term or the extended term, this lease covers a lesser number of acres than the total amount described herein, payments that are made on a per acre basis hereunder shall be reduced according to the number of acres pooled, released, surrendered, or otherwise severed, so that payments determined on a per acre basis under the terms of this lease during the primary term shall be calculated based upon the number of acres outside the boundaries of a pooled unit, or, if after the expiration of the primary term, the number of acres actually retained and covered by this lease.

21. **USE OF WATER.** Lessee shall have the right to use water produced on said land necessary for operations under this lease except water from wells or tanks of the owner of the soil; provided, however, Lessee shall not use potable water or water suitable for livestock or irrigation purposes for watertlood operations without the prior consent of the owner of the soil.

22. **AUTHORIZED DAMAGES.** Lessee shall pay the owner of the soil for damages caused by its operations to all personal property, improvements, livestock and crops on said land.

23. **PIPELINE DEPTH.** When requested by the owner of the soil, Lessee shall bury its pipelines below plow depth.

24. **WELL LOCATION LIMIT.** No well shall be drilled nearer than two hundred (200) feet to any house or barn now on said premises without the written consent of the owner of the soil.

25. **POLLUTION.** In developing this area, Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all proper safeguards to prevent pollution. Without limiting the foregoing, pollution of coastal wetlands, natural waterways, rivers and impounded water shall be prevented by the use of containment facilities sufficient to prevent spillage, seepage or ground water contamination. In the event of pollution, Lessee shall use all means at its disposal to recapture all escaped hydrocarbons or other pollutant and shall be responsible for all damage to public and private properties. Lessee shall build and maintain fences around its slush, sump, and drainage pits and tank batteries so as to protect livestock against loss, damage or injury; and upon completion or abandonment of any well or wells, Lessee shall fill and level all slush pits



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and cellars and completely clean up the drilling site of all rubbish thereon. Lessee shall, while conducting operations on the leased premises, keep said premises free of all rubbish, cans, bottles, paper cups or garbage, and upon completion of operations shall restore the surface of the land to as near its original condition and contours as is practicable. Tanks and equipment will be kept painted and presentable.

26. **REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT.** Subject to limitations in this paragraph, Lessee shall have the right to remove machinery and fixtures placed by Lessee on the leased premises, including the right to draw and remove casing, within one hundred twenty (120) days after the expiration or the termination of this lease unless the owner of the soil grants Lessee an extension of this 120-day period. However, Lessee may not remove casing from any well capable of producing oil and gas in paying quantities. Additionally, Lessee may not draw and remove casing until after thirty (30) days written notice to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and to the owner of the soil. The owner of the soil shall become the owner of any machinery, fixtures, or casing which are not timely removed by Lessee under the terms of this paragraph.

27. (A) **ASSIGNMENTS.** Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29 of this lease, the rights and estates of either party to this lease may be assigned, in whole or in part, and the provisions of this lease shall extend to and be binding upon their heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns. However, a change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties will not enlarge the obligations of Lessee, diminish the rights, privileges and estates of Lessee, impair the effectiveness of any payment made by Lessee or impair the effectiveness of any act performed by Lessee. And no change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties shall bind Lessee for any purpose until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil (or his heirs, devisees, legal representatives or assigns) furnishes the Lessee with satisfactory written evidence of the change in ownership, including the original recorded muniments of title (or a certified copy of such original) when the ownership changed because of a conveyance. A total or partial assignment of this lease shall, to the extent of the interest assigned, relieve and discharge Lessee of all subsequent obligations under this lease. If this lease is assigned in its entirety as to only part of the acreage, the right and option to pay rentals shall be apportioned as between the several owners ratably, according to the area of each, and failure by one or more of them to pay his share of the rental shall not affect this lease on the part of the land upon which pro rata rentals are timely paid or tendered; however, if the assignor or assignee does not file a certified copy of such assignment in the General Land Office before the next rental paying date, the entire lease shall terminate for failure to pay the entire rental due under Paragraph 3. Every assignee shall succeed to all rights and be subject to all obligations, liabilities, and penalties owed to the State by the original lessee or any prior assignee of the lease, including any liabilities to the State for unpaid royalties.

(B) **ASSIGNMENT LIMITATION.** Notwithstanding any provision in Paragraph 27(a), if the owner of the soil acquires this lease in whole or in part by assignment without the prior written approval of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, this lease is void as of the time of assignment and the agency power of the owner may be forfeited by the Commissioner. An assignment will be treated as if it were made to the owner of the soil if the assignee is:

- (1) a nominee of the owner of the soil;
- (2) a corporation or subsidiary in which the owner of the soil is a principal stockholder or is an employee of such a corporation or subsidiary;
- (3) a partnership in which the owner of the soil is a partner or is an employee of such a partnership;
- (4) a principal stockholder or employee of the corporation which is the owner of the soil;
- (5) a partner or employee in a partnership which is the owner of the soil;
- (6) a fiduciary for the owner of the soil; including but not limited to a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, or conservator for the owner of the soil; or
- (7) a family member of the owner of the soil or related to the owner of the soil by marriage, blood, or adoption.

28. **RELEASES.** Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29, Lessee may at any time execute and deliver to the owner of the soil and place of record a release or releases covering any portion or portions of the leased premises, and thereby surrender this lease as to such portion or portions, and be relieved of all subsequent obligations as to acreage surrendered. If any part of this lease is properly surrendered, the delay rental due under this lease shall be reduced by the proportion that the surrendered acreage bears to the acreage which was covered by this lease immediately prior to such surrender; however, such release will not relieve Lessee of any liabilities which may have accrued under this lease prior to the surrender of such acreage.

29. **FILING OF ASSIGNMENTS AND RELEASES.** If all or any part of this lease is assigned or released, such assignment or release must be recorded in the county where the land is situated, and the recorded instrument, or a copy of the recorded instrument certified by the County Clerk of the county in which the instrument is recorded, must be filed in the General Land Office within 90 days of the last execution date accompanied by the prescribed filing fee. If any such assignment is not so filed, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture at the option of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

30. **DISCLOSURE CLAUSE.** All provisions pertaining to the lease of the above-described land have been included in this instrument, including the statement of the true consideration to be paid for the execution of this lease and the rights and duties of the parties. Any collateral agreements concerning the development of oil and gas from the



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leased premises which are not contained in this lease render this lease invalid.

31. **FIDUCIARY DUTY.** The owner of the soil owes the State a fiduciary duty and must fully disclose any facts affecting the State's interest in the leased premises. When the interests of the owner of the soil conflict with those of the State, the owner of the soil is obligated to put the State's interests before his personal interests.

32. **FORFEITURE.** If Lessee shall fail or refuse to make the payment of any sum within thirty days after it becomes due, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly make any false return or false report concerning production or drilling, or if Lessee shall fail or refuse to drill any offset well or wells in good faith as required by law and the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or if Lessee should fail to file reports in the manner required by law or fail to comply with rules and regulations promulgated by the General Land Office, the School Land Board, or the Railroad Commission, or if Lessee should refuse the proper authority access to the records pertaining to operations, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly fail or refuse to give correct information to the proper authority, or knowingly fail or refuse to furnish the General Land Office a correct log of any well, or if Lessee shall knowingly violate any of the material provisions of this lease, or if this lease is assigned and the assignment is not filed in the General Land Office as required by law, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture by the Commissioner, and he shall forfeit same when sufficiently informed of the facts which authorize a forfeiture, and when forfeited the area shall again be subject to lease under the terms of the Relinquishment Act. However, nothing herein shall be construed as waiving the automatic termination of this lease by operation of law or by reason of any special limitation arising hereunder. Forfeitures may be set aside and this lease and all rights thereunder reinstated before the rights of another intervene upon satisfactory evidence to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of future compliance with the provisions of the law and of this lease and the rules and regulations that may be adopted relative hereto.

33. **LIEN.** In accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136, the State shall have a first lien upon all oil and gas produced from the area covered by this lease to secure payment of all unpaid royalty and other sums of money that may become due under this lease. By acceptance of this lease, Lessee grants the State, in addition to the lien provided by Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136 and any other applicable statutory lien, an express contractual lien on and security interest in all leased minerals in and extracted from the leased premises, all proceeds which may accrue to Lessee from the sale of such leased minerals, whether such proceeds are held by Lessee or by a third party, and all fixtures on and improvements to the leased premises used in connection with the production or processing of such leased minerals in order to secure the payment of all royalties or other amounts due or to become due under this lease and to secure payment of any damages or loss that Lessor may suffer by reason of Lessee's breach of any covenant or condition of this lease, whether express or implied. This lien and security interest may be foreclosed with or without court proceedings in the manner provided in the Title I, Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code. Lessee agrees that the Commissioner may require Lessee to execute and record such instruments as may be reasonably necessary to acknowledge, attach or perfect this lien. Lessee hereby represents that there are no prior or superior liens arising from and relating to Lessee's activities upon the above-described property or from Lessee's acquisition of this lease. Should the Commissioner at any time determine that this representation is not true, then the Commissioner may declare this lease forfeited as provided herein.

34. **POOLING.** Lessee is hereby granted the right to pool or unitize the royalty interest of the owner of the soil under this lease with any other leasehold or mineral interest for the exploration, development and production of oil or gas or either of them upon the same terms as shall be approved by the School Land Board and the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the pooling or unitizing of the interest of the State under this lease pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153. The owner of the soil agrees that the inclusion of this provision in this lease satisfies the execution requirements stated in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.152.

35. **INDEMNITY.** Lessee hereby releases and discharges the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns, of and from all and any actions and causes of action of every nature, or other harm, including environmental harm, for which recovery of damages is sought, including, but not limited to, all losses and expenses which are caused by the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents arising out of, incidental to, or resulting from, the operations of or for Lessee on the leased premises hereunder, or that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement, or by any other negligent or strictly liable act or omission of Lessee. Further, Lessee hereby agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees and agents, their successors or assigns, against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, actions, personal injury (including death), costs and expenses, or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, under any theory including tort, contract, or strict liability, including attorneys' fees and other legal expenses, including those related to environmental hazards, on the leased premises or in any way related to Lessee's failure to comply with any and all environmental laws; those arising from or in any way related to Lessee's operations or any other of Lessee's activities on the leased premises; those arising from Lessee's use of the surface of the leased premises; and those that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or any other act or omission of Lessee, its directors, officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns. Each assignee of this Agreement, or an interest therein, agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, and agents in the same manner provided above in connection with the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents as described above. **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY LIMITED HEREIN, ALL**



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OF THE INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS AND/OR LIABILITIES ASSUMED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE WITHOUT LIMITS AND WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CAUSE OR CAUSES THEREOF (EXCLUDING PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS), STRICT LIABILITY, OR THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY OR PARTIES (INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE INDENINIFIED PARTY), WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE BE SOLE, JOINT, CONCURRENT, ACTIVE, OR PASSIVE.

36. **ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS.** Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all reasonable safeguards to prevent contamination or pollution of any environmental medium, including soil, surface waters, groundwater, sediments, and surface or subsurface strata, ambient air or any other environmental medium in, on, or under the leased premises, by any waste, pollutant, or contaminant. Lessee shall not bring or permit to remain on the leased premises any asbestos containing materials, explosives, toxic materials, or substances regulated as hazardous wastes, hazardous materials, hazardous substances (as the term "Hazardous Substance" is defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601, et seq.), or toxic substances under any federal, state, or local law or regulation ("Hazardous Materials"), except ordinary products commonly used in connection with oil and gas exploration and development operations and stored in the usual manner and quantities. **LESSEE'S VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION SHALL CONSTITUTE A MATERIAL BREACH AND DEFAULT HEREUNDER AND LESSEE SHALL INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL FROM AND AGAINST ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, JUDGMENTS, PENALTIES, LIABILITIES, AND COSTS (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS) CAUSED BY OR ARISING OUT OF (I) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (II) THE PRESENCE, RELEASE, OR DISPOSAL OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OR CONTROL OF THE LEASED PREMISES. LESSEE SHALL CLEAN UP, REMOVE, REMEDY AND REPAIR ANY SOIL OR GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE PRESENCE OR RELEASE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN, ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OF THE LEASED PREMISES IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE LAW. THIS INDEMNIFICATION AND ASSUMPTION SHALL APPLY, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, LIABILITY FOR RESPONSE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO CERCLA OR ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAW OR REGULATION. LESSEE SHALL IMMEDIATELY GIVE THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY BREACH OR SUSPECTED BREACH OF THIS PARAGRAPH, UPON LEARNING OF THE PRESENCE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OR UPON RECEIVING A NOTICE FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY PERTAINING TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WHICH MAY AFFECT THE LEASED PREMISES. THE OBLIGATIONS OF LESSEE HEREUNDER SHALL SURVIVE THE EXPIRATION OR EARLIER TERMINATION, FOR ANY REASON, OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

37. **APPLICABLE LAW.** This lease is issued under the provisions of Texas Natural Resources Code 52.171 through 52.190, commonly known as the Relinquishment Act, and other applicable statutes and amendments thereto, and if any provision in this lease does not conform to these statutes, the statutes will prevail over any nonconforming lease provisions.

38. **EXECUTION.** This oil and gas lease must be signed and acknowledged by the Lessee before it is filed of record in the county records and in the General Land Office of the State of Texas. Once the filing requirements found in Paragraph 39 of this lease have been satisfied, the effective date of this lease shall be the date found on Page 1.

39. **LEASE FILING.** Pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, this lease must be filed of record in the office of the County Clerk in any county in which all or any part of the leased premises is located, and certified copies thereof must be filed in the General Land Office. This lease is not effective until a certified copy of this lease (which is made and certified by the County Clerk from his records) is filed in the General Land Office in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.183. Additionally, this lease shall not be binding upon the State unless it recites the actual and true consideration paid or promised for execution of this lease. The bonus due the State and the prescribed filing fee shall accompany such certified copy to the General Land Office.

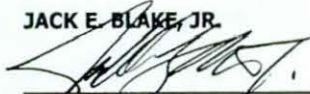
40. See attached "ADDENDUM" attached hereto and made a part hereof.



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** THIS IS A PAID-UP OIL AND GAS LEASE as to any rentals that may be paid on or before the 1st and 2nd anniversary date. If delay rentals are paid on or before the 3rd anniversary date, the total rental paid shall be \$24,502.00. Of such amount, \$12,251.00 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$12,251.00 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein, and the rentals due on or before the 4th anniversary date will be PAID-UP.

JACK E. BLAKE, JR.

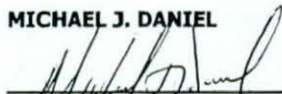


BY: Jack E. Blake, Jr.

TITLE: Individually

DATE: 11-2-2005

MICHAEL J. DANIEL



Michael J. Daniel

Individually

DATE: 11/2/2005

STATE OF TEXAS

BY: 
Houston Goodspeed, a/k/a Houston Lowell Goodspeed

DATE: 10/17/05

STATE OF TEXAS

BY: _____

DATE: _____

THE STATE OF

Texas

COUNTY OF

Denton

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 17th day of October, 2005, by **Houston Goodspeed, a/k/a Houston Lowell Goodspeed**, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires: 7/15/06


Notary Public Signature



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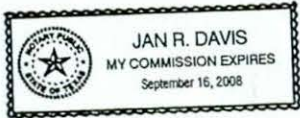
THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF MIDLAND §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 2nd day of November, 2005, by Jack E. Blake, Jr., and Michael J. Daniel, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires:

Jan R. Davis
Notary Public Signature



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ADDENDUM attached to and made a part of that certain Oil and Gas Lease dated October 1, 2005,
by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent
Houston Goodspeed, a/k/a Houston Lowell Goodspeed, and Jack E. Blake, Jr. and Michael J. Daniel.

40. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Paragraph 5 (minimum royalty) and Paragraph 14 (shut-in royalty) refer to their computation to the delay rentals provided in Paragraph 3 herein. The undersigned do hereby recognize and acknowledge that minimum royalty and shut-in royalties due herein are payable in the amount of \$122.51. Of such amount, \$61.26 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$61.26 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein.

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BY: *Dianne O. Florez*, DEPUTY

DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

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Date Filed: 2/2/06
George P. Bush, Commissioner
By _____

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY CERTIFICATE
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF REEVES**

The above and foregoing is a full, true and correct photographic copy of the original record now in my lawful custody and possession, as the same is filed/recorded in the public records of my office, found in VOL. 717, PAGE 571 THRU 582. **DEED RECORDS**

I hereby certified on **JANUARY 25, 2006**



**DIANNE O. FLORES, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS**
By Josie Flores **DEPUTY
JOSIE FLORES**

FILE# 5357

General Land Office
Relinquishment Act Lease Form
Revised, September 1997

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of October, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, **Terry Fortune, whose address is P.O. Box 150322 Fort Worth, Texas 76108**, said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and

Jack E. Blake, Jr., whose address is P.O. Box 10184, Midland, Texas 79702, and **Michael J. Daniel**, whose address is 201 W. Wall St., Suite 201, Midland, Texas 79701, in equal shares, hereinafter called Lessee (whether one or more).

1. GRANTING CLAUSE. For and in consideration of the amounts stated below and of the covenants and agreements to be paid, kept and performed by Lessee under this lease, the State of Texas acting by and through the owner of the soil, hereby grants, leases and lets unto Lessee, for the sole and only purpose of prospecting and drilling for and producing oil and gas, laying pipe lines, building tanks, storing oil and building power Stations, telephone lines and other Structures thereon, to produce, save, take care of, treat and transport said products of the lease, the following lands situated in Reeves County, State of Texas, to-wit:

Block 57, T-3, T&P R.R. Co. Survey
Section 4: All, 640 acres, more or less.
Reeves County, Texas

Containing 640.00 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas:	<u>SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY AND NO/100** Dollars (\$7,680.00)</u>
To the owner of the soil:	<u>SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY AND NO/100** Dollars \$7,680.00)</u>
Total bonus consideration:	<u>FIFTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY AND NO/100** Dollars \$15,360.00)</u>

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of THREE HUNDRED AND NO/100** Dollars (\$300.00) per acre, on 51.20 net acres.

2. TERM. Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of **FIVE YEARS** from this date (herein called primary term") and as long thereafter as oil and gas, or either of them, is produced in paying quantities from said land. As used in this lease, the term "produced in paying quantities" means that the receipts from the sale or other authorized commercial use of the substance(s) covered exceed out of pocket operational expenses for the six months last past.

3. DELAY RENTALS. If no well is commenced on the leased premises on or before one (1) year from this date, this lease shall terminate, unless on or before such anniversary date Lessee shall pay or tender to the owner of the soil or to his credit in the Bank, at _____, or its successors (which shall continue as the depository regardless of changes in the ownership of said land), the amount specified below; in addition, Lessee shall pay or tender to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, a like sum on or before said date. Payments under this paragraph shall operate as a rental and shall cover the privilege of deferring the commencement of a well for one (1) year from said date. Payments under this paragraph shall be in the following amounts:

To the owner of the soil:	<u>TWENTY-FIVE AND 60/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$25.60)
To the State of Texas:	<u>TWENTY-FIVE AND 60/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$25.60)
Total Rental:	<u>FIFTY-ONE AND 20/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$51.20) **

(** See attached Amended Delay Rental Provision)

In a like manner and upon like payments or tenders annually, the commencement of a well may be further deferred for successive periods of one (1) year each during the primary term. All payments or tenders of rental to the owner of the soil may be made by check or sight draft of Lessee, or any assignee of this lease, and may be delivered on or before the rental paying date. If the bank designated in this paragraph (or its successor bank) should cease to exist, suspend business, liquidate, fail or be succeeded by another bank, or for any reason fail or refuse to accept rental, Lessee shall



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not be held in default for failure to make such payments or tenders of rental until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil shall deliver to Lessee a proper recordable instrument naming another bank as agent to receive such payments or tenders.

4. PRODUCTION ROYALTIES. Upon production of oil and/or gas, Lessee agrees to pay or cause to be paid one-half (1/2) of the royalty provided for in this lease to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, at Austin, Texas, and one-half (1/2) of such royalty to the owner of the soil:

(A) OIL. Royalty payable on oil, which is defined as including all hydrocarbons produced in a liquid form at the mouth of the well and also as all condensate, distillate, and other liquid hydrocarbons recovered from oil or gas run through a separator or other equipment, as hereinafter provided, shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be determined by 1) the highest posted price, plus premium, if any, offered or paid for oil, condensate, distillate, or other liquid hydrocarbons, respectively, of a like type and gravity in the general area where produced and when run, or 2) the highest market price thereof offered or paid in the general area where produced and when run, or 3) the gross proceeds of the sale thereof, whichever is the greater. Lessee agrees that before any gas produced from the leased premises is sold, used or processed in a plant, it will be run free of cost to the royalty owners through an adequate oil and gas separator of conventional type, or other equipment at least as efficient, so that all liquid hydrocarbons recoverable from the gas by such means will be recovered. The requirement that such gas be run through a separator or other equipment may be waived in writing by the royalty owners upon such terms and conditions as they prescribe.

(B) NON PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas (including flared gas), which is defined as all hydrocarbons and gaseous substances not defined as oil in subparagraph (A) above, produced from any well on said land (except as provided herein with respect to gas processed in a plant for the extraction of gasoline, liquid hydrocarbons or other products) shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be based on the highest market price paid or offered for gas of comparable quality in the general area where produced and when run, or the gross price paid or offered to the producer, whichever is the greater; provided that the maximum pressure base in measuring the gas under this lease shall not at any time exceed 14.65 pounds per square inch absolute, and the standard base temperature shall be sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit, correction to be made for pressure according to Boyle's Law, and for specific gravity according to tests made by the Balance Method or by the most approved method of testing being used by the industry at the time of testing.

(C) PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas processed in a gasoline plant or other plant for the recovery of gasoline or other liquid hydrocarbons shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the residue gas and the liquid hydrocarbons extracted or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office. All royalties due herein shall be based on one hundred percent (100%) of the total plant production of residue gas attributable to gas produced from this lease, and on fifty percent (50%), or that percent accruing to Lessee, whichever is the greater, of the total plant production of liquid hydrocarbons attributable to the gas produced from this lease; provided that if liquid hydrocarbons are recovered from gas processed in a plant in which Lessee (or its parent, subsidiary or affiliate) owns an interest, then the percentage applicable to liquid hydrocarbons shall be fifty percent (50%) or the highest percent accruing to a third party processing gas through such plant under a processing agreement negotiated at arm's length (or if there is no such third party, the highest percent then being specified in processing agreements or contracts in the industry), whichever is the greater. The respective royalties on residue gas and on liquid hydrocarbons shall be determined by 1) the highest market price paid or offered for any gas (or liquid hydrocarbons) of comparable quality in the general area, or 2) the gross price paid or offered for such residue gas (or the weighted average gross selling price for the respective grades of liquid hydrocarbons), whichever is the greater. In no event, however, shall the royalties payable under this paragraph be less than the royalties which would have been due had the gas not been processed.

(D) OTHER PRODUCTS. Royalty on carbon black, sulphur or any other products produced or manufactured from gas (excepting liquid hydrocarbons) whether said gas be casinghead, "dry," or any other gas, by fractionating, burning or any other processing shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production of such products, or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such market value to be determined as follows: 1) on the basis of the highest market price of each product for the same month in which such product is produced, or 2) on the basis of the average gross sale price of each product for the same month in which such products are produced; whichever is the greater.

5. MINIMUM ROYALTY. During any year after the expiration of the primary term of this lease, if this lease is maintained by production, the royalties paid under this lease in no event shall be less than an amount equal to the total annual delay rental herein provided; otherwise, there shall be due and payable on or before the last day of the month succeeding the anniversary date of this lease a sum equal to the total annual rental less the amount of royalties paid during the preceding year. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre.

6. ROYALTY IN KIND. Notwithstanding any other provision in this lease, at any time or from time to time, the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office may, at the option of either, upon not less than sixty (60) days notice to the holder of the lease, require that the payment of any royalties accruing to such royalty owner



under this lease be made in kind. The owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's right to take its royalty in kind shall not diminish or negate the owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's rights or Lessee's obligations, whether express or implied, under this lease.

7. NO DEDUCTIONS. Lessee agrees that all royalties accruing under this lease (including those paid in kind) shall be without deduction for the cost of producing, gathering, storing, separating, treating, dehydrating, compressing, processing, transporting, and otherwise making the oil, gas and other products hereunder ready for sale or use. Lessee agrees to compute and pay royalties on the gross value received, including any reimbursements for severance taxes and production related costs.

8. PLANT FUEL AND RECYCLED GAS. No royalty shall be payable on any gas as may represent this lease's proportionate share of any fuel used to process gas produced hereunder in any processing plant. Notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, and subject to the written consent of the owner of the soil and the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee may recycle gas for gas lift purposes on the leased premises or for injection into any oil or gas producing formation underlying the leased premises after the liquid hydrocarbons contained in the gas have been removed; no royalties shall be payable on the recycled gas until it is produced and sold or used by Lessee in a manner which entitles the royalty owners to a royalty under this lease.

9. ROYALTY PAYMENTS AND REPORTS. All royalties not taken in kind shall be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Austin, Texas, in the following manner:

Payment of royalty on production of oil and gas shall be as provided in the rules set forth in the Texas Register. Rules currently provide that royalty on oil is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 5th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, and royalty on gas is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 15th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, accompanied by the affidavit of the owner, manager or other authorized agent, completed in the form and manner prescribed by the General Land Office and showing the gross amount and disposition of all oil and gas produced and the market value of the oil and gas, together with a copy of all documents, records or reports confirming the gross production, disposition and market value including gas meter readings, pipeline receipts, gas line receipts and other checks or memoranda of amount produced and put into pipelines, tanks, or pools and gas lines or gas storage, and any other reports or records which the General Land Office may require to verify the gross production, disposition and market value. In all cases the authority of a manager or agent to act for the Lessee herein must be filed in the General Land Office. Each royalty payment shall be accompanied by a check stub, schedule, summary or other remittance advice showing by the assigned General Land Office lease number the amount of royalty being paid on each lease. If Lessee pays his royalty on or before thirty (30) days after the royalty payment was due, then Lessee owes a penalty of 5% on the royalty or \$25.00, whichever is greater. A royalty payment which is over thirty (30) days late shall accrue a penalty of 10% of the royalty due or \$25.00 whichever is greater. In addition to a penalty, royalties shall accrue interest at a rate of 12% per year, such interest will begin accruing when the royalty is sixty (60) days overdue. Affidavits and supporting documents which are not filed when due shall incur a penalty in an amount set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the affidavits or supporting documents were due. The Lessee shall bear all responsibility for paying or causing royalties to be paid as prescribed by the due date provided herein. Payment of the delinquency penalty shall in no way operate to prohibit the State's right of forfeiture as provided by law nor act to postpone the date on which royalties were originally due. The above penalty provisions shall not apply in cases of title dispute as to the State's portion of the royalty or to that portion of the royalty in dispute as to fair market value.

10. (A) RESERVES, CONTRACTS AND OTHER RECORDS. Lessee shall annually furnish the Commissioner of the General Land Office with its best possible estimate of oil and gas reserves underlying this lease or allocable to this lease and shall furnish said Commissioner with copies of all contracts under which gas is sold or processed and all subsequent agreements and amendments to such contracts within thirty (30) days after entering into or making such contracts, agreements or amendments. Such contracts and agreements when received by the General Land Office shall be held in confidence by the General Land Office unless otherwise authorized by Lessee. All other contracts and records pertaining to the production, transportation, sale and marketing of the oil and gas produced on said premises, including the books and accounts, receipts and discharges of all wells, tanks, pools, meters, and pipelines shall at all times be subject to inspection and examination by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, the Governor, or the representative of any of them.

(B) PERMITS, DRILLING RECORDS. Written notice of all operations on this lease shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the General Land Office by Lessee or operator five (5) days before spud date, workover, re-entry, temporary abandonment or plug and abandonment of any well or wells. Such written notice to the General Land Office shall include copies of Railroad Commission forms for application to drill. Copies of well tests, completion reports and plugging reports shall be supplied to the General Land Office at the time they are filed with the Texas Railroad Commission. All applications, permits, reports or other filings that reference this lease or any specific well on the leased premises and that are submitted to the Texas Railroad Commission or any other governmental agency shall include the word "State" in the title. Additionally, in accordance with Railroad Commission rules, any signage on the leased premises for the purpose of identifying wells, tank batteries or other associated improvements to the land must also include the word "State." Lessee shall supply the General Land Office with any records, memoranda, accounts, reports, cuttings and cores, or other information relative to the operation of the above described premises, which may be requested by the General Land Office, in addition to those herein expressly provided for. Lessee shall have an electrical and/or



radioactivity survey made on the bore-hole section, from the base of the surface casing to the total depth of well, of all wells drilled on the above described premises and shall transmit a true copy of the log of each survey on each well to the General Land Office within fifteen (15) days after the making of said survey.

(C) PENALTIES. Lessee shall incur a penalty whenever reports, documents or other materials are not filed in the General Land Office when due. The penalty for late filing shall be set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the materials were due in the General Land Office.

11. DRY HOLE/CESSATION OF PRODUCTION DURING PRIMARY TERM. If, during the primary term hereof and prior to discovery and production of oil or gas on said land, Lessee should drill a dry hole or holes thereon, or if during the primary term hereof and after the discovery and actual production of oil or gas from the leased premises such production thereof should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if on or before the expiration of sixty (60) days from date of completion of said dry hole or cessation of production Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations thereon, or pays or tenders the next annual delay rental in the same manner as provided in this lease. If, during the last year of the primary term or within sixty (60) days prior thereto, a dry hole be completed and abandoned, or the production of oil or gas should cease for any cause, Lessee's rights shall remain in full force and effect without further operations until the expiration of the primary term; and if Lessee has not resumed production in paying quantities at the expiration of the primary term, Lessee may maintain this lease by conducting additional drilling or reworking operations pursuant to Paragraph 13, using the expiration of the primary term as the date of cessation of production under Paragraph 13. Should the first well or any subsequent well drilled on the above described land be completed as a shut-in oil or gas well within the primary term hereof, Lessee may resume payment of the annual rental in the same manner as provided herein on or before the rental paying date following the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date of completion of such shut-in oil or gas well and upon the failure to make such payment, this lease shall ipso facto terminate. If at the expiration of the primary term or any time thereafter a shut-in oil or gas well is located on the leased premises, payments may be made in accordance with the shut-in provisions hereof.

12. DRILLING AND REWORKING AT EXPIRATION OF PRIMARY TERM. If, at the expiration of the primary term, neither oil nor gas is being produced on said land, but Lessee is then engaged in drilling or reworking operations thereon, this lease shall remain in force so long as operations on said well or for drilling or reworking of any additional well are prosecuted in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days during any one such operation, and if they result in the production of oil and/or gas, so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced in paying quantities from said land, or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or compensatory royalties is made as provided in this lease.

13. CESSATION, DRILLING, AND REWORKING. If, after the expiration of the primary term, production of oil or gas from the leased premises, after once obtained, should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after such cessation, and this lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as such operations continue in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. If such drilling or reworking operations result in the production of oil or gas, the lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as oil or gas is produced from the leased premises in paying quantities or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or payment of compensatory royalties is made as provided herein or as provided by law. If the drilling or reworking operations result in the completion of a well as a dry hole, the lease will not terminate if the Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after the completion of the well as a dry hole, and this lease shall remain in effect so long as Lessee continues drilling or reworking operations in good faith and in a workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. Lessee shall give written notice to the General Land Office within thirty (30) days of any cessation of production.

14. SHUT-IN ROYALTIES. For purposes of this paragraph, "well" means any well that has been assigned a well number by the state agency having jurisdiction over the production of oil and gas. If, at any time after the expiration of the primary term of a lease that, until being shut in, was being maintained in force and effect, a well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities is located on the leased premises, but oil or gas is not being produced for lack of suitable production facilities or lack of a suitable market, then Lessee may pay as a shut-in oil or gas royalty an amount equal to double the annual rental provided in the lease, but not less than \$1,200 a year for each well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre. To be effective, each initial shut-in oil or gas royalty must be paid on or before: (1) the expiration of the primary term, (2) 60 days after the Lessee ceases to produce oil or gas from the leased premises, or (3) 60 days after Lessee completes a drilling or reworking operation in accordance with the lease provisions; whichever date is latest. Such payment shall be made one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil. If the shut-in oil or gas royalty is paid, the lease shall be considered to be a producing lease and the payment shall extend the term of the lease for a period of one year from the end of the primary term, or from the first day of the month following the month in which production ceased, and, after that, if no suitable production facilities or suitable market for the oil or gas exists, Lessee may extend the lease for four more successive periods of one (1) year by paying the same amount each year on or before the expiration of each shut-in year.

15. COMPENSATORY ROYALTIES. If, during the period the lease is kept in effect by payment of the shut-in oil or gas royalty, oil or gas is sold and delivered in paying quantities from a well located within one thousand (1,000) feet



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of the leased premises and completed in the same producing reservoir, or in any case in which drainage is occurring, the right to continue to maintain the lease by paying the shut-in oil or gas royalty shall cease, but the lease shall remain effective for the remainder of the year for which the royalty has been paid. The Lessee may maintain the lease for four more successive years by Lessee paying compensatory royalty at the royalty rate provided in the lease of the market value of production from the well causing the drainage or which is completed in the same producing reservoir and within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. The compensatory royalty is to be paid monthly, one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil, beginning on or before the last day of the month following the month in which the oil or gas is produced from the well causing the drainage or that is completed in the same producing reservoir and located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. If the compensatory royalty paid in any 12-month period is in an amount less than the annual shut-in oil or gas royalty, Lessee shall pay an amount equal to the difference within thirty (30) days from the end of the 12-month period. Compensatory royalty payments which are not timely paid will accrue penalty and interest in accordance with Paragraph 9 of this lease. None of these provisions will relieve Lessee of the obligation of reasonable development nor the obligation to drill offset wells as provided in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.173; however, at the determination of the Commissioner, and with the Commissioner's written approval, the payment of compensatory royalties can satisfy the obligation to drill offset wells.

16. **RETAINED ACREAGE.** Notwithstanding any provision of this lease to the contrary, after a well producing or capable of producing oil or gas has been completed on the leased premises, Lessee shall exercise the diligence of a reasonably prudent operator in drilling such additional well or wells as may be reasonably necessary for the proper development of the leased premises and in marketing the production thereon.

(A) **VERTICAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term, it shall then terminate as to all of the leased premises, EXCEPT (1) 40 acres surrounding each oil well capable of producing in paying quantities and 320 acres surrounding each gas well capable of producing in paying quantities (including a shut-in oil or gas well as provided in Paragraph 14 hereof), or a well upon which Lessee is then engaged in continuous drilling or reworking operations, or (2) the number of acres included in a producing pooled unit pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153, or (3) such greater or lesser number of acres as may then be allocated for production purposes to a proration unit for each such producing well under the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas, or any successor agency, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction. If at any time after the effective date of the partial termination provisions hereof, the applicable field rules are changed or the well or wells located thereon are reclassified so that less acreage is thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes, this lease shall thereupon terminate as to all acreage not thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes. Notwithstanding the termination of this lease as to a portion of the lands covered hereby, Lessee shall nevertheless continue to have the right of ingress to and egress from the lands still subject to this lease for all purposes described in Paragraph 1 hereof, together with easements and right-of-ways for existing roads, existing pipelines and other existing facilities on, over and across all the lands described in Paragraph 1 hereof ("the retained lands"), for access to and from the retained lands and for the gathering or transportation of oil, gas and other minerals produced from the retained lands.

(B) **HORIZONTAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term it shall further terminate as to all depths below 100 feet below the total depth drilled (hereinafter "deeper depths") in each well located on acreage retained in Paragraph 16(A) above, unless on or before two (2) years after the primary or extended term Lessee pays an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the bonus originally paid as consideration for this lease (as specified on page 1 hereof). If such amount is paid, this lease shall be in force and effect as to such deeper depths, and said termination shall be delayed for an additional period of two (2) years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities from such deeper depths covered by this lease.

(C) **IDENTIFICATION AND FILING.** The surface acreage retained hereunder as to each well shall, as nearly as practical, be in the form of a square with the well located in the center thereof, or such other shape as may be approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office. Within thirty (30) days after partial termination of this lease as provided herein, Lessee shall execute and record a release or releases containing a satisfactory legal description of the acreage and/or depths not retained hereunder. The recorded release, or a certified copy of same, shall be filed in the General Land Office, accompanied by the filing fee prescribed by the General Land Office rules in effect on the date the release is filed. If Lessee fails or refuses to execute and record such release or releases within ninety (90) days after being requested to do so by the General Land Office, then the Commissioner at his sole discretion may designate by written instrument the acreage and/or depths to be released hereunder and record such instrument at Lessee's expense in the county or counties where the lease is located and in the official records of the General Land Office and such designation shall be binding upon Lessee for all purposes.

17. **OFFSET WELLS.** Neither the bonus, delay rentals, nor royalties paid, or to be paid, under this lease shall relieve Lessee of his obligation to protect the oil and gas under the above-described land from being drained. Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall drill as many wells as the facts may justify and shall use appropriate means and drill to a depth necessary to prevent undue drainage of oil and gas from the leased premises. In addition, if oil and/or gas should be produced in commercial quantities within 1,000 feet of the leased premises, or in any case where the leased premises is being drained by production of oil or gas, the Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall in good faith begin the drilling of a well or wells upon the leased premises within 100 days after the draining well or wells or the well or wells completed within 1,000 feet of the leased premises start producing in commercial quantities and shall prosecute such drilling with diligence. Failure to



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satisfy the statutory offset obligation may subject this lease and the owner of the soil's agency rights to forfeiture. Only upon the determination of the Commissioner of the General Land Office and with his written approval may the payment of compensatory royalty under applicable statutory parameters satisfy the obligation to drill an offset well or wells required under this paragraph.

18. **FORCE MAJEURE.** If, after a good faith effort, Lessee is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this lease, from conducting drilling operations on the leased premises, or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises by reason of war, rebellion, riots, strikes, acts of God, or any valid order, rule or regulation of government authority, then while so prevented, Lessee's obligation to comply with such covenant shall be suspended and Lessee shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenants; additionally, this lease shall be extended while Lessee is prevented, by any such cause, from conducting drilling and reworking operations or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises. However, nothing in this paragraph shall suspend the payment of delay rentals in order to maintain this lease in effect during the primary term in the absence of such drilling or reworking operations or production of oil or gas.

19. **WARRANTY CLAUSE.** The owner of the soil warrants and agrees to defend title to the leased premises. If the owner of the soil defaults in payments owed on the leased premises, then Lessee may redeem the rights of the owner of the soil in the leased premises by paying any mortgage, taxes or other liens on the leased premises. If Lessee makes payments on behalf of the owner of the soil under this paragraph, Lessee may recover the cost of these payments from the rental and royalties due the owner of the soil.

20. (A) **PROPORTIONATE REDUCTION CLAUSE.** If the owner of the soil owns less than the entire undivided surface estate in the above described land, whether or not Lessee's interest is specified herein, then the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the owner of the soil shall be paid to him in the proportion which his interest bears to the entire undivided surface estate and the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas shall be likewise proportionately reduced. However, before Lessee adjusts the royalty or rental due to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee or his authorized representative must submit to the Commissioner of the General Land Office a written statement which explains the discrepancy between the interest purportedly leased under this lease and the actual interest owned by the owner of the soil. The Commissioner of the General Land Office shall be paid the value of the whole production allocable to any undivided interest not covered by a lease, less the proportionate development and production cost allocable to such undivided interest. However, in no event shall the Commissioner of the General Land Office receive as a royalty on the gross production allocable to the undivided interest not leased an amount less than the value of one-sixteenth (1/16) of such gross production.

(B) **REDUCTION OF PAYMENTS.** If, during the primary term, a portion of the land covered by this lease is included within the boundaries of a pooled unit that has been approved by the School Land Board and the owner of the soil in accordance with Natural Resources Code Sections 52.151-52.154, or if at any time after the expiration of the primary term or the extended term, this lease covers a lesser number of acres than the total amount described herein, payments that are made on a per acre basis hereunder shall be reduced according to the number of acres pooled, released, surrendered, or otherwise severed, so that payments determined on a per acre basis under the terms of this lease during the primary term shall be calculated based upon the number of acres outside the boundaries of a pooled unit, or, if after the expiration of the primary term, the number of acres actually retained and covered by this lease.

21. **USE OF WATER.** Lessee shall have the right to use water produced on said land necessary for operations under this lease except water from wells or tanks of the owner of the soil; provided, however, Lessee shall not use potable water or water suitable for livestock or irrigation purposes for watertlood operations without the prior consent of the owner of the soil.

22. **AUTHORIZED DAMAGES.** Lessee shall pay the owner of the soil for damages caused by its operations to all personal property, improvements, livestock and crops on said land.

23. **PIPELINE DEPTH.** When requested by the owner of the soil, Lessee shall bury its pipelines below plow depth.

24. **WELL LOCATION LIMIT.** No well shall be drilled nearer than two hundred (200) feet to any house or barn now on said premises without the written consent of the owner of the soil.

25. **POLLUTION.** In developing this area, Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all proper safeguards to prevent pollution. Without limiting the foregoing, pollution of coastal wetlands, natural waterways, rivers and impounded water shall be prevented by the use of containment facilities sufficient to prevent spillage, seepage or ground water contamination. In the event of pollution, Lessee shall use all means at its disposal to recapture all escaped hydrocarbons or other pollutant and shall be responsible for all damage to public and private properties. Lessee shall build and maintain fences around its slush, sump, and drainage pits and tank batteries so as to protect livestock against loss, damage or injury; and upon completion or abandonment of any well or wells, Lessee shall fill and level all slush pits and cellars and completely clean up the drilling site of all rubbish thereon. Lessee shall, while conducting operations on the leased premises, keep said premises free of all rubbish, cans, bottles, paper cups or garbage, and upon completion of operations shall restore the surface of the land to as near its original condition and contours as is practicable. Tanks and equipment will be kept painted and presentable.



26. REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT. Subject to limitations in this paragraph, Lessee shall have the right to remove machinery and fixtures placed by Lessee on the leased premises, including the right to draw and remove casing, within one hundred twenty (120) days after the expiration or the termination of this lease unless the owner of the soil grants Lessee an extension of this 120-day period. However, Lessee may not remove casing from any well capable of producing oil and gas in paying quantities. Additionally, Lessee may not draw and remove casing until after thirty (30) days written notice to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and to the owner of the soil. The owner of the soil shall become the owner of any machinery, fixtures, or casing which are not timely removed by Lessee under the terms of this paragraph.

27. (A) ASSIGNMENTS. Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29 of this lease, the rights and estates of either party to this lease may be assigned, in whole or in part, and the provisions of this lease shall extend to and be binding upon their heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns. However, a change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties will not enlarge the obligations of Lessee, diminish the rights, privileges and estates of Lessee, impair the effectiveness of any payment made by Lessee or impair the effectiveness of any act performed by Lessee. And no change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties shall bind Lessee for any purpose until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil (or his heirs, devisees, legal representatives or assigns) furnishes the Lessee with satisfactory written evidence of the change in ownership, including the original recorded muniments of title (or a certified copy of such original) when the ownership changed because of a conveyance. A total or partial assignment of this lease shall, to the extent of the interest assigned, relieve and discharge Lessee of all subsequent obligations under this lease. If this lease is assigned in its entirety as to only part of the acreage, the right and option to pay rentals shall be apportioned as between the several owners ratably, according to the area of each, and failure by one or more of them to pay his share of the rental shall not affect this lease on the part of the land upon which pro rata rentals are timely paid or tendered; however, if the assignor or assignee does not file a certified copy of such assignment in the General Land Office before the next rental paying date, the entire lease shall terminate for failure to pay the entire rental due under Paragraph 3. Every assignee shall succeed to all rights and be subject to all obligations, liabilities, and penalties owed to the State by the original lessee or any prior assignee of the lease, including any liabilities to the State for unpaid royalties.

(B) ASSIGNMENT LIMITATION. Notwithstanding any provision in Paragraph 27(a), if the owner of the soil acquires this lease in whole or in part by assignment without the prior written approval of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, this lease is void as of the time of assignment and the agency power of the owner may be forfeited by the Commissioner. An assignment will be treated as if it were made to the owner of the soil if the assignee is:

- (1) a nominee of the owner of the soil;
- (2) a corporation or subsidiary in which the owner of the soil is a principal stockholder or is an employee of such a corporation or subsidiary;
- (3) a partnership in which the owner of the soil is a partner or is an employee of such a partnership;
- (4) a principal stockholder or employee of the corporation which is the owner of the soil;
- (5) a partner or employee in a partnership which is the owner of the soil;
- (6) a fiduciary for the owner of the soil; including but not limited to a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, or conservator for the owner of the soil; or
- (7) a family member of the owner of the soil or related to the owner of the soil by marriage, blood, or adoption.

28. RELEASES. Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29, Lessee may at any time execute and deliver to the owner of the soil and place of record a release or releases covering any portion or portions of the leased premises, and thereby surrender this lease as to such portion or portions, and be relieved of all subsequent obligations as to acreage surrendered. If any part of this lease is properly surrendered, the delay rental due under this lease shall be reduced by the proportion that the surrendered acreage bears to the acreage which was covered by this lease immediately prior to such surrender; however, such release will not relieve Lessee of any liabilities which may have accrued under this lease prior to the surrender of such acreage.

29. FILING OF ASSIGNMENTS AND RELEASES. If all or any part of this lease is assigned or released, such assignment or release must be recorded in the county where the land is situated, and the recorded instrument, or a copy of the recorded instrument certified by the County Clerk of the county in which the instrument is recorded, must be filed in the General Land Office within 90 days of the last execution date accompanied by the prescribed filing fee. If any such assignment is not so filed, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture at the option of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

30. DISCLOSURE CLAUSE. All provisions pertaining to the lease of the above-described land have been included in this instrument, including the statement of the true consideration to be paid for the execution of this lease and the rights and duties of the parties. Any collateral agreements concerning the development of oil and gas from the leased premises which are not contained in this lease render this lease invalid.

31. FIDUCIARY DUTY. The owner of the soil owes the State a fiduciary duty and must fully disclose any facts affecting the State's interest in the leased premises. When the interests of the owner of the soil conflict with those of the



State, the owner of the soil is obligated to put the State's interests before his personal interests.

32. **FORFEITURE.** If Lessee shall fail or refuse to make the payment of any sum within thirty days after it becomes due, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly make any false return or false report concerning production or drilling, or if Lessee shall fail or refuse to drill any offset well or wells in good faith as required by law and the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or if Lessee should fail to file reports in the manner required by law or fail to comply with rules and regulations promulgated by the General Land Office, the School Land Board, or the Railroad Commission, or if Lessee should refuse the proper authority access to the records pertaining to operations, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly fail or refuse to give correct information to the proper authority, or knowingly fail or refuse to furnish the General Land Office a correct log of any well, or if Lessee shall knowingly violate any of the material provisions of this lease, or if this lease is assigned and the assignment is not filed in the General Land Office as required by law, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture by the Commissioner, and he shall forfeit same when sufficiently informed of the facts which authorize a forfeiture, and when forfeited the area shall again be subject to lease under the terms of the Relinquishment Act. However, nothing herein shall be construed as waiving the automatic termination of this lease by operation of law or by reason of any special limitation arising hereunder. Forfeitures may be set aside and this lease and all rights thereunder reinstated before the rights of another intervene upon satisfactory evidence to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of future compliance with the provisions of the law and of this lease and the rules and regulations that may be adopted relative hereto.

33. **LIEN.** In accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136, the State shall have a first lien upon all oil and gas produced from the area covered by this lease to secure payment of all unpaid royalty and other sums of money that may become due under this lease. By acceptance of this lease, Lessee grants the State, in addition to the lien provided by Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136 and any other applicable statutory lien, an express contractual lien on and security interest in all leased minerals in and extracted from the leased premises, all proceeds which may accrue to Lessee from the sale of such leased minerals, whether such proceeds are held by Lessee or by a third party, and all fixtures on and improvements to the leased premises used in connection with the production or processing of such leased minerals in order to secure the payment of all royalties or other amounts due or to become due under this lease and to secure payment of any damages or loss that Lessor may suffer by reason of Lessee's breach of any covenant or condition of this lease, whether express or implied. This lien and security interest may be foreclosed with or without court proceedings in the manner provided in the Title I, Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code. Lessee agrees that the Commissioner may require Lessee to execute and record such instruments as may be reasonably necessary to acknowledge, attach or perfect this lien. Lessee hereby represents that there are no prior or superior liens arising from and relating to Lessee's activities upon the above-described property or from Lessee's acquisition of this lease. Should the Commissioner at any time determine that this representation is not true, then the Commissioner may declare this lease forfeited as provided herein.

34. **POOLING.** Lessee is hereby granted the right to pool or unitize the royalty interest of the owner of the soil under this lease with any other leasehold or mineral interest for the exploration, development and production of oil or gas or either of them upon the same terms as shall be approved by the School Land Board and the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the pooling or unitizing of the interest of the State under this lease pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153. The owner of the soil agrees that the inclusion of this provision in this lease satisfies the execution requirements stated in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.152.

35. **INDEMNITY.** Lessee hereby releases and discharges the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns, of and from all and any actions and causes of action of every nature, or other harm, including environmental harm, for which recovery of damages is sought, including, but not limited to, all losses and expenses which are caused by the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents arising out of, incidental to, or resulting from, the operations of or for Lessee on the leased premises hereunder, or that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement, or by any other negligent or strictly liable act or omission of Lessee. Further, Lessee hereby agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees and agents, their successors or assigns, against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, actions, personal injury (including death), costs and expenses, or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, under any theory including tort, contract, or strict liability, including attorneys' fees and other legal expenses, including those related to environmental hazards, on the leased premises or in any way related to Lessee's failure to comply with any and all environmental laws; those arising from or in any way related to Lessee's operations or any other of Lessee's activities on the leased premises; those arising from Lessee's use of the surface of the leased premises; and those that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or any other act or omission of Lessee, its directors, officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns. Each assignee of this Agreement, or an interest therein, agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, and agents in the same manner provided above in connection with the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents as described above. **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY LIMITED HEREIN, ALL OF THE INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS AND/OR LIABILITIES ASSUMED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE WITHOUT LIMITS AND WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CAUSE OR CAUSES THEREOF (EXCLUDING PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS), STRICT LIABILITY, OR THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY OR PARTIES (INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE INDENINIFIED PARTY), WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE BE**



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36. **ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS.** Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all reasonable safeguards to prevent contamination or pollution of any environmental medium, including soil, surface waters, groundwater, sediments, and surface or subsurface strata, ambient air or any other environmental medium in, on, or under the leased premises, by any waste, pollutant, or contaminant. Lessee shall not bring or permit to remain on the leased premises any asbestos containing materials, explosives, toxic materials, or substances regulated as hazardous wastes, hazardous materials, hazardous substances (as the term "Hazardous Substance" is defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601, et seq.), or toxic substances under any federal, state, or local law or regulation ("Hazardous Materials"), except ordinary products commonly used in connection with oil and gas exploration and development operations and stored in the usual manner and quantities. **LESSEE'S VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION SHALL CONSTITUTE A MATERIAL BREACH AND DEFAULT HEREUNDER AND LESSEE SHALL INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL FROM AND AGAINST ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, JUDGMENTS, PENALTIES, LIABILITIES, AND COSTS (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS) CAUSED BY OR ARISING OUT OF (I) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (II) THE PRESENCE, RELEASE, OR DISPOSAL OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OR CONTROL OF THE LEASED PREMISES. LESSEE SHALL CLEAN UP, REMOVE, REMEDY AND REPAIR ANY SOIL OR GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE PRESENCE OR RELEASE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN, ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OF THE LEASED PREMISES IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE LAW. THIS INDEMNIFICATION AND ASSUMPTION SHALL APPLY, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, LIABILITY FOR RESPONSE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO CERCLA OR ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAW OR REGULATION. LESSEE SHALL IMMEDIATELY GIVE THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY BREACH OR SUSPECTED BREACH OF THIS PARAGRAPH, UPON LEARNING OF THE PRESENCE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OR UPON RECEIVING A NOTICE FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY PERTAINING TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WHICH MAY AFFECT THE LEASED PREMISES. THE OBLIGATIONS OF LESSEE HEREUNDER SHALL SURVIVE THE EXPIRATION OR EARLIER TERMINATION, FOR ANY REASON, OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

37. **APPLICABLE LAW.** This lease is issued under the provisions of Texas Natural Resources Code 52.171 through 52.190, commonly known as the Relinquishment Act, and other applicable statutes and amendments thereto, and if any provision in this lease does not conform to these statutes, the statutes will prevail over any nonconforming lease provisions.

38. **EXECUTION.** This oil and gas lease must be signed and acknowledged by the Lessee before it is filed of record in the county records and in the General Land Office of the State of Texas. Once the filing requirements found in Paragraph 39 of this lease have been satisfied, the effective date of this lease shall be the date found on Page 1.

39. **LEASE FILING.** Pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, this lease must be filed of record in the office of the County Clerk in any county in which all or any part of the leased premises is located, and certified copies thereof must be filed in the General Land Office. This lease is not effective until a certified copy of this lease (which is made and certified by the County Clerk from his records) is filed in the General Land Office in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.183. Additionally, this lease shall not be binding upon the State unless it recites the actual and true consideration paid or promised for execution of this lease. The bonus due the State and the prescribed filing fee shall accompany such certified copy to the General Land Office.

40. See attached "ADDENDUM" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**** THIS IS A PAID-UP OIL AND GAS LEASE** as to any rentals that may be paid on or before the 1st and 2nd anniversary date. If delay rentals are paid on or before the 3rd anniversary date, the total rental paid shall be \$10,240.00. Of such amount, \$5,120.00 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$5,120.00 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein, and the rentals due on or before the 4th anniversary date will be PAID-UP.

JACK E. BLAKE, JR.

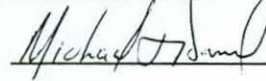


BY: Jack E. Blake, Jr.

TITLE: Individually

DATE: 11-2-2005

MICHAEL J. DANIEL



Michael J. Daniel

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STATE OF TEXAS

BY:

Terry Fortune
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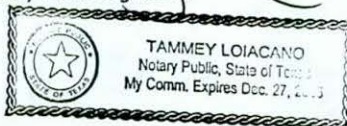
This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 17th day of October, 2005, by **Terry Fortune**, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires:

Dec. 27, 2006

Notary Public Signature



THE STATE OF

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 2nd day of November, 2005, by **Jack E. Blake, Jr., and Michael J. Daniel**, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires:



Notary Public Signature

Jan R. Davis

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ADDENDUM attached to and made a part of that certain Oil and Gas Lease dated October 1, 2005, by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent Terry Fortune, and Jack E. Blake, Jr. and Michael J. Daniel.

40. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Paragraph 5 (minimum royalty) and Paragraph 14 (shut-in royalty) refer to their computation to the delay rentals provided in Paragraph 3 herein. The undersigned do hereby recognize and acknowledge that minimum royalty and shut-in royalties due herein are payable in the amount of \$51.20. Of such amount, \$25.60 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$25.60 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein.

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DULY RECORDED ON THE 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER A.D. 2005 9:00 A.M.

BY: [Signature], DEPUTY

DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

ANY PROVISION HEREIN WHICH ATTEMPTS TO LIMIT SALE, RENTAL,
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George P. Bush, Commissioner
By _____

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY CERTIFICATE
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF REEVES

The above and foregoing is a full, true and correct photographic copy of the original record now in my lawful custody and possession, as the same is filed/recorded in the public records of my office, found in VOL. 717 PAGE 606 THRU 616 OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS

I hereby certified on 01/25/2006



DIAANE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

By Diane Flores DEPUTY

FILE# 5355

General Land Office
Relinquishment Act Lease Form
Revised, September 1997

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of October, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, **Gracie E. Atkinson**, whose address is 527 HCR 1414 Covington, Texas 76636, said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and

Jack E. Blake, Jr., whose address is P.O. Box 10184, Midland, Texas 79702, and **Michael J. Daniel**, whose address is 201 W. Wall St., Suite 201, Midland, Texas 79701, in equal shares, hereinafter called Lessee (whether one or more).

1. GRANTING CLAUSE. For and in consideration of the amounts stated below and of the covenants and agreements to be paid, kept and performed by Lessee under this lease, the State of Texas acting by and through the owner of the soil, hereby grants, leases and lets unto Lessee, for the sole and only purpose of prospecting and drilling for and producing oil and gas, laying pipe lines, building tanks, storing oil and building power Stations, telephone lines and other Structures thereon, to produce, save, take care of, treat and transport said products of the lease, the following lands situated in Reeves County, State of Texas, to-wit:

Block 57, T-3, T&P R.R. Co. Survey
Section 4: All, 640 acres, more or less.
Reeves County, Texas

Containing 640.00 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas:	<u>FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE AND 50/100** Dollars</u> <u>(\$5,761.50)</u>
To the owner of the soil:	<u>FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE AND 50/100** Dollars</u> <u>\$5,761.50)</u>
Total bonus consideration:	<u>ELEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE AND NO/100** Dollars</u> <u>\$11,523.00)</u>

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of THREE HUNDRED AND NO/100** Dollars (\$300.00) per acre, on 38.41 net acres.

2. TERM. Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of **FIVE YEARS** from this date (herein called primary term") and as long thereafter as oil and gas, or either of them, is produced in paying quantities from said land. As used in this lease, the term "produced in paying quantities" means that the receipts from the sale or other authorized commercial use of the substance(s) covered exceed out of pocket operational expenses for the six months last past.

3. DELAY RENTALS. If no well is commenced on the leased premises on or before one (1) year from this date, this lease shall terminate, unless on or before such anniversary date Lessee shall pay or tender to the owner of the soil or to his credit in the Bank, at _____, or its successors (which shall continue as the depository regardless of changes in the ownership of said land), the amount specified below; in addition, Lessee shall pay or tender to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, a like sum on or before said date. Payments under this paragraph shall operate as a rental and shall cover the privilege of deferring the commencement of a well for one (1) year from said date. Payments under this paragraph shall be in the following amounts:

To the owner of the soil:	<u>NINETEEN AND 21/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$19.21)
To the State of Texas:	<u>NINETEEN AND 21/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$19.21)
Total Rental:	<u>THIRTY-EIGHT AND 41/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$38.41) **

(** See attached Amended Delay Rental Provision)

In a like manner and upon like payments or tenders annually, the commencement of a well may be further deferred for successive periods of one (1) year each during the primary term. All payments or tenders of rental to the owner of the soil may be made by check or sight draft of Lessee, or any assignee of this lease, and may be delivered on or before the



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rental paying date. If the bank designated in this paragraph (or its successor bank) should cease to exist, suspend business, liquidate, fail or be succeeded by another bank, or for any reason fail or refuse to accept rental, Lessee shall not be held in default for failure to make such payments or tenders of rental until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil shall deliver to Lessee a proper recordable instrument naming another bank as agent to receive such payments or tenders.

4. **PRODUCTION ROYALTIES.** Upon production of oil and/or gas, Lessee agrees to pay or cause to be paid one-half (1/2) of the royalty provided for in this lease to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, at Austin, Texas, and one-half (1/2) of such royalty to the owner of the soil:

(A) **OIL.** Royalty payable on oil, which is defined as including all hydrocarbons produced in a liquid form at the mouth of the well and also as all condensate, distillate, and other liquid hydrocarbons recovered from oil or gas run through a separator or other equipment, as hereinafter provided, shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be determined by 1) the highest posted price, plus premium, if any, offered or paid for oil, condensate, distillate, or other liquid hydrocarbons, respectively, of a like type and gravity in the general area where produced and when run, or 2) the highest market price thereof offered or paid in the general area where produced and when run, or 3) the gross proceeds of the sale thereof, whichever is the greater. Lessee agrees that before any gas produced from the leased premises is sold, used or processed in a plant, it will be run free of cost to the royalty owners through an adequate oil and gas separator of conventional type, or other equipment at least as efficient, so that all liquid hydrocarbons recoverable from the gas by such means will be recovered. The requirement that such gas be run through a separator or other equipment may be waived in writing by the royalty owners upon such terms and conditions as they prescribe.

(B) **NON PROCESSED GAS.** Royalty on any gas (including flared gas), which is defined as all hydrocarbons and gaseous substances not defined as oil in subparagraph (A) above, produced from any well on said land (except as provided herein with respect to gas processed in a plant for the extraction of gasoline, liquid hydrocarbons or other products) shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be based on the highest market price paid or offered for gas of comparable quality in the general area where produced and when run, or the gross price paid or offered to the producer, whichever is the greater; provided that the maximum pressure base in measuring the gas under this lease shall not at any time exceed 14.65 pounds per square inch absolute, and the standard base temperature shall be sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit, correction to be made for pressure according to Boyle's Law, and for specific gravity according to tests made by the Balance Method or by the most approved method of testing being used by the industry at the time of testing.

(C) **PROCESSED GAS.** Royalty on any gas processed in a gasoline plant or other plant for the recovery of gasoline or other liquid hydrocarbons shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the residue gas and the liquid hydrocarbons extracted or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office. All royalties due herein shall be based on one hundred percent (100%) of the total plant production of residue gas attributable to gas produced from this lease, and on fifty percent (50%), or that percent accruing to Lessee, whichever is the greater, of the total plant production of liquid hydrocarbons attributable to the gas produced from this lease; provided that if liquid hydrocarbons are recovered from gas processed in a plant in which Lessee (or its parent, subsidiary or affiliate) owns an interest, then the percentage applicable to liquid hydrocarbons shall be fifty percent (50%) or the highest percent accruing to a third party processing gas through such plant under a processing agreement negotiated at arm's length (or if there is no such third party, the highest percent then being specified in processing agreements or contracts in the industry), whichever is the greater. The respective royalties on residue gas and on liquid hydrocarbons shall be determined by 1) the highest market price paid or offered for any gas (or liquid hydrocarbons) of comparable quality in the general area, or 2) the gross price paid or offered for such residue gas (or the weighted average gross selling price for the respective grades of liquid hydrocarbons), whichever is the greater. In no event, however, shall the royalties payable under this paragraph be less than the royalties which would have been due had the gas not been processed.

(D) **OTHER PRODUCTS.** Royalty on carbon black, sulphur or any other products produced or manufactured from gas (excepting liquid hydrocarbons) whether said gas be casinghead, "dry," or any other gas, by fractionating, burning or any other processing shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production of such products, or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such market value to be determined as follows: 1) on the basis of the highest market price of each product for the same month in which such product is produced, or 2) on the basis of the average gross sale price of each product for the same month in which such products are produced; whichever is the greater.

5. **MINIMUM ROYALTY.** During any year after the expiration of the primary term of this lease, if this lease is maintained by production, the royalties paid under this lease in no event shall be less than an amount equal to the total annual delay rental herein provided; otherwise, there shall be due and payable on or before the last day of the month succeeding the anniversary date of this lease a sum equal to the total annual rental less the amount of royalties paid during the preceding year. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre.

6. **ROYALTY IN KIND.** Notwithstanding any other provision in this lease, at any time or from time to time,



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the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office may, at the option of either, upon not less than sixty (60) days notice to the holder of the lease, require that the payment of any royalties accruing to such royalty owner under this lease be made in kind. The owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's right to take its royalty in kind shall not diminish or negate the owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's rights or Lessee's obligations, whether express or implied, under this lease.

7. NO DEDUCTIONS. Lessee agrees that all royalties accruing under this lease (including those paid in kind) shall be without deduction for the cost of producing, gathering, storing, separating, treating, dehydrating, compressing, processing, transporting, and otherwise making the oil, gas and other products hereunder ready for sale or use. Lessee agrees to compute and pay royalties on the gross value received, including any reimbursements for severance taxes and production related costs.

8. PLANT FUEL AND RECYCLED GAS. No royalty shall be payable on any gas as may represent this lease's proportionate share of any fuel used to process gas produced hereunder in any processing plant. Notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, and subject to the written consent of the owner of the soil and the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee may recycle gas for gas lift purposes on the leased premises or for injection into any oil or gas producing formation underlying the leased premises after the liquid hydrocarbons contained in the gas have been removed; no royalties shall be payable on the recycled gas until it is produced and sold or used by Lessee in a manner which entitles the royalty owners to a royalty under this lease.

9. ROYALTY PAYMENTS AND REPORTS. All royalties not taken in kind shall be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Austin, Texas, in the following manner:

Payment of royalty on production of oil and gas shall be as provided in the rules set forth in the Texas Register. Rules currently provide that royalty on oil is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 5th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, and royalty on gas is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 15th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, accompanied by the affidavit of the owner, manager or other authorized agent, completed in the form and manner prescribed by the General Land Office and showing the gross amount and disposition of all oil and gas produced and the market value of the oil and gas, together with a copy of all documents, records or reports confirming the gross production, disposition and market value including gas meter readings, pipeline receipts, gas line receipts and other checks or memoranda of amount produced and put into pipelines, tanks, or pools and gas lines or gas storage, and any other reports or records which the General Land Office may require to verify the gross production, disposition and market value. In all cases the authority of a manager or agent to act for the Lessee herein must be filed in the General Land Office. Each royalty payment shall be accompanied by a check stub, schedule, summary or other remittance advice showing by the assigned General Land Office lease number the amount of royalty being paid on each lease. If Lessee pays his royalty on or before thirty (30) days after the royalty payment was due, then Lessee owes a penalty of 5% on the royalty or \$25.00, whichever is greater. A royalty payment which is over thirty (30) days late shall accrue a penalty of 10% of the royalty due or \$25.00 whichever is greater. In addition to a penalty, royalties shall accrue interest at a rate of 12% per year, such interest will begin accruing when the royalty is sixty (60) days overdue. Affidavits and supporting documents which are not filed when due shall incur a penalty in an amount set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the affidavits or supporting documents were due. The Lessee shall bear all responsibility for paying or causing royalties to be paid as prescribed by the due date provided herein. Payment of the delinquency penalty shall in no way operate to prohibit the State's right of forfeiture as provided by law nor act to postpone the date on which royalties were originally due. The above penalty provisions shall not apply in cases of title dispute as to the State's portion of the royalty or to that portion of the royalty in dispute as to fair market value.

10. (A) RESERVES, CONTRACTS AND OTHER RECORDS. Lessee shall annually furnish the Commissioner of the General Land Office with its best possible estimate of oil and gas reserves underlying this lease or allocable to this lease and shall furnish said Commissioner with copies of all contracts under which gas is sold or processed and all subsequent agreements and amendments to such contracts within thirty (30) days after entering into or making such contracts, agreements or amendments. Such contracts and agreements when received by the General Land Office shall be held in confidence by the General Land Office unless otherwise authorized by Lessee. All other contracts and records pertaining to the production, transportation, sale and marketing of the oil and gas produced on said premises, including the books and accounts, receipts and discharges of all wells, tanks, pools, meters, and pipelines shall at all times be subject to inspection and examination by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, the Governor, or the representative of any of them.

(B) PERMITS, DRILLING RECORDS. Written notice of all operations on this lease shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the General Land Office by Lessee or operator five (5) days before spud date, workover, re-entry, temporary abandonment or plug and abandonment of any well or wells. Such written notice to the General Land Office shall include copies of Railroad Commission forms for application to drill. Copies of well tests, completion reports and plugging reports shall be supplied to the General Land Office at the time they are filed with the Texas Railroad Commission. All applications, permits, reports or other filings that reference this lease or any specific well on the leased premises and that are submitted to the Texas Railroad Commission or any other governmental agency shall include the word "State" in the title. Additionally, in accordance with Railroad Commission rules, any signage on the leased premises for the purpose of identifying wells, tank batteries or other associated improvements to the land must also include the word "State." Lessee shall supply the General Land Office with any records, memoranda, accounts, reports, cuttings and



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cores, or other information relative to the operation of the above described premises, which may be requested by the General Land Office, in addition to those herein expressly provided for. Lessee shall have an electrical and/or radioactivity survey made on the bore-hole section, from the base of the surface casing to the total depth of well, of all wells drilled on the above described premises and shall transmit a true copy of the log of each survey on each well to the General Land Office within fifteen (15) days after the making of said survey.

(C) PENALTIES. Lessee shall incur a penalty whenever reports, documents or other materials are not filed in the General Land Office when due. The penalty for late filing shall be set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the materials were due in the General Land Office.

11. DRY HOLE/CESSATION OF PRODUCTION DURING PRIMARY TERM. If, during the primary term hereof and prior to discovery and production of oil or gas on said land, Lessee should drill a dry hole or holes thereon, or if during the primary term hereof and after the discovery and actual production of oil or gas from the leased premises such production thereof should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if on or before the expiration of sixty (60) days from date of completion of said dry hole or cessation of production Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations thereon, or pays or tenders the next annual delay rental in the same manner as provided in this lease. If, during the last year of the primary term or within sixty (60) days prior thereto, a dry hole be completed and abandoned, or the production of oil or gas should cease for any cause, Lessee's rights shall remain in full force and effect without further operations until the expiration of the primary term; and if Lessee has not resumed production in paying quantities at the expiration of the primary term, Lessee may maintain this lease by conducting additional drilling or reworking operations pursuant to Paragraph 13, using the expiration of the primary term as the date of cessation of production under Paragraph 13. Should the first well or any subsequent well drilled on the above described land be completed as a shut-in oil or gas well within the primary term hereof, Lessee may resume payment of the annual rental in the same manner as provided herein on or before the rental paying date following the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date of completion of such shut-in oil or gas well and upon the failure to make such payment, this lease shall ipso facto terminate. If at the expiration of the primary term or any time thereafter a shut-in oil or gas well is located on the leased premises, payments may be made in accordance with the shut-in provisions hereof.

12. DRILLING AND REWORKING AT EXPIRATION OF PRIMARY TERM. If, at the expiration of the primary term, neither oil nor gas is being produced on said land, but Lessee is then engaged in drilling or reworking operations thereon, this lease shall remain in force so long as operations on said well or for drilling or reworking of any additional well are prosecuted in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days during any one such operation, and if they result in the production of oil and/or gas, so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced in paying quantities from said land, or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or compensatory royalties is made as provided in this lease.

13. CESSATION, DRILLING, AND REWORKING. If, after the expiration of the primary term, production of oil or gas from the leased premises, after once obtained, should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after such cessation, and this lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as such operations continue in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. If such drilling or reworking operations result in the production of oil or gas, the lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as oil or gas is produced from the leased premises in paying quantities or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or payment of compensatory royalties is made as provided herein or as provided by law. If the drilling or reworking operations result in the completion of a well as a dry hole, the lease will not terminate if the Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after the completion of the well as a dry hole, and this lease shall remain in effect so long as Lessee continues drilling or reworking operations in good faith and in a workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. Lessee shall give written notice to the General Land Office within thirty (30) days of any cessation of production.

14. SHUT-IN ROYALTIES. For purposes of this paragraph, "well" means any well that has been assigned a well number by the state agency having jurisdiction over the production of oil and gas. If, at any time after the expiration of the primary term of a lease that, until being shut in, was being maintained in force and effect, a well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities is located on the leased premises, but oil or gas is not being produced for lack of suitable production facilities or lack of a suitable market, then Lessee may pay as a shut-in oil or gas royalty an amount equal to double the annual rental provided in the lease, but not less than \$1,200 a year for each well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre. To be effective, each initial shut-in oil or gas royalty must be paid on or before: (1) the expiration of the primary term, (2) 60 days after the Lessee ceases to produce oil or gas from the leased premises, or (3) 60 days after Lessee completes a drilling or reworking operation in accordance with the lease provisions; whichever date is latest. Such payment shall be made one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil. If the shut-in oil or gas royalty is paid, the lease shall be considered to be a producing lease and the payment shall extend the term of the lease for a period of one year from the end of the primary term, or from the first day of the month following the month in which production ceased, and, after that, if no suitable production facilities or suitable market for the oil or gas exists, Lessee may extend the lease for four more successive periods of one (1) year by paying the same amount each year on or before the expiration of each shut-in year.



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15. **COMPENSATORY ROYALTIES.** If, during the period the lease is kept in effect by payment of the shut-in oil or gas royalty, oil or gas is sold and delivered in paying quantities from a well located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises and completed in the same producing reservoir, or in any case in which drainage is occurring, the right to continue to maintain the lease by paying the shut-in oil or gas royalty shall cease, but the lease shall remain effective for the remainder of the year for which the royalty has been paid. The Lessee may maintain the lease for four more successive years by Lessee paying compensatory royalty at the royalty rate provided in the lease of the market value of production from the well causing the drainage or which is completed in the same producing reservoir and within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. The compensatory royalty is to be paid monthly, one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil, beginning on or before the last day of the month following the month in which the oil or gas is produced from the well causing the drainage or that is completed in the same producing reservoir and located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. If the compensatory royalty paid in any 12-month period is in an amount less than the annual shut-in oil or gas royalty, Lessee shall pay an amount equal to the difference within thirty (30) days from the end of the 12-month period. Compensatory royalty payments which are not timely paid will accrue penalty and interest in accordance with Paragraph 9 of this lease. None of these provisions will relieve Lessee of the obligation of reasonable development nor the obligation to drill offset wells as provided in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.173; however, at the determination of the Commissioner, and with the Commissioner's written approval, the payment of compensatory royalties can satisfy the obligation to drill offset wells.

16. **RETAINED ACREAGE.** Notwithstanding any provision of this lease to the contrary, after a well producing or capable of producing oil or gas has been completed on the leased premises, Lessee shall exercise the diligence of a reasonably prudent operator in drilling such additional well or wells as may be reasonably necessary for the proper development of the leased premises and in marketing the production thereon.

(A) **VERTICAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term, it shall then terminate as to all of the leased premises, EXCEPT (1) 40 acres surrounding each oil well capable of producing in paying quantities and 320 acres surrounding each gas well capable of producing in paying quantities (including a shut-in oil or gas well as provided in Paragraph 14 hereof), or a well upon which Lessee is then engaged in continuous drilling or reworking operations, or (2) the number of acres included in a producing pooled unit pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153, or (3) such greater or lesser number of acres as may then be allocated for production purposes to a proration unit for each such producing well under the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas, or any successor agency, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction. If at any time after the effective date of the partial termination provisions hereof, the applicable field rules are changed or the well or wells located thereon are reclassified so that less acreage is thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes, this lease shall thereupon terminate as to all acreage not thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes. Notwithstanding the termination of this lease as to a portion of the lands covered hereby, Lessee shall nevertheless continue to have the right of ingress to and egress from the lands still subject to this lease for all purposes described in Paragraph 1 hereof, together with easements and right-of-ways for existing roads, existing pipelines and other existing facilities on, over and across all the lands described in Paragraph 1 hereof ("the retained lands"), for access to and from the retained lands and for the gathering or transportation of oil, gas and other minerals produced from the retained lands.

(B) **HORIZONTAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term it shall further terminate as to all depths below 100 feet below the total depth drilled (hereinafter "deeper depths") in each well located on acreage retained in Paragraph 16(A) above, unless on or before two (2) years after the primary or extended term Lessee pays an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the bonus originally paid as consideration for this lease (as specified on page 1 hereof). If such amount is paid, this lease shall be in force and effect as to such deeper depths, and said termination shall be delayed for an additional period of two (2) years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities from such deeper depths covered by this lease.

(C) **IDENTIFICATION AND FILING.** The surface acreage retained hereunder as to each well shall, as nearly as practical, be in the form of a square with the well located in the center thereof, or such other shape as may be approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office. Within thirty (30) days after partial termination of this lease as provided herein, Lessee shall execute and record a release or releases containing a satisfactory legal description of the acreage and/or depths not retained hereunder. The recorded release, or a certified copy of same, shall be filed in the General Land Office, accompanied by the filing fee prescribed by the General Land Office rules in effect on the date the release is filed. If Lessee fails or refuses to execute and record such release or releases within ninety (90) days after being requested to do so by the General Land Office, then the Commissioner at his sole discretion may designate by written instrument the acreage and/or depths to be released hereunder and record such instrument at Lessee's expense in the county or counties where the lease is located and in the official records of the General Land Office and such designation shall be binding upon Lessee for all purposes.

17. **OFFSET WELLS.** Neither the bonus, delay rentals, nor royalties paid, or to be paid, under this lease shall relieve Lessee of his obligation to protect the oil and gas under the above-described land from being drained. Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall drill as many wells as the facts may justify and shall use appropriate means and drill to a depth necessary to prevent undue drainage of oil and gas from the leased premises. In addition, if oil and/or gas should be produced in commercial quantities within 1,000 feet of the leased premises, or in any case where the leased premises is being drained by production of oil or gas, the Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall in good faith begin the drilling of a well or wells upon the



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leased premises within 100 days after the draining well or wells or the well or wells completed within 1,000 feet of the leased premises start producing in commercial quantities and shall prosecute such drilling with diligence. Failure to satisfy the statutory offset obligation may subject this lease and the owner of the soil's agency rights to forfeiture. Only upon the determination of the Commissioner of the General Land Office and with his written approval may the payment of compensatory royalty under applicable statutory parameters satisfy the obligation to drill an offset well or wells required under this paragraph.

18. **FORCE MAJEURE.** If, after a good faith effort, Lessee is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this lease, from conducting drilling operations on the leased premises, or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises by reason of war, rebellion, riots, strikes, acts of God, or any valid order, rule or regulation of government authority, then while so prevented, Lessee's obligation to comply with such covenant shall be suspended and Lessee shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenants; additionally, this lease shall be extended while Lessee is prevented, by any such cause, from conducting drilling and reworking operations or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises. However, nothing in this paragraph shall suspend the payment of delay rentals in order to maintain this lease in effect during the primary term in the absence of such drilling or reworking operations or production of oil or gas.

19. **WARRANTY CLAUSE.** The owner of the soil warrants and agrees to defend title to the leased premises. If the owner of the soil defaults in payments owed on the leased premises, then Lessee may redeem the rights of the owner of the soil in the leased premises by paying any mortgage, taxes or other liens on the leased premises. If Lessee makes payments on behalf of the owner of the soil under this paragraph, Lessee may recover the cost of these payments from the rental and royalties due the owner of the soil.

20. (A) **PROPORTIONATE REDUCTION CLAUSE.** If the owner of the soil owns less than the entire undivided surface estate in the above described land, whether or not Lessee's interest is specified herein, then the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the owner of the soil shall be paid to him in the proportion which his interest bears to the entire undivided surface estate and the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas shall be likewise proportionately reduced. However, before Lessee adjusts the royalty or rental due to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee or his authorized representative must submit to the Commissioner of the General Land Office a written statement which explains the discrepancy between the interest purportedly leased under this lease and the actual interest owned by the owner of the soil. The Commissioner of the General Land Office shall be paid the value of the whole production allocable to any undivided interest not covered by a lease, less the proportionate development and production cost allocable to such undivided interest. However, in no event shall the Commissioner of the General Land Office receive as a royalty on the gross production allocable to the undivided interest not leased an amount less than the value of one-sixteenth (1/16) of such gross production.

(B) **REDUCTION OF PAYMENTS.** If, during the primary term, a portion of the land covered by this lease is included within the boundaries of a pooled unit that has been approved by the School Land Board and the owner of the soil in accordance with Natural Resources Code Sections 52.151-52.154, or if at any time after the expiration of the primary term or the extended term, this lease covers a lesser number of acres than the total amount described herein, payments that are made on a per acre basis hereunder shall be reduced according to the number of acres pooled, released, surrendered, or otherwise severed, so that payments determined on a per acre basis under the terms of this lease during the primary term shall be calculated based upon the number of acres outside the boundaries of a pooled unit, or, if after the expiration of the primary term, the number of acres actually retained and covered by this lease.

21. **USE OF WATER.** Lessee shall have the right to use water produced on said land necessary for operations under this lease except water from wells or tanks of the owner of the soil; provided, however, Lessee shall not use potable water or water suitable for livestock or irrigation purposes for watertlood operations without the prior consent of the owner of the soil.

22. **AUTHORIZED DAMAGES.** Lessee shall pay the owner of the soil for damages caused by its operations to all personal property, improvements, livestock and crops on said land.

23. **PIPELINE DEPTH.** When requested by the owner of the soil, Lessee shall bury its pipelines below plow depth.

24. **WELL LOCATION LIMIT.** No well shall be drilled nearer than two hundred (200) feet to any house or barn now on said premises without the written consent of the owner of the soil.

25. **POLLUTION.** In developing this area, Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all proper safeguards to prevent pollution. Without limiting the foregoing, pollution of coastal wetlands, natural waterways, rivers and impounded water shall be prevented by the use of containment facilities sufficient to prevent spillage, seepage or ground water contamination. In the event of pollution, Lessee shall use all means at its disposal to recapture all escaped hydrocarbons or other pollutant and shall be responsible for all damage to public and private properties. Lessee shall build and maintain fences around its slush, sump, and drainage pits and tank batteries so as to protect livestock against loss, damage or injury; and upon completion or abandonment of any well or wells, Lessee shall fill and level all slush pits and cellars and completely clean up the drilling site of all rubbish thereon. Lessee shall, while conducting operations on the leased premises, keep said premises free of all rubbish, cans, bottles, paper cups or garbage, and upon completion of



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operations shall restore the surface of the land to as near its original condition and contours as is practicable. Tanks and equipment will be kept painted and presentable.

26. REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT. Subject to limitations in this paragraph, Lessee shall have the right to remove machinery and fixtures placed by Lessee on the leased premises, including the right to draw and remove casing, within one hundred twenty (120) days after the expiration or the termination of this lease unless the owner of the soil grants Lessee an extension of this 120-day period. However, Lessee may not remove casing from any well capable of producing oil and gas in paying quantities. Additionally, Lessee may not draw and remove casing until after thirty (30) days written notice to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and to the owner of the soil. The owner of the soil shall become the owner of any machinery, fixtures, or casing which are not timely removed by Lessee under the terms of this paragraph.

27. (A) ASSIGNMENTS. Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29 of this lease, the rights and estates of either party to this lease may be assigned, in whole or in part, and the provisions of this lease shall extend to and be binding upon their heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns. However, a change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties will not enlarge the obligations of Lessee, diminish the rights, privileges and estates of Lessee, impair the effectiveness of any payment made by Lessee or impair the effectiveness of any act performed by Lessee. And no change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties shall bind Lessee for any purpose until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil (or his heirs, devisees, legal representatives or assigns) furnishes the Lessee with satisfactory written evidence of the change in ownership, including the original recorded muniments of title (or a certified copy of such original) when the ownership changed because of a conveyance. A total or partial assignment of this lease shall, to the extent of the interest assigned, relieve and discharge Lessee of all subsequent obligations under this lease. If this lease is assigned in its entirety as to only part of the acreage, the right and option to pay rentals shall be apportioned as between the several owners ratably, according to the area of each, and failure by one or more of them to pay his share of the rental shall not affect this lease on the part of the land upon which pro rata rentals are timely paid or tendered; however, if the assignor or assignee does not file a certified copy of such assignment in the General Land Office before the next rental paying date, the entire lease shall terminate for failure to pay the entire rental due under Paragraph 3. Every assignee shall succeed to all rights and be subject to all obligations, liabilities, and penalties owed to the State by the original lessee or any prior assignee of the lease, including any liabilities to the State for unpaid royalties.

(B) ASSIGNMENT LIMITATION. Notwithstanding any provision in Paragraph 27(a), if the owner of the soil acquires this lease in whole or in part by assignment without the prior written approval of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, this lease is void as of the time of assignment and the agency power of the owner may be forfeited by the Commissioner. An assignment will be treated as if it were made to the owner of the soil if the assignee is:

- (1) a nominee of the owner of the soil;
- (2) a corporation or subsidiary in which the owner of the soil is a principal stockholder or is an employee of such a corporation or subsidiary;
- (3) a partnership in which the owner of the soil is a partner or is an employee of such a partnership;
- (4) a principal stockholder or employee of the corporation which is the owner of the soil;
- (5) a partner or employee in a partnership which is the owner of the soil;
- (6) a fiduciary for the owner of the soil; including but not limited to a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, or conservator for the owner of the soil; or
- (7) a family member of the owner of the soil or related to the owner of the soil by marriage, blood, or adoption.

28. RELEASES. Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29, Lessee may at any time execute and deliver to the owner of the soil and place of record a release or releases covering any portion or portions of the leased premises, and thereby surrender this lease as to such portion or portions, and be relieved of all subsequent obligations as to acreage surrendered. If any part of this lease is properly surrendered, the delay rental due under this lease shall be reduced by the proportion that the surrendered acreage bears to the acreage which was covered by this lease immediately prior to such surrender; however, such release will not relieve Lessee of any liabilities which may have accrued under this lease prior to the surrender of such acreage.

29. FILING OF ASSIGNMENTS AND RELEASES. If all or any part of this lease is assigned or released, such assignment or release must be recorded in the county where the land is situated, and the recorded instrument, or a copy of the recorded instrument certified by the County Clerk of the county in which the instrument is recorded, must be filed in the General Land Office within 90 days of the last execution date accompanied by the prescribed filing fee. If any such assignment is not so filed, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture at the option of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

30. DISCLOSURE CLAUSE. All provisions pertaining to the lease of the above-described land have been included in this instrument, including the statement of the true consideration to be paid for the execution of this lease and the rights and duties of the parties. Any collateral agreements concerning the development of oil and gas from the leased premises which are not contained in this lease render this lease invalid.



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31. **FIDUCIARY DUTY.** The owner of the soil owes the State a fiduciary duty and must fully disclose any facts affecting the State's interest in the leased premises. When the interests of the owner of the soil conflict with those of the State, the owner of the soil is obligated to put the State's interests before his personal interests.

32. **FORFEITURE.** If Lessee shall fail or refuse to make the payment of any sum within thirty days after it becomes due, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly make any false return or false report concerning production or drilling, or if Lessee shall fail or refuse to drill any offset well or wells in good faith as required by law and the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or if Lessee should fail to file reports in the manner required by law or fail to comply with rules and regulations promulgated by the General Land Office, the School Land Board, or the Railroad Commission, or if Lessee should refuse the proper authority access to the records pertaining to operations, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly fail or refuse to give correct information to the proper authority, or knowingly fail or refuse to furnish the General Land Office a correct log of any well, or if Lessee shall knowingly violate any of the material provisions of this lease, or if this lease is assigned and the assignment is not filed in the General Land Office as required by law, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture by the Commissioner, and he shall forfeit same when sufficiently informed of the facts which authorize a forfeiture, and when forfeited the area shall again be subject to lease under the terms of the Relinquishment Act. However, nothing herein shall be construed as waiving the automatic termination of this lease by operation of law or by reason of any special limitation arising hereunder. Forfeitures may be set aside and this lease and all rights thereunder reinstated before the rights of another intervene upon satisfactory evidence to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of future compliance with the provisions of the law and of this lease and the rules and regulations that may be adopted relative hereto.

33. **LIEN.** In accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136, the State shall have a first lien upon all oil and gas produced from the area covered by this lease to secure payment of all unpaid royalty and other sums of money that may become due under this lease. By acceptance of this lease, Lessee grants the State, in addition to the lien provided by Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136 and any other applicable statutory lien, an express contractual lien on and security interest in all leased minerals in and extracted from the leased premises, all proceeds which may accrue to Lessee from the sale of such leased minerals, whether such proceeds are held by Lessee or by a third party, and all fixtures on and improvements to the leased premises used in connection with the production or processing of such leased minerals in order to secure the payment of all royalties or other amounts due or to become due under this lease and to secure payment of any damages or loss that Lessor may suffer by reason of Lessee's breach of any covenant or condition of this lease, whether express or implied. This lien and security interest may be foreclosed with or without court proceedings in the manner provided in the Title I, Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code. Lessee agrees that the Commissioner may require Lessee to execute and record such instruments as may be reasonably necessary to acknowledge, attach or perfect this lien. Lessee hereby represents that there are no prior or superior liens arising from and relating to Lessee's activities upon the above-described property or from Lessee's acquisition of this lease. Should the Commissioner at any time determine that this representation is not true, then the Commissioner may declare this lease forfeited as provided herein.

34. **POOLING.** Lessee is hereby granted the right to pool or unitize the royalty interest of the owner of the soil under this lease with any other leasehold or mineral interest for the exploration, development and production of oil or gas or either of them upon the same terms as shall be approved by the School Land Board and the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the pooling or unitizing of the interest of the State under this lease pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153. The owner of the soil agrees that the inclusion of this provision in this lease satisfies the execution requirements stated in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.152.

35. **INDEMNITY.** Lessee hereby releases and discharges the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns, of and from all and any actions and causes of action of every nature, or other harm, including environmental harm, for which recovery of damages is sought, including, but not limited to, all losses and expenses which are caused by the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents arising out of, incidental to, or resulting from, the operations of or for Lessee on the leased premises hereunder, or that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement, or by any other negligent or strictly liable act or omission of Lessee. Further, Lessee hereby agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees and agents, their successors or assigns, against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, actions, personal injury (including death), costs and expenses, or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, under any theory including tort, contract, or strict liability, including attorneys' fees and other legal expenses, including those related to environmental hazards, on the leased premises or in any way related to Lessee's failure to comply with any and all environmental laws; those arising from or in any way related to Lessee's operations or any other of Lessee's activities on the leased premises; those arising from Lessee's use of the surface of the leased premises; and those that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or any other act or omission of Lessee, its directors, officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns. Each assignee of this Agreement, or an interest therein, agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, and agents in the same manner provided above in connection with the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents as described above. **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY LIMITED HEREIN, ALL OF THE INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS AND/OR LIABILITIES ASSUMED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE WITHOUT LIMITS AND WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CAUSE OR CAUSES THEREOF**



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(EXCLUDING PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS), STRICT LIABILITY, OR THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY OR PARTIES (INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE INDENINIFIED PARTY), WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE BE SOLE, JOINT, CONCURRENT, ACTIVE, OR PASSIVE.

36. ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS. Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all reasonable safeguards to prevent contamination or pollution of any environmental medium, including soil, surface waters, groundwater, sediments, and surface or subsurface strata, ambient air or any other environmental medium in, on, or under the leased premises, by any waste, pollutant, or contaminant. Lessee shall not bring or permit to remain on the leased premises any asbestos containing materials, explosives, toxic materials, or substances regulated as hazardous wastes, hazardous materials, hazardous substances (as the term "Hazardous Substance" is defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601, et seq.), or toxic substances under any federal, state, or local law or regulation ("Hazardous Materials"), except ordinary products commonly used in connection with oil and gas exploration and development operations and stored in the usual manner and quantities. **LESSEE'S VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION SHALL CONSTITUTE A MATERIAL BREACH AND DEFAULT HEREUNDER AND LESSEE SHALL INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL FROM AND AGAINST ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, JUDGMENTS, PENALTIES, LIABILITIES, AND COSTS (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS) CAUSED BY OR ARISING OUT OF (I) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (II) THE PRESENCE, RELEASE, OR DISPOSAL OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OR CONTROL OF THE LEASED PREMISES. LESSEE SHALL CLEAN UP, REMOVE, REMEDY AND REPAIR ANY SOIL OR GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE PRESENCE OR RELEASE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN, ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OF THE LEASED PREMISES IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE LAW. THIS INDEMNIFICATION AND ASSUMPTION SHALL APPLY, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, LIABILITY FOR RESPONSE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO CERCLA OR ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAW OR REGULATION. LESSEE SHALL IMMEDIATELY GIVE THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY BREACH OR SUSPECTED BREACH OF THIS PARAGRAPH, UPON LEARNING OF THE PRESENCE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OR UPON RECEIVING A NOTICE FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY PERTAINING TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WHICH MAY AFFECT THE LEASED PREMISES. THE OBLIGATIONS OF LESSEE HEREUNDER SHALL SURVIVE THE EXPIRATION OR EARLIER TERMINATION, FOR ANY REASON, OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

37. APPLICABLE LAW. This lease is issued under the provisions of Texas Natural Resources Code 52.171 through 52.190, commonly known as the Relinquishment Act, and other applicable statutes and amendments thereto, and if any provision in this lease does not conform to these statutes, the statutes will prevail over any nonconforming lease provisions.

38. EXECUTION. This oil and gas lease must be signed and acknowledged by the Lessee before it is filed of record in the county records and in the General Land Office of the State of Texas. Once the filing requirements found in Paragraph 39 of this lease have been satisfied, the effective date of this lease shall be the date found on Page 1.

39. LEASE FILING. Pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, this lease must be filed of record in the office of the County Clerk in any county in which all or any part of the leased premises is located, and certified copies thereof must be filed in the General Land Office. This lease is not effective until a certified copy of this lease (which is made and certified by the County Clerk from his records) is filed in the General Land Office in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.183. Additionally, this lease shall not be binding upon the State unless it recites the actual and true consideration paid or promised for execution of this lease. The bonus due the State and the prescribed filing fee shall accompany such certified copy to the General Land Office.

40. See attached "ADDENDUM" attached hereto and made a part hereof.



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** THIS IS A PAID-UP OIL AND GAS LEASE as to any rentals that may be paid on or before the 1st and 2nd anniversary date. If delay rentals are paid on or before the 3rd anniversary date, the total rental paid shall be \$7,682.00. Of such amount, \$3,841.00 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$3,841.00 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein, and the rentals due on or before the 4th anniversary date will be PAID-UP.

JACK E. BLAKE, JR.



BY: Jack E. Blake, Jr.

TITLE: Individually

DATE: 11-2-2005

MICHAEL J. DANIEL



Michael J. Daniel

Individually

DATE: 11/2/2005

STATE OF TEXAS

BY: Gracie E. Atkinson
Gracie E. Atkinson

DATE: 10/17/2005

STATE OF TEXAS

BY: _____

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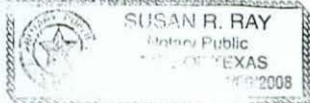
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This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 17th day of OCTOBER, 2005, by **Gracie E. Atkinson**, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires:




Notary Public Signature



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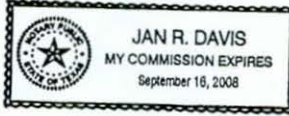
THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF MIDLAND §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 2nd day of November, 2005, by Jack E. Blake, Jr., and Michael J. Daniel, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires:

Jan R. Davis
Notary Public Signature



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ADDENDUM attached to and made a part of that certain Oil and Gas Lease dated October 1, 2005,
by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent
Gracie E. Atkinson, and Jack E. Blake, Jr. and Michael J. Daniel.

40. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Paragraph 5 (minimum royalty) and Paragraph 14 (shut-in royalty) refer to their computation to the delay rentals provided in Paragraph 3 herein. The undersigned do hereby recognize and acknowledge that minimum royalty and shut-in royalties due herein are payable in the amount of \$38.41. Of such amount, \$19.21 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$19.21 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein.

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BY: [Signature], DEPUTY

DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

ANY PROVISION HEREIN IN WHOLE OR IN PART, THAT SAYS, RENTAL,
OR USE OF THE IN-SHARED OIL PROPERTY BECAUSE OF COLOR
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George P. Bush, Commissioner

By _____

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY CERTIFICATE
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF REEVES**

The above and foregoing is a full, true and correct photographic copy of the original record now in my lawful custody and possession, as the same is filed/recorded in the public records of my office, found in VOL. 717, PAGE 583 THRU 594. **DEED RECORDS**

I hereby certified on JANUARY 25, 2006



DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

BY Josie Flores DEPUTY
JOSIE FLORES

FILE#5055

General Land Office
Relinquishment Act Lease Form
Revised, September 1997

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of October, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, **Gayle Walker, whose address is P.O. Box 248 Valley View, Texas 76272**, said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and

Jack E. Blake, Jr., whose address is P.O. Box 10184, Midland, Texas 79702, and **Michael J. Daniel**, whose address is 201 W. Wall St., Suite 201, Midland, Texas 79701, in **equal shares**, hereinafter called Lessee (whether one or more).

1. GRANTING CLAUSE. For and in consideration of the amounts stated below and of the covenants and agreements to be paid, kept and performed by Lessee under this lease, the State of Texas acting by and through the owner of the soil, hereby grants, leases and lets unto Lessee, for the sole and only purpose of prospecting and drilling for and producing oil and gas, laying pipe lines, building tanks, storing oil and building power Stations, telephone lines and other Structures thereon, to produce, save, take care of, treat and transport said products of the lease, the following lands situated in **Reeves** County, State of Texas, to-wit:

Block 57, T-3, T&P R.R. Co. Survey
Section 4: All, 640 acres, more or less.
Reeves County, Texas

Containing 640.00 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas:	<u>FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY AND NO/100** Dollars (\$5,760.00)</u>
To the owner of the soil:	<u>FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY AND NO/100** Dollars \$5,760.00)</u>
Total bonus consideration:	<u>ELEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY AND NO/100** Dollars \$11,520.00)</u>

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of THREE HUNDRED AND NO/100** Dollars (\$300.00) per acre, on 38.40 net acres.

2. TERM. Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of **FIVE YEARS** from this date (herein called primary term") and as long thereafter as oil and gas, or either of them, is produced in paying quantities from said land. As used in this lease, the term "produced in paying quantities" means that the receipts from the sale or other authorized commercial use of the substance(s) covered exceed out of pocket operational expenses for the six months last past.

3. DELAY RENTALS. If no well is commenced on the leased premises on or before one (1) year from this date, this lease shall terminate, unless on or before such anniversary date Lessee shall pay or tender to the owner of the soil or to his credit in the Bank, at _____, or its successors (which shall continue as the depository regardless of changes in the ownership of said land), the amount specified below; in addition, Lessee shall pay or tender to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, a like sum on or before said date. Payments under this paragraph shall operate as a rental and shall cover the privilege of deferring the commencement of a well for one (1) year from said date. Payments under this paragraph shall be in the following amounts:

To the owner of the soil:	<u>NINETEEN AND 20/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$19.20)
To the State of Texas:	<u>NINETEEN AND 20/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$19.20)
Total Rental:	<u>THIRTY-EIGHT AND 40/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$38.40) **

(** See attached Amended Delay Rental Provision)

In a like manner and upon like payments or tenders annually, the commencement of a well may be further deferred for successive periods of one (1) year each during the primary term. All payments or tenders of rental to the owner of the soil may be made by check or sight draft of Lessee, or any assignee of this lease, and may be delivered on or before the rental paying date. If the bank designated in this paragraph (or its successor bank) should cease to exist, suspend business, liquidate, fail or be succeeded by another bank, or for any reason fail or refuse to accept rental, Lessee shall



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not be held in default for failure to make such payments or tenders of rental until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil shall deliver to Lessee a proper recordable instrument naming another bank as agent to receive such payments or tenders.

4. PRODUCTION ROYALTIES. Upon production of oil and/or gas, Lessee agrees to pay or cause to be paid one-half (1/2) of the royalty provided for in this lease to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, at Austin, Texas, and one-half (1/2) of such royalty to the owner of the soil:

(A) OIL. Royalty payable on oil, which is defined as including all hydrocarbons produced in a liquid form at the mouth of the well and also as all condensate, distillate, and other liquid hydrocarbons recovered from oil or gas run through a separator or other equipment, as hereinafter provided, shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be determined by 1) the highest posted price, plus premium, if any, offered or paid for oil, condensate, distillate, or other liquid hydrocarbons, respectively, of a like type and gravity in the general area where produced and when run, or 2) the highest market price thereof offered or paid in the general area where produced and when run, or 3) the gross proceeds of the sale thereof, whichever is the greater. Lessee agrees that before any gas produced from the leased premises is sold, used or processed in a plant, it will be run free of cost to the royalty owners through an adequate oil and gas separator of conventional type, or other equipment at least as efficient, so that all liquid hydrocarbons recoverable from the gas by such means will be recovered. The requirement that such gas be run through a separator or other equipment may be waived in writing by the royalty owners upon such terms and conditions as they prescribe.

(B) NON PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas (including flared gas), which is defined as all hydrocarbons and gaseous substances not defined as oil in subparagraph (A) above, produced from any well on said land (except as provided herein with respect to gas processed in a plant for the extraction of gasoline, liquid hydrocarbons or other products) shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be based on the highest market price paid or offered for gas of comparable quality in the general area where produced and when run, or the gross price paid or offered to the producer, whichever is the greater; provided that the maximum pressure base in measuring the gas under this lease shall not at any time exceed 14.65 pounds per square inch absolute, and the standard base temperature shall be sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit, correction to be made for pressure according to Boyle's Law, and for specific gravity according to tests made by the Balance Method or by the most approved method of testing being used by the industry at the time of testing.

(C) PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas processed in a gasoline plant or other plant for the recovery of gasoline or other liquid hydrocarbons shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the residue gas and the liquid hydrocarbons extracted or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office. All royalties due herein shall be based on one hundred percent (100%) of the total plant production of residue gas attributable to gas produced from this lease, and on fifty percent (50%), or that percent accruing to Lessee, whichever is the greater, of the total plant production of liquid hydrocarbons attributable to the gas produced from this lease; provided that if liquid hydrocarbons are recovered from gas processed in a plant in which Lessee (or its parent, subsidiary or affiliate) owns an interest, then the percentage applicable to liquid hydrocarbons shall be fifty percent (50%) or the highest percent accruing to a third party processing gas through such plant under a processing agreement negotiated at arm's length (or if there is no such third party, the highest percent then being specified in processing agreements or contracts in the industry), whichever is the greater. The respective royalties on residue gas and on liquid hydrocarbons shall be determined by 1) the highest market price paid or offered for any gas (or liquid hydrocarbons) of comparable quality in the general area, or 2) the gross price paid or offered for such residue gas (or the weighted average gross selling price for the respective grades of liquid hydrocarbons), whichever is the greater. In no event, however, shall the royalties payable under this paragraph be less than the royalties which would have been due had the gas not been processed.

(D) OTHER PRODUCTS. Royalty on carbon black, sulphur or any other products produced or manufactured from gas (excepting liquid hydrocarbons) whether said gas be casinghead, "dry," or any other gas, by fractionating, burning or any other processing shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production of such products, or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such market value to be determined as follows: 1) on the basis of the highest market price of each product for the same month in which such product is produced, or 2) on the basis of the average gross sale price of each product for the same month in which such products are produced; whichever is the greater.

5. MINIMUM ROYALTY. During any year after the expiration of the primary term of this lease, if this lease is maintained by production, the royalties paid under this lease in no event shall be less than an amount equal to the total annual delay rental herein provided; otherwise, there shall be due and payable on or before the last day of the month succeeding the anniversary date of this lease a sum equal to the total annual rental less the amount of royalties paid during the preceding year. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre.

6. ROYALTY IN KIND. Notwithstanding any other provision in this lease, at any time or from time to time, the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office may, at the option of either, upon not less than sixty (60) days notice to the holder of the lease, require that the payment of any royalties accruing to such royalty owner



under this lease be made in kind. The owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's right to take its royalty in kind shall not diminish or negate the owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's rights or Lessee's obligations, whether express or implied, under this lease.

7. **NO DEDUCTIONS.** Lessee agrees that all royalties accruing under this lease (including those paid in kind) shall be without deduction for the cost of producing, gathering, storing, separating, treating, dehydrating, compressing, processing, transporting, and otherwise making the oil, gas and other products hereunder ready for sale or use. Lessee agrees to compute and pay royalties on the gross value received, including any reimbursements for severance taxes and production related costs.

8. **PLANT FUEL AND RECYCLED GAS.** No royalty shall be payable on any gas as may represent this lease's proportionate share of any fuel used to process gas produced hereunder in any processing plant. Notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, and subject to the written consent of the owner of the soil and the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee may recycle gas for gas lift purposes on the leased premises or for injection into any oil or gas producing formation underlying the leased premises after the liquid hydrocarbons contained in the gas have been removed; no royalties shall be payable on the recycled gas until it is produced and sold or used by Lessee in a manner which entitles the royalty owners to a royalty under this lease.

9. **ROYALTY PAYMENTS AND REPORTS.** All royalties not taken in kind shall be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Austin, Texas, in the following manner:

Payment of royalty on production of oil and gas shall be as provided in the rules set forth in the Texas Register. Rules currently provide that royalty on oil is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 5th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, and royalty on gas is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 15th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, accompanied by the affidavit of the owner, manager or other authorized agent, completed in the form and manner prescribed by the General Land Office and showing the gross amount and disposition of all oil and gas produced and the market value of the oil and gas, together with a copy of all documents, records or reports confirming the gross production, disposition and market value including gas meter readings, pipeline receipts, gas line receipts and other checks or memoranda of amount produced and put into pipelines, tanks, or pools and gas lines or gas storage, and any other reports or records which the General Land Office may require to verify the gross production, disposition and market value. In all cases the authority of a manager or agent to act for the Lessee herein must be filed in the General Land Office. Each royalty payment shall be accompanied by a check stub, schedule, summary or other remittance advice showing by the assigned General Land Office lease number the amount of royalty being paid on each lease. If Lessee pays his royalty on or before thirty (30) days after the royalty payment was due, then Lessee owes a penalty of 5% on the royalty or \$25.00, whichever is greater. A royalty payment which is over thirty (30) days late shall accrue a penalty of 10% of the royalty due or \$25.00 whichever is greater. In addition to a penalty, royalties shall accrue interest at a rate of 12% per year, such interest will begin accruing when the royalty is sixty (60) days overdue. Affidavits and supporting documents which are not filed when due shall incur a penalty in an amount set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the affidavits or supporting documents were due. The Lessee shall bear all responsibility for paying or causing royalties to be paid as prescribed by the due date provided herein. Payment of the delinquency penalty shall in no way operate to prohibit the State's right of forfeiture as provided by law nor act to postpone the date on which royalties were originally due. The above penalty provisions shall not apply in cases of title dispute as to the State's portion of the royalty or to that portion of the royalty in dispute as to fair market value.

10. (A) **RESERVES, CONTRACTS AND OTHER RECORDS.** Lessee shall annually furnish the Commissioner of the General Land Office with its best possible estimate of oil and gas reserves underlying this lease or allocable to this lease and shall furnish said Commissioner with copies of all contracts under which gas is sold or processed and all subsequent agreements and amendments to such contracts within thirty (30) days after entering into or making such contracts, agreements or amendments. Such contracts and agreements when received by the General Land Office shall be held in confidence by the General Land Office unless otherwise authorized by Lessee. All other contracts and records pertaining to the production, transportation, sale and marketing of the oil and gas produced on said premises, including the books and accounts, receipts and discharges of all wells, tanks, pools, meters, and pipelines shall at all times be subject to inspection and examination by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, the Governor, or the representative of any of them.

(B) **PERMITS, DRILLING RECORDS.** Written notice of all operations on this lease shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the General Land Office by Lessee or operator five (5) days before spud date, workover, re-entry, temporary abandonment or plug and abandonment of any well or wells. Such written notice to the General Land Office shall include copies of Railroad Commission forms for application to drill. Copies of well tests, completion reports and plugging reports shall be supplied to the General Land Office at the time they are filed with the Texas Railroad Commission. All applications, permits, reports or other filings that reference this lease or any specific well on the leased premises and that are submitted to the Texas Railroad Commission or any other governmental agency shall include the word "State" in the title. Additionally, in accordance with Railroad Commission rules, any signage on the leased premises for the purpose of identifying wells, tank batteries or other associated improvements to the land must also include the word "State." Lessee shall supply the General Land Office with any records, memoranda, accounts, reports, cuttings and cores, or other information relative to the operation of the above described premises, which may be requested by the General Land Office, in addition to those herein expressly provided for. Lessee shall have an electrical and/or



radioactivity survey made on the bore-hole section, from the base of the surface casing to the total depth of well, of all wells drilled on the above described premises and shall transmit a true copy of the log of each survey on each well to the General Land Office within fifteen (15) days after the making of said survey.

(C) PENALTIES. Lessee shall incur a penalty whenever reports, documents or other materials are not filed in the General Land Office when due. The penalty for late filing shall be set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the materials were due in the General Land Office.

11. DRY HOLE/CESSATION OF PRODUCTION DURING PRIMARY TERM. If, during the primary term hereof and prior to discovery and production of oil or gas on said land, Lessee should drill a dry hole or holes thereon, or if during the primary term hereof and after the discovery and actual production of oil or gas from the leased premises such production thereof should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if on or before the expiration of sixty (60) days from date of completion of said dry hole or cessation of production Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations thereon, or pays or tenders the next annual delay rental in the same manner as provided in this lease. If, during the last year of the primary term or within sixty (60) days prior thereto, a dry hole be completed and abandoned, or the production of oil or gas should cease for any cause, Lessee's rights shall remain in full force and effect without further operations until the expiration of the primary term; and if Lessee has not resumed production in paying quantities at the expiration of the primary term, Lessee may maintain this lease by conducting additional drilling or reworking operations pursuant to Paragraph 13, using the expiration of the primary term as the date of cessation of production under Paragraph 13. Should the first well or any subsequent well drilled on the above described land be completed as a shut-in oil or gas well within the primary term hereof, Lessee may resume payment of the annual rental in the same manner as provided herein on or before the rental paying date following the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date of completion of such shut-in oil or gas well and upon the failure to make such payment, this lease shall ipso facto terminate. If at the expiration of the primary term or any time thereafter a shut-in oil or gas well is located on the leased premises, payments may be made in accordance with the shut-in provisions hereof.

12. DRILLING AND REWORKING AT EXPIRATION OF PRIMARY TERM. If, at the expiration of the primary term, neither oil nor gas is being produced on said land, but Lessee is then engaged in drilling or reworking operations thereon, this lease shall remain in force so long as operations on said well or for drilling or reworking of any additional well are prosecuted in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days during any one such operation, and if they result in the production of oil and/or gas, so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced in paying quantities from said land, or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or compensatory royalties is made as provided in this lease.

13. CESSATION, DRILLING, AND REWORKING. If, after the expiration of the primary term, production of oil or gas from the leased premises, after once obtained, should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after such cessation, and this lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as such operations continue in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. If such drilling or reworking operations result in the production of oil or gas, the lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as oil or gas is produced from the leased premises in paying quantities or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or payment of compensatory royalties is made as provided herein or as provided by law. If the drilling or reworking operations result in the completion of a well as a dry hole, the lease will not terminate if the Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after the completion of the well as a dry hole, and this lease shall remain in effect so long as Lessee continues drilling or reworking operations in good faith and in a workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. Lessee shall give written notice to the General Land Office within thirty (30) days of any cessation of production.

14. SHUT-IN ROYALTIES. For purposes of this paragraph, "well" means any well that has been assigned a well number by the state agency having jurisdiction over the production of oil and gas. If, at any time after the expiration of the primary term of a lease that, until being shut in, was being maintained in force and effect, a well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities is located on the leased premises, but oil or gas is not being produced for lack of suitable production facilities or lack of a suitable market, then Lessee may pay as a shut-in oil or gas royalty an amount equal to double the annual rental provided in the lease, but not less than \$1,200 a year for each well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre. To be effective, each initial shut-in oil or gas royalty must be paid on or before: (1) the expiration of the primary term, (2) 60 days after the Lessee ceases to produce oil or gas from the leased premises, or (3) 60 days after Lessee completes a drilling or reworking operation in accordance with the lease provisions; whichever date is latest. Such payment shall be made one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil. If the shut-in oil or gas royalty is paid, the lease shall be considered to be a producing lease and the payment shall extend the term of the lease for a period of one year from the end of the primary term, or from the first day of the month following the month in which production ceased, and, after that, if no suitable production facilities or suitable market for the oil or gas exists, Lessee may extend the lease for four more successive periods of one (1) year by paying the same amount each year on or before the expiration of each shut-in year.

15. COMPENSATORY ROYALTIES. If, during the period the lease is kept in effect by payment of the shut-in oil or gas royalty, oil or gas is sold and delivered in paying quantities from a well located within one thousand (1,000) feet



of the leased premises and completed in the same producing reservoir, or in any case in which drainage is occurring, the right to continue to maintain the lease by paying the shut-in oil or gas royalty shall cease, but the lease shall remain effective for the remainder of the year for which the royalty has been paid. The Lessee may maintain the lease for four more successive years by Lessee paying compensatory royalty at the royalty rate provided in the lease of the market value of production from the well causing the drainage or which is completed in the same producing reservoir and within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. The compensatory royalty is to be paid monthly, one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil, beginning on or before the last day of the month following the month in which the oil or gas is produced from the well causing the drainage or that is completed in the same producing reservoir and located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. If the compensatory royalty paid in any 12-month period is in an amount less than the annual shut-in oil or gas royalty, Lessee shall pay an amount equal to the difference within thirty (30) days from the end of the 12-month period. Compensatory royalty payments which are not timely paid will accrue penalty and interest in accordance with Paragraph 9 of this lease. None of these provisions will relieve Lessee of the obligation of reasonable development nor the obligation to drill offset wells as provided in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.173; however, at the determination of the Commissioner, and with the Commissioner's written approval, the payment of compensatory royalties can satisfy the obligation to drill offset wells.

16. **RETAINED ACREAGE.** Notwithstanding any provision of this lease to the contrary, after a well producing or capable of producing oil or gas has been completed on the leased premises, Lessee shall exercise the diligence of a reasonably prudent operator in drilling such additional well or wells as may be reasonably necessary for the proper development of the leased premises and in marketing the production thereon.

(A) **VERTICAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term, it shall then terminate as to all of the leased premises, EXCEPT (1) 40 acres surrounding each oil well capable of producing in paying quantities and 320 acres surrounding each gas well capable of producing in paying quantities (including a shut-in oil or gas well as provided in Paragraph 14 hereof), or a well upon which Lessee is then engaged in continuous drilling or reworking operations, or (2) the number of acres included in a producing pooled unit pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153, or (3) such greater or lesser number of acres as may then be allocated for production purposes to a proration unit for each such producing well under the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas, or any successor agency, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction. If at any time after the effective date of the partial termination provisions hereof, the applicable field rules are changed or the well or wells located thereon are reclassified so that less acreage is thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes, this lease shall thereupon terminate as to all acreage not thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes. Notwithstanding the termination of this lease as to a portion of the lands covered hereby, Lessee shall nevertheless continue to have the right of ingress to and egress from the lands still subject to this lease for all purposes described in Paragraph 1 hereof, together with easements and right-of-ways for existing roads, existing pipelines and other existing facilities on, over and across all the lands described in Paragraph 1 hereof ("the retained lands"), for access to and from the retained lands and for the gathering or transportation of oil, gas and other minerals produced from the retained lands.

(B) **HORIZONTAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term it shall further terminate as to all depths below 100 feet below the total depth drilled (hereinafter "deeper depths") in each well located on acreage retained in Paragraph 16(A) above, unless on or before two (2) years after the primary or extended term Lessee pays an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the bonus originally paid as consideration for this lease (as specified on page 1 hereof). If such amount is paid, this lease shall be in force and effect as to such deeper depths, and said termination shall be delayed for an additional period of two (2) years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities from such deeper depths covered by this lease.

(C) **IDENTIFICATION AND FILING.** The surface acreage retained hereunder as to each well shall, as nearly as practical, be in the form of a square with the well located in the center thereof, or such other shape as may be approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office. Within thirty (30) days after partial termination of this lease as provided herein, Lessee shall execute and record a release or releases containing a satisfactory legal description of the acreage and/or depths not retained hereunder. The recorded release, or a certified copy of same, shall be filed in the General Land Office, accompanied by the filing fee prescribed by the General Land Office rules in effect on the date the release is filed. If Lessee fails or refuses to execute and record such release or releases within ninety (90) days after being requested to do so by the General Land Office, then the Commissioner at his sole discretion may designate by written instrument the acreage and/or depths to be released hereunder and record such instrument at Lessee's expense in the county or counties where the lease is located and in the official records of the General Land Office and such designation shall be binding upon Lessee for all purposes.

17. **OFFSET WELLS.** Neither the bonus, delay rentals, nor royalties paid, or to be paid, under this lease shall relieve Lessee of his obligation to protect the oil and gas under the above-described land from being drained. Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall drill as many wells as the facts may justify and shall use appropriate means and drill to a depth necessary to prevent undue drainage of oil and gas from the leased premises. In addition, if oil and/or gas should be produced in commercial quantities within 1,000 feet of the leased premises, or in any case where the leased premises is being drained by production of oil or gas, the Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall in good faith begin the drilling of a well or wells upon the leased premises within 100 days after the draining well or wells or the well or wells completed within 1,000 feet of the leased premises start producing in commercial quantities and shall prosecute such drilling with diligence. Failure to



satisfy the statutory offset obligation may subject this lease and the owner of the soil's agency rights to forfeiture. Only upon the determination of the Commissioner of the General Land Office and with his written approval may the payment of compensatory royalty under applicable statutory parameters satisfy the obligation to drill an offset well or wells required under this paragraph.

18. **FORCE MAJEURE.** If, after a good faith effort, Lessee is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this lease, from conducting drilling operations on the leased premises, or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises by reason of war, rebellion, riots, strikes, acts of God, or any valid order, rule or regulation of government authority, then while so prevented, Lessee's obligation to comply with such covenant shall be suspended and Lessee shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenants; additionally, this lease shall be extended while Lessee is prevented, by any such cause, from conducting drilling and reworking operations or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises. However, nothing in this paragraph shall suspend the payment of delay rentals in order to maintain this lease in effect during the primary term in the absence of such drilling or reworking operations or production of oil or gas.

19. **WARRANTY CLAUSE.** The owner of the soil warrants and agrees to defend title to the leased premises. If the owner of the soil defaults in payments owed on the leased premises, then Lessee may redeem the rights of the owner of the soil in the leased premises by paying any mortgage, taxes or other liens on the leased premises. If Lessee makes payments on behalf of the owner of the soil under this paragraph, Lessee may recover the cost of these payments from the rental and royalties due the owner of the soil.

20. (A) **PROPORTIONATE REDUCTION CLAUSE.** If the owner of the soil owns less than the entire undivided surface estate in the above described land, whether or not Lessee's interest is specified herein, then the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the owner of the soil shall be paid to him in the proportion which his interest bears to the entire undivided surface estate and the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas shall be likewise proportionately reduced. However, before Lessee adjusts the royalty or rental due to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee or his authorized representative must submit to the Commissioner of the General Land Office a written statement which explains the discrepancy between the interest purportedly leased under this lease and the actual interest owned by the owner of the soil. The Commissioner of the General Land Office shall be paid the value of the whole production allocable to any undivided interest not covered by a lease, less the proportionate development and production cost allocable to such undivided interest. However, in no event shall the Commissioner of the General Land Office receive as a royalty on the gross production allocable to the undivided interest not leased an amount less than the value of one-sixteenth (1/16) of such gross production.

(B) **REDUCTION OF PAYMENTS.** If, during the primary term, a portion of the land covered by this lease is included within the boundaries of a pooled unit that has been approved by the School Land Board and the owner of the soil in accordance with Natural Resources Code Sections 52.151-52.154, or if at any time after the expiration of the primary term or the extended term, this lease covers a lesser number of acres than the total amount described herein, payments that are made on a per acre basis hereunder shall be reduced according to the number of acres pooled, released, surrendered, or otherwise severed, so that payments determined on a per acre basis under the terms of this lease during the primary term shall be calculated based upon the number of acres outside the boundaries of a pooled unit, or, if after the expiration of the primary term, the number of acres actually retained and covered by this lease.

21. **USE OF WATER.** Lessee shall have the right to use water produced on said land necessary for operations under this lease except water from wells or tanks of the owner of the soil; provided, however, Lessee shall not use potable water or water suitable for livestock or irrigation purposes for watertlood operations without the prior consent of the owner of the soil.

22. **AUTHORIZED DAMAGES.** Lessee shall pay the owner of the soil for damages caused by its operations to all personal property, improvements, livestock and crops on said land.

23. **PIPELINE DEPTH.** When requested by the owner of the soil, Lessee shall bury its pipelines below plow depth.

24. **WELL LOCATION LIMIT.** No well shall be drilled nearer than two hundred (200) feet to any house or barn now on said premises without the written consent of the owner of the soil.

25. **POLLUTION.** In developing this area, Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all proper safeguards to prevent pollution. Without limiting the foregoing, pollution of coastal wetlands, natural waterways, rivers and impounded water shall be prevented by the use of containment facilities sufficient to prevent spillage, seepage or ground water contamination. In the event of pollution, Lessee shall use all means at its disposal to recapture all escaped hydrocarbons or other pollutant and shall be responsible for all damage to public and private properties. Lessee shall build and maintain fences around its slush, sump, and drainage pits and tank batteries so as to protect livestock against loss, damage or injury; and upon completion or abandonment of any well or wells, Lessee shall fill and level all slush pits and cellars and completely clean up the drilling site of all rubbish thereon. Lessee shall, while conducting operations on the leased premises, keep said premises free of all rubbish, cans, bottles, paper cups or garbage, and upon completion of operations shall restore the surface of the land to as near its original condition and contours as is practicable. Tanks and equipment will be kept painted and presentable.



26. **REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT.** Subject to limitations in this paragraph, Lessee shall have the right to remove machinery and fixtures placed by Lessee on the leased premises, including the right to draw and remove casing, within one hundred twenty (120) days after the expiration or the termination of this lease unless the owner of the soil grants Lessee an extension of this 120-day period. However, Lessee may not remove casing from any well capable of producing oil and gas in paying quantities. Additionally, Lessee may not draw and remove casing until after thirty (30) days written notice to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and to the owner of the soil. The owner of the soil shall become the owner of any machinery, fixtures, or casing which are not timely removed by Lessee under the terms of this paragraph.

27. (A) **ASSIGNMENTS.** Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29 of this lease, the rights and estates of either party to this lease may be assigned, in whole or in part, and the provisions of this lease shall extend to and be binding upon their heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns. However, a change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties will not enlarge the obligations of Lessee, diminish the rights, privileges and estates of Lessee, impair the effectiveness of any payment made by Lessee or impair the effectiveness of any act performed by Lessee. And no change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties shall bind Lessee for any purpose until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil (or his heirs, devisees, legal representatives or assigns) furnishes the Lessee with satisfactory written evidence of the change in ownership, including the original recorded muniments of title (or a certified copy of such original) when the ownership changed because of a conveyance. A total or partial assignment of this lease shall, to the extent of the interest assigned, relieve and discharge Lessee of all subsequent obligations under this lease. If this lease is assigned in its entirety as to only part of the acreage, the right and option to pay rentals shall be apportioned as between the several owners ratably, according to the area of each, and failure by one or more of them to pay his share of the rental shall not affect this lease on the part of the land upon which pro rata rentals are timely paid or tendered; however, if the assignor or assignee does not file a certified copy of such assignment in the General Land Office before the next rental paying date, the entire lease shall terminate for failure to pay the entire rental due under Paragraph 3. Every assignee shall succeed to all rights and be subject to all obligations, liabilities, and penalties owed to the State by the original lessee or any prior assignee of the lease, including any liabilities to the State for unpaid royalties.

(B) **ASSIGNMENT LIMITATION.** Notwithstanding any provision in Paragraph 27(a), if the owner of the soil acquires this lease in whole or in part by assignment without the prior written approval of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, this lease is void as of the time of assignment and the agency power of the owner may be forfeited by the Commissioner. An assignment will be treated as if it were made to the owner of the soil if the assignee is:

- (1) a nominee of the owner of the soil;
- (2) a corporation or subsidiary in which the owner of the soil is a principal stockholder or is an employee of such a corporation or subsidiary;
- (3) a partnership in which the owner of the soil is a partner or is an employee of such a partnership;
- (4) a principal stockholder or employee of the corporation which is the owner of the soil;
- (5) a partner or employee in a partnership which is the owner of the soil;
- (6) a fiduciary for the owner of the soil; including but not limited to a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, or conservator for the owner of the soil; or
- (7) a family member of the owner of the soil or related to the owner of the soil by marriage, blood, or adoption.

28. **RELEASES.** Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29, Lessee may at any time execute and deliver to the owner of the soil and place of record a release or releases covering any portion or portions of the leased premises, and thereby surrender this lease as to such portion or portions, and be relieved of all subsequent obligations as to acreage surrendered. If any part of this lease is properly surrendered, the delay rental due under this lease shall be reduced by the proportion that the surrendered acreage bears to the acreage which was covered by this lease immediately prior to such surrender; however, such release will not relieve Lessee of any liabilities which may have accrued under this lease prior to the surrender of such acreage.

29. **FILING OF ASSIGNMENTS AND RELEASES.** If all or any part of this lease is assigned or released, such assignment or release must be recorded in the county where the land is situated, and the recorded instrument, or a copy of the recorded instrument certified by the County Clerk of the county in which the instrument is recorded, must be filed in the General Land Office within 90 days of the last execution date accompanied by the prescribed filing fee. If any such assignment is not so filed, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture at the option of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

30. **DISCLOSURE CLAUSE.** All provisions pertaining to the lease of the above-described land have been included in this instrument, including the statement of the true consideration to be paid for the execution of this lease and the rights and duties of the parties. Any collateral agreements concerning the development of oil and gas from the leased premises which are not contained in this lease render this lease invalid.

31. **FIDUCIARY DUTY.** The owner of the soil owes the State a fiduciary duty and must fully disclose any facts affecting the State's interest in the leased premises. When the interests of the owner of the soil conflict with those of the



State, the owner of the soil is obligated to put the State's interests before his personal interests.

32. **FORFEITURE.** If Lessee shall fail or refuse to make the payment of any sum within thirty days after it becomes due, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly make any false return or false report concerning production or drilling, or if Lessee shall fail or refuse to drill any offset well or wells in good faith as required by law and the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or if Lessee should fail to file reports in the manner required by law or fail to comply with rules and regulations promulgated by the General Land Office, the School Land Board, or the Railroad Commission, or if Lessee should refuse the proper authority access to the records pertaining to operations, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly fail or refuse to give correct information to the proper authority, or knowingly fail or refuse to furnish the General Land Office a correct log of any well, or if Lessee shall knowingly violate any of the material provisions of this lease, or if this lease is assigned and the assignment is not filed in the General Land Office as required by law, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture by the Commissioner, and he shall forfeit same when sufficiently informed of the facts which authorize a forfeiture, and when forfeited the area shall again be subject to lease under the terms of the Relinquishment Act. However, nothing herein shall be construed as waiving the automatic termination of this lease by operation of law or by reason of any special limitation arising hereunder. Forfeitures may be set aside and this lease and all rights thereunder reinstated before the rights of another intervene upon satisfactory evidence to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of future compliance with the provisions of the law and of this lease and the rules and regulations that may be adopted relative hereto.

33. **LIEN.** In accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136, the State shall have a first lien upon all oil and gas produced from the area covered by this lease to secure payment of all unpaid royalty and other sums of money that may become due under this lease. By acceptance of this lease, Lessee grants the State, in addition to the lien provided by Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136 and any other applicable statutory lien, an express contractual lien on and security interest in all leased minerals in and extracted from the leased premises, all proceeds which may accrue to Lessee from the sale of such leased minerals, whether such proceeds are held by Lessee or by a third party, and all fixtures on and improvements to the leased premises used in connection with the production or processing of such leased minerals in order to secure the payment of all royalties or other amounts due or to become due under this lease and to secure payment of any damages or loss that Lessor may suffer by reason of Lessee's breach of any covenant or condition of this lease, whether express or implied. This lien and security interest may be foreclosed with or without court proceedings in the manner provided in the Title I, Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code. Lessee agrees that the Commissioner may require Lessee to execute and record such instruments as may be reasonably necessary to acknowledge, attach or perfect this lien. Lessee hereby represents that there are no prior or superior liens arising from and relating to Lessee's activities upon the above-described property or from Lessee's acquisition of this lease. Should the Commissioner at any time determine that this representation is not true, then the Commissioner may declare this lease forfeited as provided herein.

34. **POOLING.** Lessee is hereby granted the right to pool or unitize the royalty interest of the owner of the soil under this lease with any other leasehold or mineral interest for the exploration, development and production of oil or gas or either of them upon the same terms as shall be approved by the School Land Board and the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the pooling or unitizing of the interest of the State under this lease pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153. The owner of the soil agrees that the inclusion of this provision in this lease satisfies the execution requirements stated in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.152.

35. **INDEMNITY.** Lessee hereby releases and discharges the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns, of and from all and any actions and causes of action of every nature, or other harm, including environmental harm, for which recovery of damages is sought, including, but not limited to, all losses and expenses which are caused by the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents arising out of, incidental to, or resulting from, the operations of or for Lessee on the leased premises hereunder, or that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement, or by any other negligent or strictly liable act or omission of Lessee. Further, Lessee hereby agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees and agents, their successors or assigns, against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, actions, personal injury (including death), costs and expenses, or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, under any theory including tort, contract, or strict liability, including attorneys' fees and other legal expenses, including those related to environmental hazards, on the leased premises or in any way related to Lessee's failure to comply with any and all environmental laws; those arising from or in any way related to Lessee's operations or any other of Lessee's activities on the leased premises; those arising from Lessee's use of the surface of the leased premises; and those that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or any other act or omission of Lessee, its directors, officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns. Each assignee of this Agreement, or an interest therein, agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, and agents in the same manner provided above in connection with the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents as described above. **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY LIMITED HEREIN, ALL OF THE INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS AND/OR LIABILITIES ASSUMED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE WITHOUT LIMITS AND WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CAUSE OR CAUSES THEREOF (EXCLUDING PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS), STRICT LIABILITY, OR THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY OR PARTIES (INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE INDENINIFIED PARTY), WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE BE**



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36. **ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS.** Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all reasonable safeguards to prevent contamination or pollution of any environmental medium, including soil, surface waters, groundwater, sediments, and surface or subsurface strata, ambient air or any other environmental medium in, on, or under the leased premises, by any waste, pollutant, or contaminant. Lessee shall not bring or permit to remain on the leased premises any asbestos containing materials, explosives, toxic materials, or substances regulated as hazardous wastes, hazardous materials, hazardous substances (as the term "Hazardous Substance" is defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601, et seq.), or toxic substances under any federal, state, or local law or regulation ("Hazardous Materials"), except ordinary products commonly used in connection with oil and gas exploration and development operations and stored in the usual manner and quantities. **LESSEE'S VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION SHALL CONSTITUTE A MATERIAL BREACH AND DEFAULT HEREUNDER AND LESSEE SHALL INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL FROM AND AGAINST ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, JUDGMENTS, PENALTIES, LIABILITIES, AND COSTS (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS) CAUSED BY OR ARISING OUT OF (I) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (II) THE PRESENCE, RELEASE, OR DISPOSAL OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OR CONTROL OF THE LEASED PREMISES. LESSEE SHALL CLEAN UP, REMOVE, REMEDY AND REPAIR ANY SOIL OR GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE PRESENCE OR RELEASE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN, ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OF THE LEASED PREMISES IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE LAW. THIS INDEMNIFICATION AND ASSUMPTION SHALL APPLY, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, LIABILITY FOR RESPONSE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO CERCLA OR ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAW OR REGULATION. LESSEE SHALL IMMEDIATELY GIVE THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY BREACH OR SUSPECTED BREACH OF THIS PARAGRAPH, UPON LEARNING OF THE PRESENCE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OR UPON RECEIVING A NOTICE FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY PERTAINING TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WHICH MAY AFFECT THE LEASED PREMISES. THE OBLIGATIONS OF LESSEE HEREUNDER SHALL SURVIVE THE EXPIRATION OR EARLIER TERMINATION, FOR ANY REASON, OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

37. **APPLICABLE LAW.** This lease is issued under the provisions of Texas Natural Resources Code 52.171 through 52.190, commonly known as the Relinquishment Act, and other applicable statutes and amendments thereto, and if any provision in this lease does not conform to these statutes, the statutes will prevail over any nonconforming lease provisions.

38. **EXECUTION.** This oil and gas lease must be signed and acknowledged by the Lessee before it is filed of record in the county records and in the General Land Office of the State of Texas. Once the filing requirements found in Paragraph 39 of this lease have been satisfied, the effective date of this lease shall be the date found on Page 1.

39. **LEASE FILING.** Pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, this lease must be filed of record in the office of the County Clerk in any county in which all or any part of the leased premises is located, and certified copies thereof must be filed in the General Land Office. This lease is not effective until a certified copy of this lease (which is made and certified by the County Clerk from his records) is filed in the General Land Office in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.183. Additionally, this lease shall not be binding upon the State unless it recites the actual and true consideration paid or promised for execution of this lease. The bonus due the State and the prescribed filing fee shall accompany such certified copy to the General Land Office.

40. See attached "ADDENDUM" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**** THIS IS A PAID-UP OIL AND GAS LEASE** as to any rentals that may be paid on or before the 1st and 2nd anniversary date. If delay rentals are paid on or before the 3rd anniversary date, the total rental paid shall be \$7,680.00. Of such amount, \$3,840.00 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$3,840.00 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein, and the rentals due on or before the 4th anniversary date will be PAID-UP.

JACK E. BLAKE, JR.

BY: Jack E. Blake, Jr.

TITLE: Individually

DATE: 11-2-2005

MICHAEL J. DANIEL

Michael J. Daniel

Individually

DATE: 11/2/2005



STATE OF TEXAS

BY: Gayle Walker
Gayle Walker

DATE: 10/14/05

STATE OF TEXAS

BY: _____

DATE: _____

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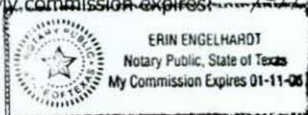
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This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 14th day of October, 2005, by **Gayle Walker**, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires: 11-11-06



Erin Engelhardt
Notary Public Signature

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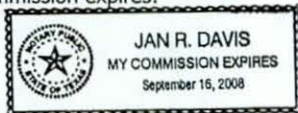
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This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 2nd day of November, 2005, by **Jack E. Blake, Jr., and Michael J. Daniel**, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires:



Jan R. Davis
Notary Public Signature



ADDENDUM attached to and made a part of that certain Oil and Gas Lease dated October 1, 2005,
by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent
Gayle Walker, and Jack E. Blake, Jr. and Michael J. Daniel.

40. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Paragraph 5 (minimum royalty) and Paragraph 14 (shut-in royalty) refer to their computation to the delay rentals provided in Paragraph 3 herein. The undersigned do hereby recognize and acknowledge that minimum royalty and shut-in royalties due herein are payable in the amount of \$38.40. Of such amount, \$19.20 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$19.20 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein.

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BY: *April Jones*, DEPUTY

DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

ANY PROVISION HEREIN TO THE EFFECT OF VOIDING THE SALE, RENTAL,
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George P. Bush, Commissioner
By _____

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY CERTIFICATE
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF REEVES

The above and foregoing is a full, true and correct photographic copy of the original record now in my lawful custody and possession, as the same is filed/recorded in the public records of my office, found in VOL. 716
PAGE 198 THRU 208 OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS

I hereby certified on 01/25/2006



DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS
BY Dianne Flores DEPUTY

FILE# 5356

General Land Office
Relinquishment Act Lease Form
Revised, September 1997

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of October, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, **Linda F. Spires, whose address is 16301 LedgeMont, #106 Addison, Texas 75001**, said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and

Jack E. Blake, Jr., whose address is P.O. Box 10184, Midland, Texas 79702, and **Michael J. Daniel**, whose address is 201 W. Wall St., Suite 201, Midland, Texas 79701, in equal shares, hereinafter called Lessee (whether one or more).

1. GRANTING CLAUSE. For and in consideration of the amounts stated below and of the covenants and agreements to be paid, kept and performed by Lessee under this lease, the State of Texas acting by and through the owner of the soil, hereby grants, leases and lets unto Lessee, for the sole and only purpose of prospecting and drilling for and producing oil and gas, laying pipe lines, building tanks, storing oil and building power Stations, telephone lines and other Structures thereon, to produce, save, take care of, treat and transport said products of the lease, the following lands situated in Reeves County, State of Texas, to-wit:

Block 57, T-3, T&P R.R. Co. Survey
Section 4: All, 640 acres, more or less.
Reeves County, Texas

Containing 640.00 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas:	<u>FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY AND NO/100** Dollars (\$5,760.00)</u>
To the owner of the soil:	<u>FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY AND NO/100** Dollars \$5,760.00)</u>
Total bonus consideration:	<u>ELEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY AND NO/100** Dollars \$11,520.00)</u>

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of THREE HUNDRED AND NO/100** Dollars (\$300.00) per acre, on 38.40 net acres.

2. TERM. Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of **FIVE YEARS** from this date (herein called primary term") and as long thereafter as oil and gas, or either of them, is produced in paying quantities from said land. As used in this lease, the term "produced in paying quantities" means that the receipts from the sale or other authorized commercial use of the substance(s) covered exceed out of pocket operational expenses for the six months last past.

3. DELAY RENTALS. If no well is commenced on the leased premises on or before one (1) year from this date, this lease shall terminate, unless on or before such anniversary date Lessee shall pay or tender to the owner of the soil or to his credit in the Bank, at _____, or its successors (which shall continue as the depository regardless of changes in the ownership of said land), the amount specified below; in addition, Lessee shall pay or tender to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, a like sum on or before said date. Payments under this paragraph shall operate as a rental and shall cover the privilege of deferring the commencement of a well for one (1) year from said date. Payments under this paragraph shall be in the following amounts:

To the owner of the soil:	<u>NINETEEN AND 20/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$19.20)
To the State of Texas:	<u>NINETEEN AND 20/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$19.20)
Total Rental:	<u>THIRTY-EIGHT AND 40/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$38.40) **

(** See attached Amended Delay Rental Provision)

In a like manner and upon like payments or tenders annually, the commencement of a well may be further deferred for successive periods of one (1) year each during the primary term. All payments or tenders of rental to the owner of the soil may be made by check or sight draft of Lessee, or any assignee of this lease, and may be delivered on or before the rental paying date. If the bank designated in this paragraph (or its successor bank) should cease to exist, suspend business, liquidate, fail or be succeeded by another bank, or for any reason fail or refuse to accept rental, Lessee shall



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not be held in default for failure to make such payments or tenders of rental until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil shall deliver to Lessee a proper recordable instrument naming another bank as agent to receive such payments or tenders.

4. PRODUCTION ROYALTIES. Upon production of oil and/or gas, Lessee agrees to pay or cause to be paid one-half (1/2) of the royalty provided for in this lease to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, at Austin, Texas, and one-half (1/2) of such royalty to the owner of the soil:

(A) OIL. Royalty payable on oil, which is defined as including all hydrocarbons produced in a liquid form at the mouth of the well and also as all condensate, distillate, and other liquid hydrocarbons recovered from oil or gas run through a separator or other equipment, as hereinafter provided, shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be determined by 1) the highest posted price, plus premium, if any, offered or paid for oil, condensate, distillate, or other liquid hydrocarbons, respectively, of a like type and gravity in the general area where produced and when run, or 2) the highest market price thereof offered or paid in the general area where produced and when run, or 3) the gross proceeds of the sale thereof, whichever is the greater. Lessee agrees that before any gas produced from the leased premises is sold, used or processed in a plant, it will be run free of cost to the royalty owners through an adequate oil and gas separator of conventional type, or other equipment at least as efficient, so that all liquid hydrocarbons recoverable from the gas by such means will be recovered. The requirement that such gas be run through a separator or other equipment may be waived in writing by the royalty owners upon such terms and conditions as they prescribe.

(B) NON PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas (including flared gas), which is defined as all hydrocarbons and gaseous substances not defined as oil in subparagraph (A) above, produced from any well on said land (except as provided herein with respect to gas processed in a plant for the extraction of gasoline, liquid hydrocarbons or other products) shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be based on the highest market price paid or offered for gas of comparable quality in the general area where produced and when run, or the gross price paid or offered to the producer, whichever is the greater; provided that the maximum pressure base in measuring the gas under this lease shall not at any time exceed 14.65 pounds per square inch absolute, and the standard base temperature shall be sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit, correction to be made for pressure according to Boyle's Law, and for specific gravity according to tests made by the Balance Method or by the most approved method of testing being used by the industry at the time of testing.

(C) PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas processed in a gasoline plant or other plant for the recovery of gasoline or other liquid hydrocarbons shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the residue gas and the liquid hydrocarbons extracted or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office. All royalties due herein shall be based on one hundred percent (100%) of the total plant production of residue gas attributable to gas produced from this lease, and on fifty percent (50%), or that percent accruing to Lessee, whichever is the greater, of the total plant production of liquid hydrocarbons attributable to the gas produced from this lease; provided that if liquid hydrocarbons are recovered from gas processed in a plant in which Lessee (or its parent, subsidiary or affiliate) owns an interest, then the percentage applicable to liquid hydrocarbons shall be fifty percent (50%) or the highest percent accruing to a third party processing gas through such plant under a processing agreement negotiated at arm's length (or if there is no such third party, the highest percent then being specified in processing agreements or contracts in the industry), whichever is the greater. The respective royalties on residue gas and on liquid hydrocarbons shall be determined by 1) the highest market price paid or offered for any gas (or liquid hydrocarbons) of comparable quality in the general area, or 2) the gross price paid or offered for such residue gas (or the weighted average gross selling price for the respective grades of liquid hydrocarbons), whichever is the greater. In no event, however, shall the royalties payable under this paragraph be less than the royalties which would have been due had the gas not been processed.

(D) OTHER PRODUCTS. Royalty on carbon black, sulphur or any other products produced or manufactured from gas (excepting liquid hydrocarbons) whether said gas be casinghead, "dry," or any other gas, by fractionating, burning or any other processing shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production of such products, or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such market value to be determined as follows: 1) on the basis of the highest market price of each product for the same month in which such product is produced, or 2) on the basis of the average gross sale price of each product for the same month in which such products are produced; whichever is the greater.

5. MINIMUM ROYALTY. During any year after the expiration of the primary term of this lease, if this lease is maintained by production, the royalties paid under this lease in no event shall be less than an amount equal to the total annual delay rental herein provided; otherwise, there shall be due and payable on or before the last day of the month succeeding the anniversary date of this lease a sum equal to the total annual rental less the amount of royalties paid during the preceding year. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre.

6. ROYALTY IN KIND. Notwithstanding any other provision in this lease, at any time or from time to time, the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office may, at the option of either, upon not less than sixty (60) days notice to the holder of the lease, require that the payment of any royalties accruing to such royalty owner



under this lease be made in kind. The owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's right to take its royalty in kind shall not diminish or negate the owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's rights or Lessee's obligations, whether express or implied, under this lease.

7. **NO DEDUCTIONS.** Lessee agrees that all royalties accruing under this lease (including those paid in kind) shall be without deduction for the cost of producing, gathering, storing, separating, treating, dehydrating, compressing, processing, transporting, and otherwise making the oil, gas and other products hereunder ready for sale or use. Lessee agrees to compute and pay royalties on the gross value received, including any reimbursements for severance taxes and production related costs.

8. **PLANT FUEL AND RECYCLED GAS.** No royalty shall be payable on any gas as may represent this lease's proportionate share of any fuel used to process gas produced hereunder in any processing plant. Notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, and subject to the written consent of the owner of the soil and the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee may recycle gas for gas lift purposes on the leased premises or for injection into any oil or gas producing formation underlying the leased premises after the liquid hydrocarbons contained in the gas have been removed; no royalties shall be payable on the recycled gas until it is produced and sold or used by Lessee in a manner which entitles the royalty owners to a royalty under this lease.

9. **ROYALTY PAYMENTS AND REPORTS.** All royalties not taken in kind shall be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Austin, Texas, in the following manner:

Payment of royalty on production of oil and gas shall be as provided in the rules set forth in the Texas Register. Rules currently provide that royalty on oil is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 5th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, and royalty on gas is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 15th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, accompanied by the affidavit of the owner, manager or other authorized agent, completed in the form and manner prescribed by the General Land Office and showing the gross amount and disposition of all oil and gas produced and the market value of the oil and gas, together with a copy of all documents, records or reports confirming the gross production, disposition and market value including gas meter readings, pipeline receipts, gas line receipts and other checks or memoranda of amount produced and put into pipelines, tanks, or pools and gas lines or gas storage, and any other reports or records which the General Land Office may require to verify the gross production, disposition and market value. In all cases the authority of a manager or agent to act for the Lessee herein must be filed in the General Land Office. Each royalty payment shall be accompanied by a check stub, schedule, summary or other remittance advice showing by the assigned General Land Office lease number the amount of royalty being paid on each lease. If Lessee pays his royalty on or before thirty (30) days after the royalty payment was due, then Lessee owes a penalty of 5% on the royalty or \$25.00, whichever is greater. A royalty payment which is over thirty (30) days late shall accrue a penalty of 10% of the royalty due or \$25.00 whichever is greater. In addition to a penalty, royalties shall accrue interest at a rate of 12% per year, such interest will begin accruing when the royalty is sixty (60) days overdue. Affidavits and supporting documents which are not filed when due shall incur a penalty in an amount set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the affidavits or supporting documents were due. The Lessee shall bear all responsibility for paying or causing royalties to be paid as prescribed by the due date provided herein. Payment of the delinquency penalty shall in no way operate to prohibit the State's right of forfeiture as provided by law nor act to postpone the date on which royalties were originally due. The above penalty provisions shall not apply in cases of title dispute as to the State's portion of the royalty or to that portion of the royalty in dispute as to fair market value.

10. (A) **RESERVES, CONTRACTS AND OTHER RECORDS.** Lessee shall annually furnish the Commissioner of the General Land Office with its best possible estimate of oil and gas reserves underlying this lease or allocable to this lease and shall furnish said Commissioner with copies of all contracts under which gas is sold or processed and all subsequent agreements and amendments to such contracts within thirty (30) days after entering into or making such contracts, agreements or amendments. Such contracts and agreements when received by the General Land Office shall be held in confidence by the General Land Office unless otherwise authorized by Lessee. All other contracts and records pertaining to the production, transportation, sale and marketing of the oil and gas produced on said premises, including the books and accounts, receipts and discharges of all wells, tanks, pools, meters, and pipelines shall at all times be subject to inspection and examination by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, the Governor, or the representative of any of them.

(B) **PERMITS, DRILLING RECORDS.** Written notice of all operations on this lease shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the General Land Office by Lessee or operator five (5) days before spud date, workover, re-entry, temporary abandonment or plug and abandonment of any well or wells. Such written notice to the General Land Office shall include copies of Railroad Commission forms for application to drill. Copies of well tests, completion reports and plugging reports shall be supplied to the General Land Office at the time they are filed with the Texas Railroad Commission. All applications, permits, reports or other filings that reference this lease or any specific well on the leased premises and that are submitted to the Texas Railroad Commission or any other governmental agency shall include the word "State" in the title. Additionally, in accordance with Railroad Commission rules, any signage on the leased premises for the purpose of identifying wells, tank batteries or other associated improvements to the land must also include the word "State." Lessee shall supply the General Land Office with any records, memoranda, accounts, reports, cuttings and cores, or other information relative to the operation of the above described premises, which may be requested by the General Land Office, in addition to those herein expressly provided for. Lessee shall have an electrical and/or



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radioactivity survey made on the bore-hole section, from the base of the surface casing to the total depth of well, of all wells drilled on the above described premises and shall transmit a true copy of the log of each survey on each well to the General Land Office within fifteen (15) days after the making of said survey.

(C) PENALTIES. Lessee shall incur a penalty whenever reports, documents or other materials are not filed in the General Land Office when due. The penalty for late filing shall be set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the materials were due in the General Land Office.

11. DRY HOLE/CESSATION OF PRODUCTION DURING PRIMARY TERM. If, during the primary term hereof and prior to discovery and production of oil or gas on said land, Lessee should drill a dry hole or holes thereon, or if during the primary term hereof and after the discovery and actual production of oil or gas from the leased premises such production thereof should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if on or before the expiration of sixty (60) days from date of completion of said dry hole or cessation of production Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations thereon, or pays or tenders the next annual delay rental in the same manner as provided in this lease. If, during the last year of the primary term or within sixty (60) days prior thereto, a dry hole be completed and abandoned, or the production of oil or gas should cease for any cause, Lessee's rights shall remain in full force and effect without further operations until the expiration of the primary term; and if Lessee has not resumed production in paying quantities at the expiration of the primary term, Lessee may maintain this lease by conducting additional drilling or reworking operations pursuant to Paragraph 13, using the expiration of the primary term as the date of cessation of production under Paragraph 13. Should the first well or any subsequent well drilled on the above described land be completed as a shut-in oil or gas well within the primary term hereof, Lessee may resume payment of the annual rental in the same manner as provided herein on or before the rental paying date following the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date of completion of such shut-in oil or gas well and upon the failure to make such payment, this lease shall ipso facto terminate. If at the expiration of the primary term or any time thereafter a shut-in oil or gas well is located on the leased premises, payments may be made in accordance with the shut-in provisions hereof.

12. DRILLING AND REWORKING AT EXPIRATION OF PRIMARY TERM. If, at the expiration of the primary term, neither oil nor gas is being produced on said land, but Lessee is then engaged in drilling or reworking operations thereon, this lease shall remain in force so long as operations on said well or for drilling or reworking of any additional well are prosecuted in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days during any one such operation, and if they result in the production of oil and/or gas, so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced in paying quantities from said land, or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or compensatory royalties is made as provided in this lease.

13. CESSATION, DRILLING, AND REWORKING. If, after the expiration of the primary term, production of oil or gas from the leased premises, after once obtained, should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after such cessation, and this lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as such operations continue in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. If such drilling or reworking operations result in the production of oil or gas, the lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as oil or gas is produced from the leased premises in paying quantities or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or payment of compensatory royalties is made as provided herein or as provided by law. If the drilling or reworking operations result in the completion of a well as a dry hole, the lease will not terminate if the Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after the completion of the well as a dry hole, and this lease shall remain in effect so long as Lessee continues drilling or reworking operations in good faith and in a workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. Lessee shall give written notice to the General Land Office within thirty (30) days of any cessation of production.

14. SHUT-IN ROYALTIES. For purposes of this paragraph, "well" means any well that has been assigned a well number by the state agency having jurisdiction over the production of oil and gas. If, at any time after the expiration of the primary term of a lease that, until being shut in, was being maintained in force and effect, a well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities is located on the leased premises, but oil or gas is not being produced for lack of suitable production facilities or lack of a suitable market, then Lessee may pay as a shut-in oil or gas royalty an amount equal to double the annual rental provided in the lease, but not less than \$1,200 a year for each well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre. To be effective, each initial shut-in oil or gas royalty must be paid on or before: (1) the expiration of the primary term, (2) 60 days after the Lessee ceases to produce oil or gas from the leased premises, or (3) 60 days after Lessee completes a drilling or reworking operation in accordance with the lease provisions; whichever date is latest. Such payment shall be made one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil. If the shut-in oil or gas royalty is paid, the lease shall be considered to be a producing lease and the payment shall extend the term of the lease for a period of one year from the end of the primary term, or from the first day of the month following the month in which production ceased, and, after that, if no suitable production facilities or suitable market for the oil or gas exists, Lessee may extend the lease for four more successive periods of one (1) year by paying the same amount each year on or before the expiration of each shut-in year.

15. COMPENSATORY ROYALTIES. If, during the period the lease is kept in effect by payment of the shut-in oil or gas royalty, oil or gas is sold and delivered in paying quantities from a well located within one thousand (1,000) feet



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of the leased premises and completed in the same producing reservoir, or in any case in which drainage is occurring, the right to continue to maintain the lease by paying the shut-in oil or gas royalty shall cease, but the lease shall remain effective for the remainder of the year for which the royalty has been paid. The Lessee may maintain the lease for four more successive years by Lessee paying compensatory royalty at the royalty rate provided in the lease of the market value of production from the well causing the drainage or which is completed in the same producing reservoir and within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. The compensatory royalty is to be paid monthly, one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil, beginning on or before the last day of the month following the month in which the oil or gas is produced from the well causing the drainage or that is completed in the same producing reservoir and located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. If the compensatory royalty paid in any 12-month period is in an amount less than the annual shut-in oil or gas royalty, Lessee shall pay an amount equal to the difference within thirty (30) days from the end of the 12-month period. Compensatory royalty payments which are not timely paid will accrue penalty and interest in accordance with Paragraph 9 of this lease. None of these provisions will relieve Lessee of the obligation of reasonable development nor the obligation to drill offset wells as provided in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.173; however, at the determination of the Commissioner, and with the Commissioner's written approval, the payment of compensatory royalties can satisfy the obligation to drill offset wells.

16. **RETAINED ACREAGE.** Notwithstanding any provision of this lease to the contrary, after a well producing or capable of producing oil or gas has been completed on the leased premises, Lessee shall exercise the diligence of a reasonably prudent operator in drilling such additional well or wells as may be reasonably necessary for the proper development of the leased premises and in marketing the production thereon.

(A) **VERTICAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term, it shall then terminate as to all of the leased premises, EXCEPT (1) 40 acres surrounding each oil well capable of producing in paying quantities and 320 acres surrounding each gas well capable of producing in paying quantities (including a shut-in oil or gas well as provided in Paragraph 14 hereof), or a well upon which Lessee is then engaged in continuous drilling or reworking operations, or (2) the number of acres included in a producing pooled unit pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153, or (3) such greater or lesser number of acres as may then be allocated for production purposes to a proration unit for each such producing well under the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas, or any successor agency, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction. If at any time after the effective date of the partial termination provisions hereof, the applicable field rules are changed or the well or wells located thereon are reclassified so that less acreage is thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes, this lease shall thereupon terminate as to all acreage not thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes. Notwithstanding the termination of this lease as to a portion of the lands covered hereby, Lessee shall nevertheless continue to have the right of ingress to and egress from the lands still subject to this lease for all purposes described in Paragraph 1 hereof, together with easements and right-of-ways for existing roads, existing pipelines and other existing facilities on, over and across all the lands described in Paragraph 1 hereof ("the retained lands"), for access to and from the retained lands and for the gathering or transportation of oil, gas and other minerals produced from the retained lands.

(B) **HORIZONTAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term it shall further terminate as to all depths below 100 feet below the total depth drilled (hereinafter "deeper depths") in each well located on acreage retained in Paragraph 16(A) above, unless on or before two (2) years after the primary or extended term Lessee pays an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the bonus originally paid as consideration for this lease (as specified on page 1 hereof). If such amount is paid, this lease shall be in force and effect as to such deeper depths, and said termination shall be delayed for an additional period of two (2) years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities from such deeper depths covered by this lease.

(C) **IDENTIFICATION AND FILING.** The surface acreage retained hereunder as to each well shall, as nearly as practical, be in the form of a square with the well located in the center thereof, or such other shape as may be approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office. Within thirty (30) days after partial termination of this lease as provided herein, Lessee shall execute and record a release or releases containing a satisfactory legal description of the acreage and/or depths not retained hereunder. The recorded release, or a certified copy of same, shall be filed in the General Land Office, accompanied by the filing fee prescribed by the General Land Office rules in effect on the date the release is filed. If Lessee fails or refuses to execute and record such release or releases within ninety (90) days after being requested to do so by the General Land Office, then the Commissioner at his sole discretion may designate by written instrument the acreage and/or depths to be released hereunder and record such instrument at Lessee's expense in the county or counties where the lease is located and in the official records of the General Land Office and such designation shall be binding upon Lessee for all purposes.

17. **OFFSET WELLS.** Neither the bonus, delay rentals, nor royalties paid, or to be paid, under this lease shall relieve Lessee of his obligation to protect the oil and gas under the above-described land from being drained. Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall drill as many wells as the facts may justify and shall use appropriate means and drill to a depth necessary to prevent undue drainage of oil and gas from the leased premises. In addition, if oil and/or gas should be produced in commercial quantities within 1,000 feet of the leased premises, or in any case where the leased premises is being drained by production of oil or gas, the Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall in good faith begin the drilling of a well or wells upon the leased premises within 100 days after the draining well or wells or the well or wells completed within 1,000 feet of the leased premises start producing in commercial quantities and shall prosecute such drilling with diligence. Failure to



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satisfy the statutory offset obligation may subject this lease and the owner of the soil's agency rights to forfeiture. Only upon the determination of the Commissioner of the General Land Office and with his written approval may the payment of compensatory royalty under applicable statutory parameters satisfy the obligation to drill an offset well or wells required under this paragraph.

18. **FORCE MAJEURE.** If, after a good faith effort, Lessee is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this lease, from conducting drilling operations on the leased premises, or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises by reason of war, rebellion, riots, strikes, acts of God, or any valid order, rule or regulation of government authority, then while so prevented, Lessee's obligation to comply with such covenant shall be suspended and Lessee shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenants; additionally, this lease shall be extended while Lessee is prevented, by any such cause, from conducting drilling and reworking operations or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises. However, nothing in this paragraph shall suspend the payment of delay rentals in order to maintain this lease in effect during the primary term in the absence of such drilling or reworking operations or production of oil or gas.

19. **WARRANTY CLAUSE.** The owner of the soil warrants and agrees to defend title to the leased premises. If the owner of the soil defaults in payments owed on the leased premises, then Lessee may redeem the rights of the owner of the soil in the leased premises by paying any mortgage, taxes or other liens on the leased premises. If Lessee makes payments on behalf of the owner of the soil under this paragraph, Lessee may recover the cost of these payments from the rental and royalties due the owner of the soil.

20. (A) **PROPORTIONATE REDUCTION CLAUSE.** If the owner of the soil owns less than the entire undivided surface estate in the above described land, whether or not Lessee's interest is specified herein, then the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the owner of the soil shall be paid to him in the proportion which his interest bears to the entire undivided surface estate and the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas shall be likewise proportionately reduced. However, before Lessee adjusts the royalty or rental due to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee or his authorized representative must submit to the Commissioner of the General Land Office a written statement which explains the discrepancy between the interest purportedly leased under this lease and the actual interest owned by the owner of the soil. The Commissioner of the General Land Office shall be paid the value of the whole production allocable to any undivided interest not covered by a lease, less the proportionate development and production cost allocable to such undivided interest. However, in no event shall the Commissioner of the General Land Office receive as a royalty on the gross production allocable to the undivided interest not leased an amount less than the value of one-sixteenth (1/16) of such gross production.

(B) **REDUCTION OF PAYMENTS.** If, during the primary term, a portion of the land covered by this lease is included within the boundaries of a pooled unit that has been approved by the School Land Board and the owner of the soil in accordance with Natural Resources Code Sections 52.151-52.154, or if at any time after the expiration of the primary term or the extended term, this lease covers a lesser number of acres than the total amount described herein, payments that are made on a per acre basis hereunder shall be reduced according to the number of acres pooled, released, surrendered, or otherwise severed, so that payments determined on a per acre basis under the terms of this lease during the primary term shall be calculated based upon the number of acres outside the boundaries of a pooled unit, or, if after the expiration of the primary term, the number of acres actually retained and covered by this lease.

21. **USE OF WATER.** Lessee shall have the right to use water produced on said land necessary for operations under this lease except water from wells or tanks of the owner of the soil; provided, however, Lessee shall not use potable water or water suitable for livestock or irrigation purposes for watertlood operations without the prior consent of the owner of the soil.

22. **AUTHORIZED DAMAGES.** Lessee shall pay the owner of the soil for damages caused by its operations to all personal property, improvements, livestock and crops on said land.

23. **PIPELINE DEPTH.** When requested by the owner of the soil, Lessee shall bury its pipelines below plow depth.

24. **WELL LOCATION LIMIT.** No well shall be drilled nearer than two hundred (200) feet to any house or barn now on said premises without the written consent of the owner of the soil.

25. **POLLUTION.** In developing this area, Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all proper safeguards to prevent pollution. Without limiting the foregoing, pollution of coastal wetlands, natural waterways, rivers and impounded water shall be prevented by the use of containment facilities sufficient to prevent spillage, seepage or ground water contamination. In the event of pollution, Lessee shall use all means at its disposal to recapture all escaped hydrocarbons or other pollutant and shall be responsible for all damage to public and private properties. Lessee shall build and maintain fences around its slush, sump, and drainage pits and tank batteries so as to protect livestock against loss, damage or injury; and upon completion or abandonment of any well or wells, Lessee shall fill and level all slush pits and cellars and completely clean up the drilling site of all rubbish thereon. Lessee shall, while conducting operations on the leased premises, keep said premises free of all rubbish, cans, bottles, paper cups or garbage, and upon completion of operations shall restore the surface of the land to as near its original condition and contours as is practicable. Tanks and equipment will be kept painted and presentable.



26. **REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT.** Subject to limitations in this paragraph, Lessee shall have the right to remove machinery and fixtures placed by Lessee on the leased premises, including the right to draw and remove casing, within one hundred twenty (120) days after the expiration or the termination of this lease unless the owner of the soil grants Lessee an extension of this 120-day period. However, Lessee may not remove casing from any well capable of producing oil and gas in paying quantities. Additionally, Lessee may not draw and remove casing until after thirty (30) days written notice to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and to the owner of the soil. The owner of the soil shall become the owner of any machinery, fixtures, or casing which are not timely removed by Lessee under the terms of this paragraph.

27. (A) **ASSIGNMENTS.** Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29 of this lease, the rights and estates of either party to this lease may be assigned, in whole or in part, and the provisions of this lease shall extend to and be binding upon their heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns. However, a change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties will not enlarge the obligations of Lessee, diminish the rights, privileges and estates of Lessee, impair the effectiveness of any payment made by Lessee or impair the effectiveness of any act performed by Lessee. And no change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties shall bind Lessee for any purpose until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil (or his heirs, devisees, legal representatives or assigns) furnishes the Lessee with satisfactory written evidence of the change in ownership, including the original recorded muniments of title (or a certified copy of such original) when the ownership changed because of a conveyance. A total or partial assignment of this lease shall, to the extent of the interest assigned, relieve and discharge Lessee of all subsequent obligations under this lease. If this lease is assigned in its entirety as to only part of the acreage, the right and option to pay rentals shall be apportioned as between the several owners ratably, according to the area of each, and failure by one or more of them to pay his share of the rental shall not affect this lease on the part of the land upon which pro rata rentals are timely paid or tendered; however, if the assignor or assignee does not file a certified copy of such assignment in the General Land Office before the next rental paying date, the entire lease shall terminate for failure to pay the entire rental due under Paragraph 3. Every assignee shall succeed to all rights and be subject to all obligations, liabilities, and penalties owed to the State by the original lessee or any prior assignee of the lease, including any liabilities to the State for unpaid royalties.

(B) **ASSIGNMENT LIMITATION.** Notwithstanding any provision in Paragraph 27(a), if the owner of the soil acquires this lease in whole or in part by assignment without the prior written approval of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, this lease is void as of the time of assignment and the agency power of the owner may be forfeited by the Commissioner. An assignment will be treated as if it were made to the owner of the soil if the assignee is:

- (1) a nominee of the owner of the soil;
- (2) a corporation or subsidiary in which the owner of the soil is a principal stockholder or is an employee of such a corporation or subsidiary;
- (3) a partnership in which the owner of the soil is a partner or is an employee of such a partnership;
- (4) a principal stockholder or employee of the corporation which is the owner of the soil;
- (5) a partner or employee in a partnership which is the owner of the soil;
- (6) a fiduciary for the owner of the soil; including but not limited to a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, or conservator for the owner of the soil; or
- (7) a family member of the owner of the soil or related to the owner of the soil by marriage, blood, or adoption.

28. **RELEASES.** Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29, Lessee may at any time execute and deliver to the owner of the soil and place of record a release or releases covering any portion or portions of the leased premises, and thereby surrender this lease as to such portion or portions, and be relieved of all subsequent obligations as to acreage surrendered. If any part of this lease is properly surrendered, the delay rental due under this lease shall be reduced by the proportion that the surrendered acreage bears to the acreage which was covered by this lease immediately prior to such surrender; however, such release will not relieve Lessee of any liabilities which may have accrued under this lease prior to the surrender of such acreage.

29. **FILING OF ASSIGNMENTS AND RELEASES.** If all or any part of this lease is assigned or released, such assignment or release must be recorded in the county where the land is situated, and the recorded instrument, or a copy of the recorded instrument certified by the County Clerk of the county in which the instrument is recorded, must be filed in the General Land Office within 90 days of the last execution date accompanied by the prescribed filing fee. If any such assignment is not so filed, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture at the option of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

30. **DISCLOSURE CLAUSE.** All provisions pertaining to the lease of the above-described land have been included in this instrument, including the statement of the true consideration to be paid for the execution of this lease and the rights and duties of the parties. Any collateral agreements concerning the development of oil and gas from the leased premises which are not contained in this lease render this lease invalid.

31. **FIDUCIARY DUTY.** The owner of the soil owes the State a fiduciary duty and must fully disclose any facts affecting the State's interest in the leased premises. When the interests of the owner of the soil conflict with those of the



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State, the owner of the soil is obligated to put the State's interests before his personal interests.

32. **FORFEITURE.** If Lessee shall fail or refuse to make the payment of any sum within thirty days after it becomes due, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly make any false return or false report concerning production or drilling, or if Lessee shall fail or refuse to drill any offset well or wells in good faith as required by law and the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or if Lessee should fail to file reports in the manner required by law or fail to comply with rules and regulations promulgated by the General Land Office, the School Land Board, or the Railroad Commission, or if Lessee should refuse the proper authority access to the records pertaining to operations, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly fail or refuse to give correct information to the proper authority, or knowingly fail or refuse to furnish the General Land Office a correct log of any well, or if Lessee shall knowingly violate any of the material provisions of this lease, or if this lease is assigned and the assignment is not filed in the General Land Office as required by law, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture by the Commissioner, and he shall forfeit same when sufficiently informed of the facts which authorize a forfeiture, and when forfeited the area shall again be subject to lease under the terms of the Relinquishment Act. However, nothing herein shall be construed as waiving the automatic termination of this lease by operation of law or by reason of any special limitation arising hereunder. Forfeitures may be set aside and this lease and all rights thereunder reinstated before the rights of another intervene upon satisfactory evidence to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of future compliance with the provisions of the law and of this lease and the rules and regulations that may be adopted relative hereto.

33. **LIEN.** In accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136, the State shall have a first lien upon all oil and gas produced from the area covered by this lease to secure payment of all unpaid royalty and other sums of money that may become due under this lease. By acceptance of this lease, Lessee grants the State, in addition to the lien provided by Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136 and any other applicable statutory lien, an express contractual lien on and security interest in all leased minerals in and extracted from the leased premises, all proceeds which may accrue to Lessee from the sale of such leased minerals, whether such proceeds are held by Lessee or by a third party, and all fixtures on and improvements to the leased premises used in connection with the production or processing of such leased minerals in order to secure the payment of all royalties or other amounts due or to become due under this lease and to secure payment of any damages or loss that Lessor may suffer by reason of Lessee's breach of any covenant or condition of this lease, whether express or implied. This lien and security interest may be foreclosed with or without court proceedings in the manner provided in the Title I, Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code. Lessee agrees that the Commissioner may require Lessee to execute and record such instruments as may be reasonably necessary to acknowledge, attach or perfect this lien. Lessee hereby represents that there are no prior or superior liens arising from and relating to Lessee's activities upon the above-described property or from Lessee's acquisition of this lease. Should the Commissioner at any time determine that this representation is not true, then the Commissioner may declare this lease forfeited as provided herein.

34. **POOLING.** Lessee is hereby granted the right to pool or unitize the royalty interest of the owner of the soil under this lease with any other leasehold or mineral interest for the exploration, development and production of oil or gas or either of them upon the same terms as shall be approved by the School Land Board and the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the pooling or unitizing of the interest of the State under this lease pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153. The owner of the soil agrees that the inclusion of this provision in this lease satisfies the execution requirements stated in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.152.

35. **INDEMNITY.** Lessee hereby releases and discharges the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns, of and from all and any actions and causes of action of every nature, or other harm, including environmental harm, for which recovery of damages is sought, including, but not limited to, all losses and expenses which are caused by the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents arising out of, incidental to, or resulting from, the operations of or for Lessee on the leased premises hereunder, or that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement, or by any other negligent or strictly liable act or omission of Lessee. Further, Lessee hereby agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees and agents, their successors or assigns, against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, actions, personal injury (including death), costs and expenses, or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, under any theory including tort, contract, or strict liability, including attorneys' fees and other legal expenses, including those related to environmental hazards, on the leased premises or in any way related to Lessee's failure to comply with any and all environmental laws; those arising from or in any way related to Lessee's operations or any other of Lessee's activities on the leased premises; those arising from Lessee's use of the surface of the leased premises; and those that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or any other act or omission of Lessee, its directors, officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns. Each assignee of this Agreement, or an interest therein, agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, and agents in the same manner provided above in connection with the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents as described above. **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY LIMITED HEREIN, ALL OF THE INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS AND/OR LIABILITIES ASSUMED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE WITHOUT LIMITS AND WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CAUSE OR CAUSES THEREOF (EXCLUDING PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS), STRICT LIABILITY, OR THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY OR PARTIES (INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE INDENINIFIED PARTY), WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE BE**



SOLE, JOINT, CONCURRENT, ACTIVE, OR PASSIVE.

36. **ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS.** Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all reasonable safeguards to prevent contamination or pollution of any environmental medium, including soil, surface waters, groundwater, sediments, and surface or subsurface strata, ambient air or any other environmental medium in, on, or under the leased premises, by any waste, pollutant, or contaminant. Lessee shall not bring or permit to remain on the leased premises any asbestos containing materials, explosives, toxic materials, or substances regulated as hazardous wastes, hazardous materials, hazardous substances (as the term "Hazardous Substance" is defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601, et seq.), or toxic substances under any federal, state, or local law or regulation ("Hazardous Materials"), except ordinary products commonly used in connection with oil and gas exploration and development operations and stored in the usual manner and quantities. **LESSEE'S VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION SHALL CONSTITUTE A MATERIAL BREACH AND DEFAULT HEREUNDER AND LESSEE SHALL INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL FROM AND AGAINST ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, JUDGMENTS, PENALTIES, LIABILITIES, AND COSTS (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS) CAUSED BY OR ARISING OUT OF (I) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (II) THE PRESENCE, RELEASE, OR DISPOSAL OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OR CONTROL OF THE LEASED PREMISES. LESSEE SHALL CLEAN UP, REMOVE, REMEDY AND REPAIR ANY SOIL OR GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE PRESENCE OR RELEASE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN, ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OF THE LEASED PREMISES IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE LAW. THIS INDEMNIFICATION AND ASSUMPTION SHALL APPLY, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, LIABILITY FOR RESPONSE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO CERCLA OR ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAW OR REGULATION. LESSEE SHALL IMMEDIATELY GIVE THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY BREACH OR SUSPECTED BREACH OF THIS PARAGRAPH, UPON LEARNING OF THE PRESENCE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OR UPON RECEIVING A NOTICE FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY PERTAINING TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WHICH MAY AFFECT THE LEASED PREMISES. THE OBLIGATIONS OF LESSEE HEREUNDER SHALL SURVIVE THE EXPIRATION OR EARLIER TERMINATION, FOR ANY REASON, OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

37. **APPLICABLE LAW.** This lease is issued under the provisions of Texas Natural Resources Code 52.171 through 52.190, commonly known as the Relinquishment Act, and other applicable statutes and amendments thereto, and if any provision in this lease does not conform to these statutes, the statutes will prevail over any nonconforming lease provisions.

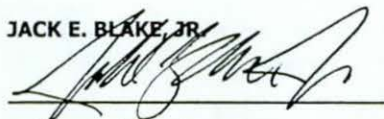
38. **EXECUTION.** This oil and gas lease must be signed and acknowledged by the Lessee before it is filed of record in the county records and in the General Land Office of the State of Texas. Once the filing requirements found in Paragraph 39 of this lease have been satisfied, the effective date of this lease shall be the date found on Page 1.

39. **LEASE FILING.** Pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, this lease must be filed of record in the office of the County Clerk in any county in which all or any part of the leased premises is located, and certified copies thereof must be filed in the General Land Office. This lease is not effective until a certified copy of this lease (which is made and certified by the County Clerk from his records) is filed in the General Land Office in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.183. Additionally, this lease shall not be binding upon the State unless it recites the actual and true consideration paid or promised for execution of this lease. The bonus due the State and the prescribed filing fee shall accompany such certified copy to the General Land Office.

40. See attached "ADDENDUM" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**** THIS IS A PAID-UP OIL AND GAS LEASE** as to any rentals that may be paid on or before the 1st and 2nd anniversary date. If delay rentals are paid on or before the 3rd anniversary date, the total rental paid shall be \$7,680.00. Of such amount, \$3,840.00 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$3,840.00 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein, and the rentals due on or before the 4th anniversary date will be PAID-UP.

JACK E. BLAKE, JR.



BY: Jack E. Blake, Jr.

TITLE: Individually

DATE: 11-2-2005

MICHAEL J. DANIEL



Michael J. Daniel

Individually

DATE: 11/2/2005



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STATE OF TEXAS

BY: Linda F. Spires
Linda F. Spires

DATE: 10/17/2005

STATE OF TEXAS

BY: _____

DATE: _____

THE STATE OF

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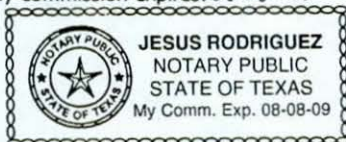
DALLAS

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 17 day of October, 2005, by **Linda F. Spires**, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires: 08-08-09



[Signature]
Notary Public Signature

THE STATE OF

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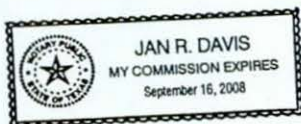
MIDLAND

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 2nd day of November, 2005, by **Jack E. Blake, Jr., and Michael J. Daniel**, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires:



[Signature]
Notary Public Signature



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ADDENDUM attached to and made a part of that certain Oil and Gas Lease dated October 1, 2005,
by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent
Linda F. Spires, and Jack E. Blake, Jr. and Michael J. Daniel.

40. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Paragraph 5 (minimum royalty) and Paragraph 14 (shut-in royalty) refer to their computation to the delay rentals provided in Paragraph 3 herein. The undersigned do hereby recognize and acknowledge that minimum royalty and shut-in royalties due herein are payable in the amount of \$38.40. Of such amount, \$19.20 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$19.20 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein.

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BY: April Green, DEPUTY

DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

ANY PROVISION HEREIN WHICH RESTRICTS THE SALE, RENTAL
OR USE OF THE DESCRIBED LAND, PROPERTY BECAUSE OF COLOR
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George P. Bush, Commissioner
By _____

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY CERTIFICATE
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF REEVES
The above and foregoing is a full, true and correct photographic copy of the
original record now in my lawful custody and possession, as the same is
filed/recorded in the public records of my office found in VOL. 717
PAGE 595 THRU 605 **OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS**
I hereby certified on 01/25/2006
 DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS
BY Dianne Florez DEPUTY

FILE#5056

General Land Office
Relinquishment Act Lease Form
Revised, September 1997

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of October, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, **Tobi Stephan**, whose address is 301 Tammy Ct. Collinsville, Texas 76233, said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and

Jack E. Blake, Jr., whose address is P.O. Box 10184, Midland, Texas 79702, and **Michael J. Daniel**, whose address is 201 W. Wall St., Suite 201, Midland, Texas 79701, in equal shares, hereinafter called Lessee (whether one or more).

1. GRANTING CLAUSE. For and in consideration of the amounts stated below and of the covenants and agreements to be paid, kept and performed by Lessee under this lease, the State of Texas acting by and through the owner of the soil, hereby grants, leases and lets unto Lessee, for the sole and only purpose of prospecting and drilling for and producing oil and gas, laying pipe lines, building tanks, storing oil and building power Stations, telephone lines and other Structures thereon, to produce, save, take care of, treat and transport said products of the lease, the following lands situated in **Reeves** County, State of Texas, to-wit:

Block 57, T-3, T&P R.R. Co. Survey
Section 4: All, 640 acres, more or less.
Reeves County, Texas

Containing 640.00 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas:	<u>FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY AND NO/100** Dollars (\$5,760.00)</u>
To the owner of the soil:	<u>FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY AND NO/100** Dollars \$5,760.00)</u>
Total bonus consideration:	<u>ELEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY AND NO/100** Dollars \$11,520.00)</u>

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of THREE HUNDRED AND NO/100** Dollars (\$300.00) per acre, on 38.40 net acres.

2. TERM. Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of **FIVE YEARS** from this date (herein called primary term") and as long thereafter as oil and gas, or either of them, is produced in paying quantities from said land. As used in this lease, the term "produced in paying quantities" means that the receipts from the sale or other authorized commercial use of the substance(s) covered exceed out of pocket operational expenses for the six months last past.

3. DELAY RENTALS. If no well is commenced on the leased premises on or before one (1) year from this date, this lease shall terminate, unless on or before such anniversary date Lessee shall pay or tender to the owner of the soil or to his credit in the Bank, at _____, or its successors (which shall continue as the depository regardless of changes in the ownership of said land), the amount specified below; in addition, Lessee shall pay or tender to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, a like sum on or before said date. Payments under this paragraph shall operate as a rental and shall cover the privilege of deferring the commencement of a well for one (1) year from said date. Payments under this paragraph shall be in the following amounts:

To the owner of the soil:	<u>NINETEEN AND 20/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$19.20)
To the State of Texas:	<u>NINETEEN AND 20/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$19.20)
Total Rental:	<u>THIRTY-EIGHT AND 40/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$38.40) **

(** See attached Amended Delay Rental Provision)

In a like manner and upon like payments or tenders annually, the commencement of a well may be further deferred for successive periods of one (1) year each during the primary term. All payments or tenders of rental to the owner of the soil may be made by check or sight draft of Lessee, or any assignee of this lease, and may be delivered on or before the rental paying date. If the bank designated in this paragraph (or its successor bank) should cease to exist, suspend business, liquidate, fail or be succeeded by another bank, or for any reason fail or refuse to accept rental, Lessee shall



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not be held in default for failure to make such payments or tenders of rental until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil shall deliver to Lessee a proper recordable instrument naming another bank as agent to receive such payments or tenders.

4. PRODUCTION ROYALTIES. Upon production of oil and/or gas, Lessee agrees to pay or cause to be paid one-half (1/2) of the royalty provided for in this lease to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, at Austin, Texas, and one-half (1/2) of such royalty to the owner of the soil:

(A) OIL. Royalty payable on oil, which is defined as including all hydrocarbons produced in a liquid form at the mouth of the well and also as all condensate, distillate, and other liquid hydrocarbons recovered from oil or gas run through a separator or other equipment, as hereinafter provided, shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be determined by 1) the highest posted price, plus premium, if any, offered or paid for oil, condensate, distillate, or other liquid hydrocarbons, respectively, of a like type and gravity in the general area where produced and when run, or 2) the highest market price thereof offered or paid in the general area where produced and when run, or 3) the gross proceeds of the sale thereof, whichever is the greater. Lessee agrees that before any gas produced from the leased premises is sold, used or processed in a plant, it will be run free of cost to the royalty owners through an adequate oil and gas separator of conventional type, or other equipment at least as efficient, so that all liquid hydrocarbons recoverable from the gas by such means will be recovered. The requirement that such gas be run through a separator or other equipment may be waived in writing by the royalty owners upon such terms and conditions as they prescribe.

(B) NON PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas (including flared gas), which is defined as all hydrocarbons and gaseous substances not defined as oil in subparagraph (A) above, produced from any well on said land (except as provided herein with respect to gas processed in a plant for the extraction of gasoline, liquid hydrocarbons or other products) shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be based on the highest market price paid or offered for gas of comparable quality in the general area where produced and when run, or the gross price paid or offered to the producer, whichever is the greater; provided that the maximum pressure base in measuring the gas under this lease shall not at any time exceed 14.65 pounds per square inch absolute, and the standard base temperature shall be sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit, correction to be made for pressure according to Boyle's Law, and for specific gravity according to tests made by the Balance Method or by the most approved method of testing being used by the industry at the time of testing.

(C) PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas processed in a gasoline plant or other plant for the recovery of gasoline or other liquid hydrocarbons shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the residue gas and the liquid hydrocarbons extracted or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office. All royalties due herein shall be based on one hundred percent (100%) of the total plant production of residue gas attributable to gas produced from this lease, and on fifty percent (50%), or that percent accruing to Lessee, whichever is the greater, of the total plant production of liquid hydrocarbons attributable to the gas produced from this lease; provided that if liquid hydrocarbons are recovered from gas processed in a plant in which Lessee (or its parent, subsidiary or affiliate) owns an interest, then the percentage applicable to liquid hydrocarbons shall be fifty percent (50%) or the highest percent accruing to a third party processing gas through such plant under a processing agreement negotiated at arm's length (or if there is no such third party, the highest percent then being specified in processing agreements or contracts in the industry), whichever is the greater. The respective royalties on residue gas and on liquid hydrocarbons shall be determined by 1) the highest market price paid or offered for any gas (or liquid hydrocarbons) of comparable quality in the general area, or 2) the gross price paid or offered for such residue gas (or the weighted average gross selling price for the respective grades of liquid hydrocarbons), whichever is the greater. In no event, however, shall the royalties payable under this paragraph be less than the royalties which would have been due had the gas not been processed.

(D) OTHER PRODUCTS. Royalty on carbon black, sulphur or any other products produced or manufactured from gas (excepting liquid hydrocarbons) whether said gas be casinghead, "dry," or any other gas, by fractionating, burning or any other processing shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production of such products, or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such market value to be determined as follows: 1) on the basis of the highest market price of each product for the same month in which such product is produced, or 2) on the basis of the average gross sale price of each product for the same month in which such products are produced; whichever is the greater.

5. MINIMUM ROYALTY. During any year after the expiration of the primary term of this lease, if this lease is maintained by production, the royalties paid under this lease in no event shall be less than an amount equal to the total annual delay rental herein provided; otherwise, there shall be due and payable on or before the last day of the month succeeding the anniversary date of this lease a sum equal to the total annual rental less the amount of royalties paid during the preceding year. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre.

6. ROYALTY IN KIND. Notwithstanding any other provision in this lease, at any time or from time to time, the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office may, at the option of either, upon not less than sixty (60) days notice to the holder of the lease, require that the payment of any royalties accruing to such royalty owner



under this lease be made in kind. The owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's right to take its royalty in kind shall not diminish or negate the owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's rights or Lessee's obligations, whether express or implied, under this lease.

7. **NO DEDUCTIONS.** Lessee agrees that all royalties accruing under this lease (including those paid in kind) shall be without deduction for the cost of producing, gathering, storing, separating, treating, dehydrating, compressing, processing, transporting, and otherwise making the oil, gas and other products hereunder ready for sale or use. Lessee agrees to compute and pay royalties on the gross value received, including any reimbursements for severance taxes and production related costs.

8. **PLANT FUEL AND RECYCLED GAS.** No royalty shall be payable on any gas as may represent this lease's proportionate share of any fuel used to process gas produced hereunder in any processing plant. Notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, and subject to the written consent of the owner of the soil and the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee may recycle gas for gas lift purposes on the leased premises or for injection into any oil or gas producing formation underlying the leased premises after the liquid hydrocarbons contained in the gas have been removed; no royalties shall be payable on the recycled gas until it is produced and sold or used by Lessee in a manner which entitles the royalty owners to a royalty under this lease.

9. **ROYALTY PAYMENTS AND REPORTS.** All royalties not taken in kind shall be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Austin, Texas, in the following manner:

Payment of royalty on production of oil and gas shall be as provided in the rules set forth in the Texas Register. Rules currently provide that royalty on oil is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 5th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, and royalty on gas is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 15th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, accompanied by the affidavit of the owner, manager or other authorized agent, completed in the form and manner prescribed by the General Land Office and showing the gross amount and disposition of all oil and gas produced and the market value of the oil and gas, together with a copy of all documents, records or reports confirming the gross production, disposition and market value including gas meter readings, pipeline receipts, gas line receipts and other checks or memoranda of amount produced and put into pipelines, tanks, or pools and gas lines or gas storage, and any other reports or records which the General Land Office may require to verify the gross production, disposition and market value. In all cases the authority of a manager or agent to act for the Lessee herein must be filed in the General Land Office. Each royalty payment shall be accompanied by a check stub, schedule, summary or other remittance advice showing by the assigned General Land Office lease number the amount of royalty being paid on each lease. If Lessee pays his royalty on or before thirty (30) days after the royalty payment was due, then Lessee owes a penalty of 5% on the royalty or \$25.00, whichever is greater. A royalty payment which is over thirty (30) days late shall accrue a penalty of 10% of the royalty due or \$25.00 whichever is greater. In addition to a penalty, royalties shall accrue interest at a rate of 12% per year, such interest will begin accruing when the royalty is sixty (60) days overdue. Affidavits and supporting documents which are not filed when due shall incur a penalty in an amount set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the affidavits or supporting documents were due. The Lessee shall bear all responsibility for paying or causing royalties to be paid as prescribed by the due date provided herein. Payment of the delinquency penalty shall in no way operate to prohibit the State's right of forfeiture as provided by law nor act to postpone the date on which royalties were originally due. The above penalty provisions shall not apply in cases of title dispute as to the State's portion of the royalty or to that portion of the royalty in dispute as to fair market value.

10. (A) **RESERVES, CONTRACTS AND OTHER RECORDS.** Lessee shall annually furnish the Commissioner of the General Land Office with its best possible estimate of oil and gas reserves underlying this lease or allocable to this lease and shall furnish said Commissioner with copies of all contracts under which gas is sold or processed and all subsequent agreements and amendments to such contracts within thirty (30) days after entering into or making such contracts, agreements or amendments. Such contracts and agreements when received by the General Land Office shall be held in confidence by the General Land Office unless otherwise authorized by Lessee. All other contracts and records pertaining to the production, transportation, sale and marketing of the oil and gas produced on said premises, including the books and accounts, receipts and discharges of all wells, tanks, pools, meters, and pipelines shall at all times be subject to inspection and examination by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, the Governor, or the representative of any of them.

(B) **PERMITS, DRILLING RECORDS.** Written notice of all operations on this lease shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the General Land Office by Lessee or operator five (5) days before spud date, workover, re-entry, temporary abandonment or plug and abandonment of any well or wells. Such written notice to the General Land Office shall include copies of Railroad Commission forms for application to drill. Copies of well tests, completion reports and plugging reports shall be supplied to the General Land Office at the time they are filed with the Texas Railroad Commission. All applications, permits, reports or other filings that reference this lease or any specific well on the leased premises and that are submitted to the Texas Railroad Commission or any other governmental agency shall include the word "State" in the title. Additionally, in accordance with Railroad Commission rules, any signage on the leased premises for the purpose of identifying wells, tank batteries or other associated improvements to the land must also include the word "State." Lessee shall supply the General Land Office with any records, memoranda, accounts, reports, cuttings and cores, or other information relative to the operation of the above described premises, which may be requested by the General Land Office, in addition to those herein expressly provided for. Lessee shall have an electrical and/or



radioactivity survey made on the bore-hole section, from the base of the surface casing to the total depth of well, of all wells drilled on the above described premises and shall transmit a true copy of the log of each survey on each well to the General Land Office within fifteen (15) days after the making of said survey.

(C) PENALTIES. Lessee shall incur a penalty whenever reports, documents or other materials are not filed in the General Land Office when due. The penalty for late filing shall be set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the materials were due in the General Land Office.

11. DRY HOLE/CESSATION OF PRODUCTION DURING PRIMARY TERM. If, during the primary term hereof and prior to discovery and production of oil or gas on said land, Lessee should drill a dry hole or holes thereon, or if during the primary term hereof and after the discovery and actual production of oil or gas from the leased premises such production thereof should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if on or before the expiration of sixty (60) days from date of completion of said dry hole or cessation of production Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations thereon, or pays or tenders the next annual delay rental in the same manner as provided in this lease. If, during the last year of the primary term or within sixty (60) days prior thereto, a dry hole be completed and abandoned, or the production of oil or gas should cease for any cause, Lessee's rights shall remain in full force and effect without further operations until the expiration of the primary term; and if Lessee has not resumed production in paying quantities at the expiration of the primary term, Lessee may maintain this lease by conducting additional drilling or reworking operations pursuant to Paragraph 13, using the expiration of the primary term as the date of cessation of production under Paragraph 13. Should the first well or any subsequent well drilled on the above described land be completed as a shut-in oil or gas well within the primary term hereof, Lessee may resume payment of the annual rental in the same manner as provided herein on or before the rental paying date following the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date of completion of such shut-in oil or gas well and upon the failure to make such payment, this lease shall ipso facto terminate. If at the expiration of the primary term or any time thereafter a shut-in oil or gas well is located on the leased premises, payments may be made in accordance with the shut-in provisions hereof.

12. DRILLING AND REWORKING AT EXPIRATION OF PRIMARY TERM. If, at the expiration of the primary term, neither oil nor gas is being produced on said land, but Lessee is then engaged in drilling or reworking operations thereon, this lease shall remain in force so long as operations on said well or for drilling or reworking of any additional well are prosecuted in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days during any one such operation, and if they result in the production of oil and/or gas, so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced in paying quantities from said land, or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or compensatory royalties is made as provided in this lease.

13. CESSATION, DRILLING, AND REWORKING. If, after the expiration of the primary term, production of oil or gas from the leased premises, after once obtained, should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after such cessation, and this lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as such operations continue in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. If such drilling or reworking operations result in the production of oil or gas, the lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as oil or gas is produced from the leased premises in paying quantities or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or payment of compensatory royalties is made as provided herein or as provided by law. If the drilling or reworking operations result in the completion of a well as a dry hole, the lease will not terminate if the Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after the completion of the well as a dry hole, and this lease shall remain in effect so long as Lessee continues drilling or reworking operations in good faith and in a workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. Lessee shall give written notice to the General Land Office within thirty (30) days of any cessation of production.

14. SHUT-IN ROYALTIES. For purposes of this paragraph, "well" means any well that has been assigned a well number by the state agency having jurisdiction over the production of oil and gas. If, at any time after the expiration of the primary term of a lease that, until being shut in, was being maintained in force and effect, a well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities is located on the leased premises, but oil or gas is not being produced for lack of suitable production facilities or lack of a suitable market, then Lessee may pay as a shut-in oil or gas royalty an amount equal to double the annual rental provided in the lease, but not less than \$1,200 a year for each well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre. To be effective, each initial shut-in oil or gas royalty must be paid on or before: (1) the expiration of the primary term, (2) 60 days after the Lessee ceases to produce oil or gas from the leased premises, or (3) 60 days after Lessee completes a drilling or reworking operation in accordance with the lease provisions; whichever date is latest. Such payment shall be made one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil. If the shut-in oil or gas royalty is paid, the lease shall be considered to be a producing lease and the payment shall extend the term of the lease for a period of one year from the end of the primary term, or from the first day of the month following the month in which production ceased, and, after that, if no suitable production facilities or suitable market for the oil or gas exists, Lessee may extend the lease for four more successive periods of one (1) year by paying the same amount each year on or before the expiration of each shut-in year.

15. COMPENSATORY ROYALTIES. If, during the period the lease is kept in effect by payment of the shut-in oil or gas royalty, oil or gas is sold and delivered in paying quantities from a well located within one thousand (1,000) feet



of the leased premises and completed in the same producing reservoir, or in any case in which drainage is occurring, the right to continue to maintain the lease by paying the shut-in oil or gas royalty shall cease, but the lease shall remain effective for the remainder of the year for which the royalty has been paid. The Lessee may maintain the lease for four more successive years by Lessee paying compensatory royalty at the royalty rate provided in the lease of the market value of production from the well causing the drainage or which is completed in the same producing reservoir and within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. The compensatory royalty is to be paid monthly, one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil, beginning on or before the last day of the month following the month in which the oil or gas is produced from the well causing the drainage or that is completed in the same producing reservoir and located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. If the compensatory royalty paid in any 12-month period is in an amount less than the annual shut-in oil or gas royalty, Lessee shall pay an amount equal to the difference within thirty (30) days from the end of the 12-month period. Compensatory royalty payments which are not timely paid will accrue penalty and interest in accordance with Paragraph 9 of this lease. None of these provisions will relieve Lessee of the obligation of reasonable development nor the obligation to drill offset wells as provided in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.173; however, at the determination of the Commissioner, and with the Commissioner's written approval, the payment of compensatory royalties can satisfy the obligation to drill offset wells.

16. **RETAINED ACREAGE.** Notwithstanding any provision of this lease to the contrary, after a well producing or capable of producing oil or gas has been completed on the leased premises, Lessee shall exercise the diligence of a reasonably prudent operator in drilling such additional well or wells as may be reasonably necessary for the proper development of the leased premises and in marketing the production thereon.

(A) **VERTICAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term, it shall then terminate as to all of the leased premises, EXCEPT (1) 40 acres surrounding each oil well capable of producing in paying quantities and 320 acres surrounding each gas well capable of producing in paying quantities (including a shut-in oil or gas well as provided in Paragraph 14 hereof), or a well upon which Lessee is then engaged in continuous drilling or reworking operations, or (2) the number of acres included in a producing pooled unit pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153, or (3) such greater or lesser number of acres as may then be allocated for production purposes to a proration unit for each such producing well under the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas, or any successor agency, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction. If at any time after the effective date of the partial termination provisions hereof, the applicable field rules are changed or the well or wells located thereon are reclassified so that less acreage is thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes, this lease shall thereupon terminate as to all acreage not thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes. Notwithstanding the termination of this lease as to a portion of the lands covered hereby, Lessee shall nevertheless continue to have the right of ingress to and egress from the lands still subject to this lease for all purposes described in Paragraph 1 hereof, together with easements and right-of-ways for existing roads, existing pipelines and other existing facilities on, over and across all the lands described in Paragraph 1 hereof ("the retained lands"), for access to and from the retained lands and for the gathering or transportation of oil, gas and other minerals produced from the retained lands.

(B) **HORIZONTAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term it shall further terminate as to all depths below 100 feet below the total depth drilled (hereinafter "deeper depths") in each well located on acreage retained in Paragraph 16(A) above, unless on or before two (2) years after the primary or extended term Lessee pays an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the bonus originally paid as consideration for this lease (as specified on page 1 hereof). If such amount is paid, this lease shall be in force and effect as to such deeper depths, and said termination shall be delayed for an additional period of two (2) years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities from such deeper depths covered by this lease.

(C) **IDENTIFICATION AND FILING.** The surface acreage retained hereunder as to each well shall, as nearly as practical, be in the form of a square with the well located in the center thereof, or such other shape as may be approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office. Within thirty (30) days after partial termination of this lease as provided herein, Lessee shall execute and record a release or releases containing a satisfactory legal description of the acreage and/or depths not retained hereunder. The recorded release, or a certified copy of same, shall be filed in the General Land Office, accompanied by the filing fee prescribed by the General Land Office rules in effect on the date the release is filed. If Lessee fails or refuses to execute and record such release or releases within ninety (90) days after being requested to do so by the General Land Office, then the Commissioner at his sole discretion may designate by written instrument the acreage and/or depths to be released hereunder and record such instrument at Lessee's expense in the county or counties where the lease is located and in the official records of the General Land Office and such designation shall be binding upon Lessee for all purposes.

17. **OFFSET WELLS.** Neither the bonus, delay rentals, nor royalties paid, or to be paid, under this lease shall relieve Lessee of his obligation to protect the oil and gas under the above-described land from being drained. Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall drill as many wells as the facts may justify and shall use appropriate means and drill to a depth necessary to prevent undue drainage of oil and gas from the leased premises. In addition, if oil and/or gas should be produced in commercial quantities within 1,000 feet of the leased premises, or in any case where the leased premises is being drained by production of oil or gas, the Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall in good faith begin the drilling of a well or wells upon the leased premises within 100 days after the draining well or wells or the well or wells completed within 1,000 feet of the leased premises start producing in commercial quantities and shall prosecute such drilling with diligence. Failure to



satisfy the statutory offset obligation may subject this lease and the owner of the soil's agency rights to forfeiture. Only upon the determination of the Commissioner of the General Land Office and with his written approval may the payment of compensatory royalty under applicable statutory parameters satisfy the obligation to drill an offset well or wells required under this paragraph.

18. **FORCE MAJEURE.** If, after a good faith effort, Lessee is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this lease, from conducting drilling operations on the leased premises, or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises by reason of war, rebellion, riots, strikes, acts of God, or any valid order, rule or regulation of government authority, then while so prevented, Lessee's obligation to comply with such covenant shall be suspended and Lessee shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenants; additionally, this lease shall be extended while Lessee is prevented, by any such cause, from conducting drilling and reworking operations or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises. However, nothing in this paragraph shall suspend the payment of delay rentals in order to maintain this lease in effect during the primary term in the absence of such drilling or reworking operations or production of oil or gas.

19. **WARRANTY CLAUSE.** The owner of the soil warrants and agrees to defend title to the leased premises. If the owner of the soil defaults in payments owed on the leased premises, then Lessee may redeem the rights of the owner of the soil in the leased premises by paying any mortgage, taxes or other liens on the leased premises. If Lessee makes payments on behalf of the owner of the soil under this paragraph, Lessee may recover the cost of these payments from the rental and royalties due the owner of the soil.

20. (A) **PROPORTIONATE REDUCTION CLAUSE.** If the owner of the soil owns less than the entire undivided surface estate in the above described land, whether or not Lessee's interest is specified herein, then the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the owner of the soil shall be paid to him in the proportion which his interest bears to the entire undivided surface estate and the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas shall be likewise proportionately reduced. However, before Lessee adjusts the royalty or rental due to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee or his authorized representative must submit to the Commissioner of the General Land Office a written statement which explains the discrepancy between the interest purportedly leased under this lease and the actual interest owned by the owner of the soil. The Commissioner of the General Land Office shall be paid the value of the whole production allocable to any undivided interest not covered by a lease, less the proportionate development and production cost allocable to such undivided interest. However, in no event shall the Commissioner of the General Land Office receive as a royalty on the gross production allocable to the undivided interest not leased an amount less than the value of one-sixteenth (1/16) of such gross production.

(B) **REDUCTION OF PAYMENTS.** If, during the primary term, a portion of the land covered by this lease is included within the boundaries of a pooled unit that has been approved by the School Land Board and the owner of the soil in accordance with Natural Resources Code Sections 52.151-52.154, or if at any time after the expiration of the primary term or the extended term, this lease covers a lesser number of acres than the total amount described herein, payments that are made on a per acre basis hereunder shall be reduced according to the number of acres pooled, released, surrendered, or otherwise severed, so that payments determined on a per acre basis under the terms of this lease during the primary term shall be calculated based upon the number of acres outside the boundaries of a pooled unit, or, if after the expiration of the primary term, the number of acres actually retained and covered by this lease.

21. **USE OF WATER.** Lessee shall have the right to use water produced on said land necessary for operations under this lease except water from wells or tanks of the owner of the soil; provided, however, Lessee shall not use potable water or water suitable for livestock or irrigation purposes for watertlood operations without the prior consent of the owner of the soil.

22. **AUTHORIZED DAMAGES.** Lessee shall pay the owner of the soil for damages caused by its operations to all personal property, improvements, livestock and crops on said land.

23. **PIPELINE DEPTH.** When requested by the owner of the soil, Lessee shall bury its pipelines below plow depth.

24. **WELL LOCATION LIMIT.** No well shall be drilled nearer than two hundred (200) feet to any house or barn now on said premises without the written consent of the owner of the soil.

25. **POLLUTION.** In developing this area, Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all proper safeguards to prevent pollution. Without limiting the foregoing, pollution of coastal wetlands, natural waterways, rivers and impounded water shall be prevented by the use of containment facilities sufficient to prevent spillage, seepage or ground water contamination. In the event of pollution, Lessee shall use all means at its disposal to recapture all escaped hydrocarbons or other pollutant and shall be responsible for all damage to public and private properties. Lessee shall build and maintain fences around its slush, sump, and drainage pits and tank batteries so as to protect livestock against loss, damage or injury; and upon completion or abandonment of any well or wells, Lessee shall fill and level all slush pits and cellars and completely clean up the drilling site of all rubbish thereon. Lessee shall, while conducting operations on the leased premises, keep said premises free of all rubbish, cans, bottles, paper cups or garbage, and upon completion of operations shall restore the surface of the land to as near its original condition and contours as is practicable. Tanks and equipment will be kept painted and presentable.



26. **REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT.** Subject to limitations in this paragraph, Lessee shall have the right to remove machinery and fixtures placed by Lessee on the leased premises, including the right to draw and remove casing, within one hundred twenty (120) days after the expiration or the termination of this lease unless the owner of the soil grants Lessee an extension of this 120-day period. However, Lessee may not remove casing from any well capable of producing oil and gas in paying quantities. Additionally, Lessee may not draw and remove casing until after thirty (30) days written notice to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and to the owner of the soil. The owner of the soil shall become the owner of any machinery, fixtures, or casing which are not timely removed by Lessee under the terms of this paragraph.

27. (A) **ASSIGNMENTS.** Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29 of this lease, the rights and estates of either party to this lease may be assigned, in whole or in part, and the provisions of this lease shall extend to and be binding upon their heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns. However, a change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties will not enlarge the obligations of Lessee, diminish the rights, privileges and estates of Lessee, impair the effectiveness of any payment made by Lessee or impair the effectiveness of any act performed by Lessee. And no change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties shall bind Lessee for any purpose until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil (or his heirs, devisees, legal representatives or assigns) furnishes the Lessee with satisfactory written evidence of the change in ownership, including the original recorded muniments of title (or a certified copy of such original) when the ownership changed because of a conveyance. A total or partial assignment of this lease shall, to the extent of the interest assigned, relieve and discharge Lessee of all subsequent obligations under this lease. If this lease is assigned in its entirety as to only part of the acreage, the right and option to pay rentals shall be apportioned as between the several owners ratably, according to the area of each, and failure by one or more of them to pay his share of the rental shall not affect this lease on the part of the land upon which pro rata rentals are timely paid or tendered; however, if the assignor or assignee does not file a certified copy of such assignment in the General Land Office before the next rental paying date, the entire lease shall terminate for failure to pay the entire rental due under Paragraph 3. Every assignee shall succeed to all rights and be subject to all obligations, liabilities, and penalties owed to the State by the original lessee or any prior assignee of the lease, including any liabilities to the State for unpaid royalties.

(B) **ASSIGNMENT LIMITATION.** Notwithstanding any provision in Paragraph 27(a), if the owner of the soil acquires this lease in whole or in part by assignment without the prior written approval of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, this lease is void as of the time of assignment and the agency power of the owner may be forfeited by the Commissioner. An assignment will be treated as if it were made to the owner of the soil if the assignee is:

- (1) a nominee of the owner of the soil;
- (2) a corporation or subsidiary in which the owner of the soil is a principal stockholder or is an employee of such a corporation or subsidiary;
- (3) a partnership in which the owner of the soil is a partner or is an employee of such a partnership;
- (4) a principal stockholder or employee of the corporation which is the owner of the soil;
- (5) a partner or employee in a partnership which is the owner of the soil;
- (6) a fiduciary for the owner of the soil; including but not limited to a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, or conservator for the owner of the soil; or
- (7) a family member of the owner of the soil or related to the owner of the soil by marriage, blood, or adoption.

28. **RELEASES.** Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29, Lessee may at any time execute and deliver to the owner of the soil and place of record a release or releases covering any portion or portions of the leased premises, and thereby surrender this lease as to such portion or portions, and be relieved of all subsequent obligations as to acreage surrendered. If any part of this lease is properly surrendered, the delay rental due under this lease shall be reduced by the proportion that the surrendered acreage bears to the acreage which was covered by this lease immediately prior to such surrender; however, such release will not relieve Lessee of any liabilities which may have accrued under this lease prior to the surrender of such acreage.

29. **FILING OF ASSIGNMENTS AND RELEASES.** If all or any part of this lease is assigned or released, such assignment or release must be recorded in the county where the land is situated, and the recorded instrument, or a copy of the recorded instrument certified by the County Clerk of the county in which the instrument is recorded, must be filed in the General Land Office within 90 days of the last execution date accompanied by the prescribed filing fee. If any such assignment is not so filed, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture at the option of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

30. **DISCLOSURE CLAUSE.** All provisions pertaining to the lease of the above-described land have been included in this instrument, including the statement of the true consideration to be paid for the execution of this lease and the rights and duties of the parties. Any collateral agreements concerning the development of oil and gas from the leased premises which are not contained in this lease render this lease invalid.

31. **FIDUCIARY DUTY.** The owner of the soil owes the State a fiduciary duty and must fully disclose any facts affecting the State's interest in the leased premises. When the interests of the owner of the soil conflict with those of the



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State, the owner of the soil is obligated to put the State's interests before his personal interests.

32. **FORFEITURE.** If Lessee shall fail or refuse to make the payment of any sum within thirty days after it becomes due, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly make any false return or false report concerning production or drilling, or if Lessee shall fail or refuse to drill any offset well or wells in good faith as required by law and the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or if Lessee should fail to file reports in the manner required by law or fail to comply with rules and regulations promulgated by the General Land Office, the School Land Board, or the Railroad Commission, or if Lessee should refuse the proper authority access to the records pertaining to operations, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly fail or refuse to give correct information to the proper authority, or knowingly fail or refuse to furnish the General Land Office a correct log of any well, or if Lessee shall knowingly violate any of the material provisions of this lease, or if this lease is assigned and the assignment is not filed in the General Land Office as required by law, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture by the Commissioner, and he shall forfeit same when sufficiently informed of the facts which authorize a forfeiture, and when forfeited the area shall again be subject to lease under the terms of the Relinquishment Act. However, nothing herein shall be construed as waiving the automatic termination of this lease by operation of law or by reason of any special limitation arising hereunder. Forfeitures may be set aside and this lease and all rights thereunder reinstated before the rights of another intervene upon satisfactory evidence to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of future compliance with the provisions of the law and of this lease and the rules and regulations that may be adopted relative hereto.

33. **LIEN.** In accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136, the State shall have a first lien upon all oil and gas produced from the area covered by this lease to secure payment of all unpaid royalty and other sums of money that may become due under this lease. By acceptance of this lease, Lessee grants the State, in addition to the lien provided by Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136 and any other applicable statutory lien, an express contractual lien on and security interest in all leased minerals in and extracted from the leased premises, all proceeds which may accrue to Lessee from the sale of such leased minerals, whether such proceeds are held by Lessee or by a third party, and all fixtures on and improvements to the leased premises used in connection with the production or processing of such leased minerals in order to secure the payment of all royalties or other amounts due or to become due under this lease and to secure payment of any damages or loss that Lessor may suffer by reason of Lessee's breach of any covenant or condition of this lease, whether express or implied. This lien and security interest may be foreclosed with or without court proceedings in the manner provided in the Title I, Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code. Lessee agrees that the Commissioner may require Lessee to execute and record such instruments as may be reasonably necessary to acknowledge, attach or perfect this lien. Lessee hereby represents that there are no prior or superior liens arising from and relating to Lessee's activities upon the above-described property or from Lessee's acquisition of this lease. Should the Commissioner at any time determine that this representation is not true, then the Commissioner may declare this lease forfeited as provided herein.

34. **POOLING.** Lessee is hereby granted the right to pool or unitize the royalty interest of the owner of the soil under this lease with any other leasehold or mineral interest for the exploration, development and production of oil or gas or either of them upon the same terms as shall be approved by the School Land Board and the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the pooling or unitizing of the interest of the State under this lease pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153. The owner of the soil agrees that the inclusion of this provision in this lease satisfies the execution requirements stated in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.152.

35. **INDEMNITY.** Lessee hereby releases and discharges the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns, of and from all and any actions and causes of action of every nature, or other harm, including environmental harm, for which recovery of damages is sought, including, but not limited to, all losses and expenses which are caused by the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents arising out of, incidental to, or resulting from, the operations of or for Lessee on the leased premises hereunder, or that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement, or by any other negligent or strictly liable act or omission of Lessee. Further, Lessee hereby agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees and agents, their successors or assigns, against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, actions, personal injury (including death), costs and expenses, or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, under any theory including tort, contract, or strict liability, including attorneys' fees and other legal expenses, including those related to environmental hazards, on the leased premises or in any way related to Lessee's failure to comply with any and all environmental laws; those arising from or in any way related to Lessee's operations or any other of Lessee's activities on the leased premises; those arising from Lessee's use of the surface of the leased premises; and those that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or any other act or omission of Lessee, its directors, officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns. Each assignee of this Agreement, or an interest therein, agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, and agents in the same manner provided above in connection with the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents as described above. **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY LIMITED HEREIN, ALL OF THE INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS AND/OR LIABILITIES ASSUMED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE WITHOUT LIMITS AND WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CAUSE OR CAUSES THEREOF (EXCLUDING PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS), STRICT LIABILITY, OR THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY OR PARTIES (INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE INDENINIFIED PARTY), WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE BE**



SOLE, JOINT, CONCURRENT, ACTIVE, OR PASSIVE.

36. **ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS.** Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all reasonable safeguards to prevent contamination or pollution of any environmental medium, including soil, surface waters, groundwater, sediments, and surface or subsurface strata, ambient air or any other environmental medium in, on, or under the leased premises, by any waste, pollutant, or contaminant. Lessee shall not bring or permit to remain on the leased premises any asbestos containing materials, explosives, toxic materials, or substances regulated as hazardous wastes, hazardous materials, hazardous substances (as the term "Hazardous Substance" is defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601, et seq.), or toxic substances under any federal, state, or local law or regulation ("Hazardous Materials"), except ordinary products commonly used in connection with oil and gas exploration and development operations and stored in the usual manner and quantities. **LESSEE'S VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION SHALL CONSTITUTE A MATERIAL BREACH AND DEFAULT HEREUNDER AND LESSEE SHALL INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL FROM AND AGAINST ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, JUDGMENTS, PENALTIES, LIABILITIES, AND COSTS (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS) CAUSED BY OR ARISING OUT OF (I) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (II) THE PRESENCE, RELEASE, OR DISPOSAL OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OR CONTROL OF THE LEASED PREMISES. LESSEE SHALL CLEAN UP, REMOVE, REMEDY AND REPAIR ANY SOIL OR GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE PRESENCE OR RELEASE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN, ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OF THE LEASED PREMISES IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE LAW. THIS INDEMNIFICATION AND ASSUMPTION SHALL APPLY, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, LIABILITY FOR RESPONSE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO CERCLA OR ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAW OR REGULATION. LESSEE SHALL IMMEDIATELY GIVE THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY BREACH OR SUSPECTED BREACH OF THIS PARAGRAPH, UPON LEARNING OF THE PRESENCE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OR UPON RECEIVING A NOTICE FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY PERTAINING TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WHICH MAY AFFECT THE LEASED PREMISES. THE OBLIGATIONS OF LESSEE HEREUNDER SHALL SURVIVE THE EXPIRATION OR EARLIER TERMINATION, FOR ANY REASON, OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

37. **APPLICABLE LAW.** This lease is issued under the provisions of Texas Natural Resources Code 52.171 through 52.190, commonly known as the Relinquishment Act, and other applicable statutes and amendments thereto, and if any provision in this lease does not conform to these statutes, the statutes will prevail over any nonconforming lease provisions.

38. **EXECUTION.** This oil and gas lease must be signed and acknowledged by the Lessee before it is filed of record in the county records and in the General Land Office of the State of Texas. Once the filing requirements found in Paragraph 39 of this lease have been satisfied, the effective date of this lease shall be the date found on Page 1.

39. **LEASE FILING.** Pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, this lease must be filed of record in the office of the County Clerk in any county in which all or any part of the leased premises is located, and certified copies thereof must be filed in the General Land Office. This lease is not effective until a certified copy of this lease (which is made and certified by the County Clerk from his records) is filed in the General Land Office in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.183. Additionally, this lease shall not be binding upon the State unless it recites the actual and true consideration paid or promised for execution of this lease. The bonus due the State and the prescribed filing fee shall accompany such certified copy to the General Land Office.

40. See attached "ADDENDUM" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

** THIS IS A PAID-UP OIL AND GAS LEASE as to any rentals that may be paid on or before the 1st and 2nd anniversary date. If delay rentals are paid on or before the 3rd anniversary date, the total rental paid shall be \$7,680.00. Of such amount, \$3,840.00 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$3,840.00 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein, and the rentals due on or before the 4th anniversary date will be PAID-UP.

JACK E. BLAKE, JR.



BY: Jack E. Blake, Jr.

TITLE: Individually

DATE: 11-2-2005

MICHAEL J. DANIEL



Michael J. Daniel

Individually

DATE: 11/2/2005



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STATE OF TEXAS

BY:

Tobi Stephan

DATE:

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STATE OF TEXAS

BY:

DATE:

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 15 day of October, 2005, by **Tobi Stephan**, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires: 7-2-07



Bonita D. Hook
Notary Public Signature

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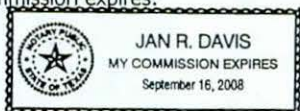
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This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 2nd day of November, 2005, by **Jack E. Blake, Jr., and Michael J. Daniel**, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires:



Jan R. Davis
Notary Public Signature



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ADDENDUM attached to and made a part of that certain Oil and Gas Lease dated October 1, 2005,
by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent
Tobi Stephan, and Jack E. Blake, Jr. and Michael J. Daniel.

40. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Paragraph 5 (minimum royalty) and Paragraph 14 (shut-in royalty) refer to their computation to the delay rentals provided in Paragraph 3 herein. The undersigned do hereby recognize and acknowledge that minimum royalty and shut-in royalties due herein are payable in the amount of \$38.40. Of such amount, \$19.20 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$19.20 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein.

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DULY RECORDED ON THE 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER A.D. 2005 10:00 A. M.

BY: [Signature], DEPUTY

DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

ANY PROVISION HEREIN WHICH RESTRICTS THE SALE, RENTAL,
OR USE OF THE DESCRIBED LAND OR PROPERTY BECAUSE OF COLOR
OR RACE IS INVALID AND UNENFORCEABLE UNDER FEDERAL
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County _____

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Date Filed: 2/2/06

George P. Bush, Commissioner

By _____

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY CERTIFICATE
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF REEVES**

The above and foregoing is a full, true and correct photographic copy of the original record now in my lawful custody and possession, as the same is filed/recorded in the public records of my office, found in VOL. 716
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I hereby certified on 01/25/2006



DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

BY Dianne Flores DEPUTY

FILE# 5361

General Land Office
Relinquishment Act Lease Form
Revised, September 1997

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of October, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, **Doyle Foster Goodspeed, Jr., whose address is 933 Ray Andra Drive De Soto, Texas 75115**, said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and

Jack E. Blake, Jr., whose address is P.O. Box 10184, Midland, Texas 79702, and Michael J. Daniel, whose address is 201 W. Wall St., Suite 201, Midland, Texas 79701, in equal shares, hereinafter called Lessee (whether one or more).

1. GRANTING CLAUSE. For and in consideration of the amounts stated below and of the covenants and agreements to be paid, kept and performed by Lessee under this lease, the State of Texas acting by and through the owner of the soil, hereby grants, leases and lets unto Lessee, for the sole and only purpose of prospecting and drilling for and producing oil and gas, laying pipe lines, building tanks, storing oil and building power Stations, telephone lines and other Structures thereon, to produce, save, take care of, treat and transport said products of the lease, the following lands situated in **Reeves** County, State of Texas, to-wit:

Block 57, T-3, T&P R.R. Co. Survey
Section 4: All, 640 acres, more or less.
Reeves County, Texas

Containing 640.00 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas:	<u>FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE AND 50/100** Dollars</u> <u>(\$5,485.50)</u>
To the owner of the soil:	<u>FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE AND 50/100** Dollars</u> <u>\$5,485.50</u>
Total bonus consideration:	<u>TEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE AND NO/100** Dollars</u> <u>\$10,971.00</u>

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of THREE HUNDRED AND NO/100** Dollars (\$300.00) per acre, on 36.57 net acres.

2. TERM. Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of **FIVE YEARS** from this date (herein called primary term) and as long thereafter as oil and gas, or either of them, is produced in paying quantities from said land. As used in this lease, the term "produced in paying quantities" means that the receipts from the sale or other authorized commercial use of the substance(s) covered exceed out of pocket operational expenses for the six months last past.

3. DELAY RENTALS. If no well is commenced on the leased premises on or before one (1) year from this date, this lease shall terminate, unless on or before such anniversary date Lessee shall pay or tender to the owner of the soil or to his credit in the Bank, at _____, or its successors (which shall continue as the depository regardless of changes in the ownership of said land), the amount specified below; in addition, Lessee shall pay or tender to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, a like sum on or before said date. Payments under this paragraph shall operate as a rental and shall cover the privilege of deferring the commencement of a well for one (1) year from said date. Payments under this paragraph shall be in the following amounts:

To the owner of the soil:	<u>EIGHTEEN AND 29/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$18.29)
To the State of Texas:	<u>EIGHTEEN AND 29/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$18.29)
Total Rental:	<u>THIRTY-SIX AND 57/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$36.57) **

(** See attached Amended Delay Rental Provision)

In a like manner and upon like payments or tenders annually, the commencement of a well may be further deferred for successive periods of one (1) year each during the primary term. All payments or tenders of rental to the owner of the soil may be made by check or sight draft of Lessee, or any assignee of this lease, and may be delivered on or before the



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rental paying date. If the bank designated in this paragraph (or its successor bank) should cease to exist, suspend business, liquidate, fail or be succeeded by another bank, or for any reason fail or refuse to accept rental, Lessee shall not be held in default for failure to make such payments or tenders of rental until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil shall deliver to Lessee a proper recordable instrument naming another bank as agent to receive such payments or tenders.

4. PRODUCTION ROYALTIES. Upon production of oil and/or gas, Lessee agrees to pay or cause to be paid one-half (1/2) of the royalty provided for in this lease to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, at Austin, Texas, and one-half (1/2) of such royalty to the owner of the soil:

(A) OIL. Royalty payable on oil, which is defined as including all hydrocarbons produced in a liquid form at the mouth of the well and also as all condensate, distillate, and other liquid hydrocarbons recovered from oil or gas run through a separator or other equipment, as hereinafter provided, shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be determined by 1) the highest posted price, plus premium, if any, offered or paid for oil, condensate, distillate, or other liquid hydrocarbons, respectively, of a like type and gravity in the general area where produced and when run, or 2) the highest market price thereof offered or paid in the general area where produced and when run, or 3) the gross proceeds of the sale thereof, whichever is the greater. Lessee agrees that before any gas produced from the leased premises is sold, used or processed in a plant, it will be run free of cost to the royalty owners through an adequate oil and gas separator of conventional type, or other equipment at least as efficient, so that all liquid hydrocarbons recoverable from the gas by such means will be recovered. The requirement that such gas be run through a separator or other equipment may be waived in writing by the royalty owners upon such terms and conditions as they prescribe.

(B) NON PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas (including flared gas), which is defined as all hydrocarbons and gaseous substances not defined as oil in subparagraph (A) above, produced from any well on said land (except as provided herein with respect to gas processed in a plant for the extraction of gasoline, liquid hydrocarbons or other products) shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be based on the highest market price paid or offered for gas of comparable quality in the general area where produced and when run, or the gross price paid or offered to the producer, whichever is the greater; provided that the maximum pressure base in measuring the gas under this lease shall not at any time exceed 14.65 pounds per square inch absolute, and the standard base temperature shall be sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit, correction to be made for pressure according to Boyle's Law, and for specific gravity according to tests made by the Balance Method or by the most approved method of testing being used by the industry at the time of testing.

(C) PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas processed in a gasoline plant or other plant for the recovery of gasoline or other liquid hydrocarbons shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the residue gas and the liquid hydrocarbons extracted or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office. All royalties due herein shall be based on one hundred percent (100%) of the total plant production of residue gas attributable to gas produced from this lease, and on fifty percent (50%), or that percent accruing to Lessee, whichever is the greater, of the total plant production of liquid hydrocarbons attributable to the gas produced from this lease; provided that if liquid hydrocarbons are recovered from gas processed in a plant in which Lessee (or its parent, subsidiary or affiliate) owns an interest, then the percentage applicable to liquid hydrocarbons shall be fifty percent (50%) or the highest percent accruing to a third party processing gas through such plant under a processing agreement negotiated at arm's length (or if there is no such third party, the highest percent then being specified in processing agreements or contracts in the industry), whichever is the greater. The respective royalties on residue gas and on liquid hydrocarbons shall be determined by 1) the highest market price paid or offered for any gas (or liquid hydrocarbons) of comparable quality in the general area, or 2) the gross price paid or offered for such residue gas (or the weighted average gross selling price for the respective grades of liquid hydrocarbons), whichever is the greater. In no event, however, shall the royalties payable under this paragraph be less than the royalties which would have been due had the gas not been processed.

(D) OTHER PRODUCTS. Royalty on carbon black, sulphur or any other products produced or manufactured from gas (excepting liquid hydrocarbons) whether said gas be casinghead, "dry," or any other gas, by fractionating, burning or any other processing shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production of such products, or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such market value to be determined as follows: 1) on the basis of the highest market price of each product for the same month in which such product is produced, or 2) on the basis of the average gross sale price of each product for the same month in which such products are produced; whichever is the greater.

5. MINIMUM ROYALTY. During any year after the expiration of the primary term of this lease, if this lease is maintained by production, the royalties paid under this lease in no event shall be less than an amount equal to the total annual delay rental herein provided; otherwise, there shall be due and payable on or before the last day of the month succeeding the anniversary date of this lease a sum equal to the total annual rental less the amount of royalties paid during the preceding year. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre.

6. ROYALTY IN KIND. Notwithstanding any other provision in this lease, at any time or from time to time,



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the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office may, at the option of either, upon not less than sixty (60) days notice to the holder of the lease, require that the payment of any royalties accruing to such royalty owner under this lease be made in kind. The owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's right to take its royalty in kind shall not diminish or negate the owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's rights or Lessee's obligations, whether express or implied, under this lease.

7. NO DEDUCTIONS. Lessee agrees that all royalties accruing under this lease (including those paid in kind) shall be without deduction for the cost of producing, gathering, storing, separating, treating, dehydrating, compressing, processing, transporting, and otherwise making the oil, gas and other products hereunder ready for sale or use. Lessee agrees to compute and pay royalties on the gross value received, including any reimbursements for severance taxes and production related costs.

8. PLANT FUEL AND RECYCLED GAS. No royalty shall be payable on any gas as may represent this lease's proportionate share of any fuel used to process gas produced hereunder in any processing plant. Notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, and subject to the written consent of the owner of the soil and the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee may recycle gas for gas lift purposes on the leased premises or for injection into any oil or gas producing formation underlying the leased premises after the liquid hydrocarbons contained in the gas have been removed; no royalties shall be payable on the recycled gas until it is produced and sold or used by Lessee in a manner which entitles the royalty owners to a royalty under this lease.

9. ROYALTY PAYMENTS AND REPORTS. All royalties not taken in kind shall be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Austin, Texas, in the following manner:

Payment of royalty on production of oil and gas shall be as provided in the rules set forth in the Texas Register. Rules currently provide that royalty on oil is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 5th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, and royalty on gas is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 15th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, accompanied by the affidavit of the owner, manager or other authorized agent, completed in the form and manner prescribed by the General Land Office and showing the gross amount and disposition of all oil and gas produced and the market value of the oil and gas, together with a copy of all documents, records or reports confirming the gross production, disposition and market value including gas meter readings, pipeline receipts, gas line receipts and other checks or memoranda of amount produced and put into pipelines, tanks, or pools and gas lines or gas storage, and any other reports or records which the General Land Office may require to verify the gross production, disposition and market value. In all cases the authority of a manager or agent to act for the Lessee herein must be filed in the General Land Office. Each royalty payment shall be accompanied by a check stub, schedule, summary or other remittance advice showing by the assigned General Land Office lease number the amount of royalty being paid on each lease. If Lessee pays his royalty on or before thirty (30) days after the royalty payment was due, then Lessee owes a penalty of 5% on the royalty or \$25.00, whichever is greater. A royalty payment which is over thirty (30) days late shall accrue a penalty of 10% of the royalty due or \$25.00 whichever is greater. In addition to a penalty, royalties shall accrue interest at a rate of 12% per year, such interest will begin accruing when the royalty is sixty (60) days overdue. Affidavits and supporting documents which are not filed when due shall incur a penalty in an amount set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the affidavits or supporting documents were due. The Lessee shall bear all responsibility for paying or causing royalties to be paid as prescribed by the due date provided herein. Payment of the delinquency penalty shall in no way operate to prohibit the State's right of forfeiture as provided by law nor act to postpone the date on which royalties were originally due. The above penalty provisions shall not apply in cases of title dispute as to the State's portion of the royalty or to that portion of the royalty in dispute as to fair market value.

10. (A) RESERVES, CONTRACTS AND OTHER RECORDS. Lessee shall annually furnish the Commissioner of the General Land Office with its best possible estimate of oil and gas reserves underlying this lease or allocable to this lease and shall furnish said Commissioner with copies of all contracts under which gas is sold or processed and all subsequent agreements and amendments to such contracts within thirty (30) days after entering into or making such contracts, agreements or amendments. Such contracts and agreements when received by the General Land Office shall be held in confidence by the General Land Office unless otherwise authorized by Lessee. All other contracts and records pertaining to the production, transportation, sale and marketing of the oil and gas produced on said premises, including the books and accounts, receipts and discharges of all wells, tanks, pools, meters, and pipelines shall at all times be subject to inspection and examination by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, the Governor, or the representative of any of them.

(B) PERMITS, DRILLING RECORDS. Written notice of all operations on this lease shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the General Land Office by Lessee or operator five (5) days before spud date, workover, re-entry, temporary abandonment or plug and abandonment of any well or wells. Such written notice to the General Land Office shall include copies of Railroad Commission forms for application to drill. Copies of well tests, completion reports and plugging reports shall be supplied to the General Land Office at the time they are filed with the Texas Railroad Commission. All applications, permits, reports or other filings that reference this lease or any specific well on the leased premises and that are submitted to the Texas Railroad Commission or any other governmental agency shall include the word "State" in the title. Additionally, in accordance with Railroad Commission rules, any signage on the leased premises for the purpose of identifying wells, tank batteries or other associated improvements to the land must also include the word "State." Lessee shall supply the General Land Office with any records, memoranda, accounts, reports, cuttings and



cores, or other information relative to the operation of the above described premises, which may be requested by the General Land Office, in addition to those herein expressly provided for. Lessee shall have an electrical and/or radioactivity survey made on the bore-hole section, from the base of the surface casing to the total depth of well, of all wells drilled on the above described premises and shall transmit a true copy of the log of each survey on each well to the General Land Office within fifteen (15) days after the making of said survey.

(C) PENALTIES. Lessee shall incur a penalty whenever reports, documents or other materials are not filed in the General Land Office when due. The penalty for late filing shall be set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the materials were due in the General Land Office.

11. DRY HOLE/CESSATION OF PRODUCTION DURING PRIMARY TERM. If, during the primary term hereof and prior to discovery and production of oil or gas on said land, Lessee should drill a dry hole or holes thereon, or if during the primary term hereof and after the discovery and actual production of oil or gas from the leased premises such production thereof should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if on or before the expiration of sixty (60) days from date of completion of said dry hole or cessation of production Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations thereon, or pays or tenders the next annual delay rental in the same manner as provided in this lease. If, during the last year of the primary term or within sixty (60) days prior thereto, a dry hole be completed and abandoned, or the production of oil or gas should cease for any cause, Lessee's rights shall remain in full force and effect without further operations until the expiration of the primary term; and if Lessee has not resumed production in paying quantities at the expiration of the primary term, Lessee may maintain this lease by conducting additional drilling or reworking operations pursuant to Paragraph 13, using the expiration of the primary term as the date of cessation of production under Paragraph 13. Should the first well or any subsequent well drilled on the above described land be completed as a shut-in oil or gas well within the primary term hereof, Lessee may resume payment of the annual rental in the same manner as provided herein on or before the rental paying date following the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date of completion of such shut-in oil or gas well and upon the failure to make such payment, this lease shall ipso facto terminate. If at the expiration of the primary term or any time thereafter a shut-in oil or gas well is located on the leased premises, payments may be made in accordance with the shut-in provisions hereof.

12. DRILLING AND REWORKING AT EXPIRATION OF PRIMARY TERM. If, at the expiration of the primary term, neither oil nor gas is being produced on said land, but Lessee is then engaged in drilling or reworking operations thereon, this lease shall remain in force so long as operations on said well or for drilling or reworking of any additional well are prosecuted in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days during any one such operation, and if they result in the production of oil and/or gas, so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced in paying quantities from said land, or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or compensatory royalties is made as provided in this lease.

13. CESSATION, DRILLING, AND REWORKING. If, after the expiration of the primary term, production of oil or gas from the leased premises, after once obtained, should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after such cessation, and this lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as such operations continue in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. If such drilling or reworking operations result in the production of oil or gas, the lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as oil or gas is produced from the leased premises in paying quantities or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or payment of compensatory royalties is made as provided herein or as provided by law. If the drilling or reworking operations result in the completion of a well as a dry hole, the lease will not terminate if the Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after the completion of the well as a dry hole, and this lease shall remain in effect so long as Lessee continues drilling or reworking operations in good faith and in a workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. Lessee shall give written notice to the General Land Office within thirty (30) days of any cessation of production.

14. SHUT-IN ROYALTIES. For purposes of this paragraph, "well" means any well that has been assigned a well number by the state agency having jurisdiction over the production of oil and gas. If, at any time after the expiration of the primary term of a lease that, until being shut in, was being maintained in force and effect, a well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities is located on the leased premises, but oil or gas is not being produced for lack of suitable production facilities or lack of a suitable market, then Lessee may pay as a shut-in oil or gas royalty an amount equal to double the annual rental provided in the lease, but not less than \$1,200 a year for each well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre. To be effective, each initial shut-in oil or gas royalty must be paid on or before: (1) the expiration of the primary term, (2) 60 days after the Lessee ceases to produce oil or gas from the leased premises, or (3) 60 days after Lessee completes a drilling or reworking operation in accordance with the lease provisions; whichever date is latest. Such payment shall be made one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil. If the shut-in oil or gas royalty is paid, the lease shall be considered to be a producing lease and the payment shall extend the term of the lease for a period of one year from the end of the primary term, or from the first day of the month following the month in which production ceased, and, after that, if no suitable production facilities or suitable market for the oil or gas exists, Lessee may extend the lease for four more successive periods of one (1) year by paying the same amount each year on or before the expiration of each shut-in year.



15. **COMPENSATORY ROYALTIES.** If, during the period the lease is kept in effect by payment of the shut-in oil or gas royalty, oil or gas is sold and delivered in paying quantities from a well located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises and completed in the same producing reservoir, or in any case in which drainage is occurring, the right to continue to maintain the lease by paying the shut-in oil or gas royalty shall cease, but the lease shall remain effective for the remainder of the year for which the royalty has been paid. The Lessee may maintain the lease for four more successive years by Lessee paying compensatory royalty at the royalty rate provided in the lease of the market value of production from the well causing the drainage or which is completed in the same producing reservoir and within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. The compensatory royalty is to be paid monthly, one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil, beginning on or before the last day of the month following the month in which the oil or gas is produced from the well causing the drainage or that is completed in the same producing reservoir and located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. If the compensatory royalty paid in any 12-month period is in an amount less than the annual shut-in oil or gas royalty, Lessee shall pay an amount equal to the difference within thirty (30) days from the end of the 12-month period. Compensatory royalty payments which are not timely paid will accrue penalty and interest in accordance with Paragraph 9 of this lease. None of these provisions will relieve Lessee of the obligation of reasonable development nor the obligation to drill offset wells as provided in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.173; however, at the determination of the Commissioner, and with the Commissioner's written approval, the payment of compensatory royalties can satisfy the obligation to drill offset wells.

16. **RETAINED ACREAGE.** Notwithstanding any provision of this lease to the contrary, after a well producing or capable of producing oil or gas has been completed on the leased premises, Lessee shall exercise the diligence of a reasonably prudent operator in drilling such additional well or wells as may be reasonably necessary for the proper development of the leased premises and in marketing the production thereon.

(A) **VERTICAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term, it shall then terminate as to all of the leased premises, EXCEPT (1) 40 acres surrounding each oil well capable of producing in paying quantities and 320 acres surrounding each gas well capable of producing in paying quantities (including a shut-in oil or gas well as provided in Paragraph 14 hereof), or a well upon which Lessee is then engaged in continuous drilling or reworking operations, or (2) the number of acres included in a producing pooled unit pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153, or (3) such greater or lesser number of acres as may then be allocated for production purposes to a proration unit for each such producing well under the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas, or any successor agency, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction. If at any time after the effective date of the partial termination provisions hereof, the applicable field rules are changed or the well or wells located thereon are reclassified so that less acreage is thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes, this lease shall thereupon terminate as to all acreage not thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes. Notwithstanding the termination of this lease as to a portion of the lands covered hereby, Lessee shall nevertheless continue to have the right of ingress to and egress from the lands still subject to this lease for all purposes described in Paragraph 1 hereof, together with easements and right-of-ways for existing roads, existing pipelines and other existing facilities on, over and across all the lands described in Paragraph 1 hereof ("the retained lands"), for access to and from the retained lands and for the gathering or transportation of oil, gas and other minerals produced from the retained lands.

(B) **HORIZONTAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term it shall further terminate as to all depths below 100 feet below the total depth drilled (hereinafter "deeper depths") in each well located on acreage retained in Paragraph 16(A) above, unless on or before two (2) years after the primary or extended term Lessee pays an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the bonus originally paid as consideration for this lease (as specified on page 1 hereof). If such amount is paid, this lease shall be in force and effect as to such deeper depths, and said termination shall be delayed for an additional period of two (2) years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities from such deeper depths covered by this lease.

(C) **IDENTIFICATION AND FILING.** The surface acreage retained hereunder as to each well shall, as nearly as practical, be in the form of a square with the well located in the center thereof, or such other shape as may be approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office. Within thirty (30) days after partial termination of this lease as provided herein, Lessee shall execute and record a release or releases containing a satisfactory legal description of the acreage and/or depths not retained hereunder. The recorded release, or a certified copy of same, shall be filed in the General Land Office, accompanied by the filing fee prescribed by the General Land Office rules in effect on the date the release is filed. If Lessee fails or refuses to execute and record such release or releases within ninety (90) days after being requested to do so by the General Land Office, then the Commissioner at his sole discretion may designate by written instrument the acreage and/or depths to be released hereunder and record such instrument at Lessee's expense in the county or counties where the lease is located and in the official records of the General Land Office and such designation shall be binding upon Lessee for all purposes.

17. **OFFSET WELLS.** Neither the bonus, delay rentals, nor royalties paid, or to be paid, under this lease shall relieve Lessee of his obligation to protect the oil and gas under the above-described land from being drained. Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall drill as many wells as the facts may justify and shall use appropriate means and drill to a depth necessary to prevent undue drainage of oil and gas from the leased premises. In addition, if oil and/or gas should be produced in commercial quantities within 1,000 feet of the leased premises, or in any case where the leased premises is being drained by production of oil or gas, the Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall in good faith begin the drilling of a well or wells upon the



leased premises within 100 days after the draining well or wells or the well or wells completed within 1,000 feet of the leased premises start producing in commercial quantities and shall prosecute such drilling with diligence. Failure to satisfy the statutory offset obligation may subject this lease and the owner of the soil's agency rights to forfeiture. Only upon the determination of the Commissioner of the General Land Office and with his written approval may the payment of compensatory royalty under applicable statutory parameters satisfy the obligation to drill an offset well or wells required under this paragraph.

18. **FORCE MAJEURE.** If, after a good faith effort, Lessee is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this lease, from conducting drilling operations on the leased premises, or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises by reason of war, rebellion, riots, strikes, acts of God, or any valid order, rule or regulation of government authority, then while so prevented, Lessee's obligation to comply with such covenant shall be suspended and Lessee shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenants; additionally, this lease shall be extended while Lessee is prevented, by any such cause, from conducting drilling and reworking operations or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises. However, nothing in this paragraph shall suspend the payment of delay rentals in order to maintain this lease in effect during the primary term in the absence of such drilling or reworking operations or production of oil or gas.

19. **WARRANTY CLAUSE.** The owner of the soil warrants and agrees to defend title to the leased premises. If the owner of the soil defaults in payments owed on the leased premises, then Lessee may redeem the rights of the owner of the soil in the leased premises by paying any mortgage, taxes or other liens on the leased premises. If Lessee makes payments on behalf of the owner of the soil under this paragraph, Lessee may recover the cost of these payments from the rental and royalties due the owner of the soil.

20. (A) **PROPORTIONATE REDUCTION CLAUSE.** If the owner of the soil owns less than the entire undivided surface estate in the above described land, whether or not Lessee's interest is specified herein, then the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the owner of the soil shall be paid to him in the proportion which his interest bears to the entire undivided surface estate and the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas shall be likewise proportionately reduced. However, before Lessee adjusts the royalty or rental due to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee or his authorized representative must submit to the Commissioner of the General Land Office a written statement which explains the discrepancy between the interest purportedly leased under this lease and the actual interest owned by the owner of the soil. The Commissioner of the General Land Office shall be paid the value of the whole production allocable to any undivided interest not covered by a lease, less the proportionate development and production cost allocable to such undivided interest. However, in no event shall the Commissioner of the General Land Office receive as a royalty on the gross production allocable to the undivided interest not leased an amount less than the value of one-sixteenth (1/16) of such gross production.

(B) **REDUCTION OF PAYMENTS.** If, during the primary term, a portion of the land covered by this lease is included within the boundaries of a pooled unit that has been approved by the School Land Board and the owner of the soil in accordance with Natural Resources Code Sections 52.151-52.154, or if at any time after the expiration of the primary term or the extended term, this lease covers a lesser number of acres than the total amount described herein, payments that are made on a per acre basis hereunder shall be reduced according to the number of acres pooled, released, surrendered, or otherwise severed, so that payments determined on a per acre basis under the terms of this lease during the primary term shall be calculated based upon the number of acres outside the boundaries of a pooled unit, or, if after the expiration of the primary term, the number of acres actually retained and covered by this lease.

21. **USE OF WATER.** Lessee shall have the right to use water produced on said land necessary for operations under this lease except water from wells or tanks of the owner of the soil; provided, however, Lessee shall not use potable water or water suitable for livestock or irrigation purposes for waterflood operations without the prior consent of the owner of the soil.

22. **AUTHORIZED DAMAGES.** Lessee shall pay the owner of the soil for damages caused by its operations to all personal property, improvements, livestock and crops on said land.

23. **PIPELINE DEPTH.** When requested by the owner of the soil, Lessee shall bury its pipelines below plow depth.

24. **WELL LOCATION LIMIT.** No well shall be drilled nearer than two hundred (200) feet to any house or barn now on said premises without the written consent of the owner of the soil.

25. **POLLUTION.** In developing this area, Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all proper safeguards to prevent pollution. Without limiting the foregoing, pollution of coastal wetlands, natural waterways, rivers and impounded water shall be prevented by the use of containment facilities sufficient to prevent spillage, seepage or ground water contamination. In the event of pollution, Lessee shall use all means at its disposal to recapture all escaped hydrocarbons or other pollutant and shall be responsible for all damage to public and private properties. Lessee shall build and maintain fences around its slush, sump, and drainage pits and tank batteries so as to protect livestock against loss, damage or injury; and upon completion or abandonment of any well or wells, Lessee shall fill and level all slush pits and cellars and completely clean up the drilling site of all rubbish thereon. Lessee shall, while conducting operations on the leased premises, keep said premises free of all rubbish, cans, bottles, paper cups or garbage, and upon completion of



operations shall restore the surface of the land to as near its original condition and contours as is practicable. Tanks and equipment will be kept painted and presentable.

26. **REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT.** Subject to limitations in this paragraph, Lessee shall have the right to remove machinery and fixtures placed by Lessee on the leased premises, including the right to draw and remove casing, within one hundred twenty (120) days after the expiration or the termination of this lease unless the owner of the soil grants Lessee an extension of this 120-day period. However, Lessee may not remove casing from any well capable of producing oil and gas in paying quantities. Additionally, Lessee may not draw and remove casing until after thirty (30) days written notice to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and to the owner of the soil. The owner of the soil shall become the owner of any machinery, fixtures, or casing which are not timely removed by Lessee under the terms of this paragraph.

27. (A) **ASSIGNMENTS.** Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29 of this lease, the rights and estates of either party to this lease may be assigned, in whole or in part, and the provisions of this lease shall extend to and be binding upon their heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns. However, a change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties will not enlarge the obligations of Lessee, diminish the rights, privileges and estates of Lessee, impair the effectiveness of any payment made by Lessee or impair the effectiveness of any act performed by Lessee. And no change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties shall bind Lessee for any purpose until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil (or his heirs, devisees, legal representatives or assigns) furnishes the Lessee with satisfactory written evidence of the change in ownership, including the original recorded muniments of title (or a certified copy of such original) when the ownership changed because of a conveyance. A total or partial assignment of this lease shall, to the extent of the interest assigned, relieve and discharge Lessee of all subsequent obligations under this lease. If this lease is assigned in its entirety as to only part of the acreage, the right and option to pay rentals shall be apportioned as between the several owners ratably, according to the area of each, and failure by one or more of them to pay his share of the rental shall not affect this lease on the part of the land upon which pro rata rentals are timely paid or tendered; however, if the assignor or assignee does not file a certified copy of such assignment in the General Land Office before the next rental paying date, the entire lease shall terminate for failure to pay the entire rental due under Paragraph 3. Every assignee shall succeed to all rights and be subject to all obligations, liabilities, and penalties owed to the State by the original lessee or any prior assignee of the lease, including any liabilities to the State for unpaid royalties.

(B) **ASSIGNMENT LIMITATION.** Notwithstanding any provision in Paragraph 27(a), if the owner of the soil acquires this lease in whole or in part by assignment without the prior written approval of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, this lease is void as of the time of assignment and the agency power of the owner may be forfeited by the Commissioner. An assignment will be treated as if it were made to the owner of the soil if the assignee is:

- (1) a nominee of the owner of the soil;
- (2) a corporation or subsidiary in which the owner of the soil is a principal stockholder or is an employee of such a corporation or subsidiary;
- (3) a partnership in which the owner of the soil is a partner or is an employee of such a partnership;
- (4) a principal stockholder or employee of the corporation which is the owner of the soil;
- (5) a partner or employee in a partnership which is the owner of the soil;
- (6) a fiduciary for the owner of the soil; including but not limited to a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, or conservator for the owner of the soil; or
- (7) a family member of the owner of the soil or related to the owner of the soil by marriage, blood, or adoption.

28. **RELEASES.** Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29, Lessee may at any time execute and deliver to the owner of the soil and place of record a release or releases covering any portion or portions of the leased premises, and thereby surrender this lease as to such portion or portions, and be relieved of all subsequent obligations as to acreage surrendered. If any part of this lease is properly surrendered, the delay rental due under this lease shall be reduced by the proportion that the surrendered acreage bears to the acreage which was covered by this lease immediately prior to such surrender; however, such release will not relieve Lessee of any liabilities which may have accrued under this lease prior to the surrender of such acreage.

29. **FILING OF ASSIGNMENTS AND RELEASES.** If all or any part of this lease is assigned or released, such assignment or release must be recorded in the county where the land is situated, and the recorded instrument, or a copy of the recorded instrument certified by the County Clerk of the county in which the instrument is recorded, must be filed in the General Land Office within 90 days of the last execution date accompanied by the prescribed filing fee. If any such assignment is not so filed, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture at the option of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

30. **DISCLOSURE CLAUSE.** All provisions pertaining to the lease of the above-described land have been included in this instrument, including the statement of the true consideration to be paid for the execution of this lease and the rights and duties of the parties. Any collateral agreements concerning the development of oil and gas from the leased premises which are not contained in this lease render this lease invalid.



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31. **FIDUCIARY DUTY.** The owner of the soil owes the State a fiduciary duty and must fully disclose any facts affecting the State's interest in the leased premises. When the interests of the owner of the soil conflict with those of the State, the owner of the soil is obligated to put the State's interests before his personal interests.

32. **FORFEITURE.** If Lessee shall fail or refuse to make the payment of any sum within thirty days after it becomes due, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly make any false return or false report concerning production or drilling, or if Lessee shall fail or refuse to drill any offset well or wells in good faith as required by law and the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or if Lessee should fail to file reports in the manner required by law or fail to comply with rules and regulations promulgated by the General Land Office, the School Land Board, or the Railroad Commission, or if Lessee should refuse the proper authority access to the records pertaining to operations, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly fail or refuse to give correct information to the proper authority, or knowingly fail or refuse to furnish the General Land Office a correct log of any well, or if Lessee shall knowingly violate any of the material provisions of this lease, or if this lease is assigned and the assignment is not filed in the General Land Office as required by law, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture by the Commissioner, and he shall forfeit same when sufficiently informed of the facts which authorize a forfeiture, and when forfeited the area shall again be subject to lease under the terms of the Relinquishment Act. However, nothing herein shall be construed as waiving the automatic termination of this lease by operation of law or by reason of any special limitation arising hereunder. Forfeitures may be set aside and this lease and all rights thereunder reinstated before the rights of another intervene upon satisfactory evidence to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of future compliance with the provisions of the law and of this lease and the rules and regulations that may be adopted relative hereto.

33. **LIEN.** In accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136, the State shall have a first lien upon all oil and gas produced from the area covered by this lease to secure payment of all unpaid royalty and other sums of money that may become due under this lease. By acceptance of this lease, Lessee grants the State, in addition to the lien provided by Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136 and any other applicable statutory lien, an express contractual lien on and security interest in all leased minerals in and extracted from the leased premises, all proceeds which may accrue to Lessee from the sale of such leased minerals, whether such proceeds are held by Lessee or by a third party, and all fixtures on and improvements to the leased premises used in connection with the production or processing of such leased minerals in order to secure the payment of all royalties or other amounts due or to become due under this lease and to secure payment of any damages or loss that Lessor may suffer by reason of Lessee's breach of any covenant or condition of this lease, whether express or implied. This lien and security interest may be foreclosed with or without court proceedings in the manner provided in the Title I, Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code. Lessee agrees that the Commissioner may require Lessee to execute and record such instruments as may be reasonably necessary to acknowledge, attach or perfect this lien. Lessee hereby represents that there are no prior or superior liens arising from and relating to Lessee's activities upon the above-described property or from Lessee's acquisition of this lease. Should the Commissioner at any time determine that this representation is not true, then the Commissioner may declare this lease forfeited as provided herein.

34. **POOLING.** Lessee is hereby granted the right to pool or unitize the royalty interest of the owner of the soil under this lease with any other leasehold or mineral interest for the exploration, development and production of oil or gas or either of them upon the same terms as shall be approved by the School Land Board and the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the pooling or unitizing of the interest of the State under this lease pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153. The owner of the soil agrees that the inclusion of this provision in this lease satisfies the execution requirements stated in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.152.

35. **INDEMNITY.** Lessee hereby releases and discharges the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns, of and from all and any actions and causes of action of every nature, or other harm, including environmental harm, for which recovery of damages is sought, including, but not limited to, all losses and expenses which are caused by the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents arising out of, incidental to, or resulting from, the operations of or for Lessee on the leased premises hereunder, or that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement, or by any other negligent or strictly liable act or omission of Lessee. Further, Lessee hereby agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees and agents, their successors or assigns, against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, actions, personal injury (including death), costs and expenses, or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, under any theory including tort, contract, or strict liability, including attorneys' fees and other legal expenses, including those related to environmental hazards, on the leased premises or in any way related to Lessee's failure to comply with any and all environmental laws; those arising from or in any way related to Lessee's operations or any other of Lessee's activities on the leased premises; those arising from Lessee's use of the surface of the leased premises; and those that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or any other act or omission of Lessee, its directors, officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns. Each assignee of this Agreement, or an interest therein, agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, and agents in the same manner provided above in connection with the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents as described above. **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY LIMITED HEREIN, ALL OF THE INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS AND/OR LIABILITIES ASSUMED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE WITHOUT LIMITS AND WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CAUSE OR CAUSES THEREOF**



(EXCLUDING PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS), STRICT LIABILITY, OR THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY OR PARTIES (INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE INDENINIFIED PARTY), WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE BE SOLE, JOINT, CONCURRENT, ACTIVE, OR PASSIVE.

36. **ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS.** Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all reasonable safeguards to prevent contamination or pollution of any environmental medium, including soil, surface waters, groundwater, sediments, and surface or subsurface strata, ambient air or any other environmental medium in, on, or under the leased premises, by any waste, pollutant, or contaminant. Lessee shall not bring or permit to remain on the leased premises any asbestos containing materials, explosives, toxic materials, or substances regulated as hazardous wastes, hazardous materials, hazardous substances (as the term "Hazardous Substance" is defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601, et seq.), or toxic substances under any federal, state, or local law or regulation ("Hazardous Materials"), except ordinary products commonly used in connection with oil and gas exploration and development operations and stored in the usual manner and quantities. **LESSEE'S VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION SHALL CONSTITUTE A MATERIAL BREACH AND DEFAULT HEREUNDER AND LESSEE SHALL INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL FROM AND AGAINST ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, JUDGMENTS, PENALTIES, LIABILITIES, AND COSTS (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS) CAUSED BY OR ARISING OUT OF (I) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (II) THE PRESENCE, RELEASE, OR DISPOSAL OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OR CONTROL OF THE LEASED PREMISES. LESSEE SHALL CLEAN UP, REMOVE, REMEDY AND REPAIR ANY SOIL OR GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE PRESENCE OR RELEASE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN, ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OF THE LEASED PREMISES IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE LAW. THIS INDEMNIFICATION AND ASSUMPTION SHALL APPLY, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, LIABILITY FOR RESPONSE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO CERCLA OR ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAW OR REGULATION. LESSEE SHALL IMMEDIATELY GIVE THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY BREACH OR SUSPECTED BREACH OF THIS PARAGRAPH, UPON LEARNING OF THE PRESENCE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OR UPON RECEIVING A NOTICE FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY PERTAINING TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WHICH MAY AFFECT THE LEASED PREMISES. THE OBLIGATIONS OF LESSEE HEREUNDER SHALL SURVIVE THE EXPIRATION OR EARLIER TERMINATION, FOR ANY REASON, OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

37. **APPLICABLE LAW.** This lease is issued under the provisions of Texas Natural Resources Code 52.171 through 52.190, commonly known as the Relinquishment Act, and other applicable statutes and amendments thereto, and if any provision in this lease does not conform to these statutes, the statutes will prevail over any nonconforming lease provisions.

38. **EXECUTION.** This oil and gas lease must be signed and acknowledged by the Lessee before it is filed of record in the county records and in the General Land Office of the State of Texas. Once the filing requirements found in Paragraph 39 of this lease have been satisfied, the effective date of this lease shall be the date found on Page 1.

39. **LEASE FILING.** Pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, this lease must be filed of record in the office of the County Clerk in any county in which all or any part of the leased premises is located, and certified copies thereof must be filed in the General Land Office. This lease is not effective until a certified copy of this lease (which is made and certified by the County Clerk from his records) is filed in the General Land Office in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.183. Additionally, this lease shall not be binding upon the State unless it recites the actual and true consideration paid or promised for execution of this lease. The bonus due the State and the prescribed filing fee shall accompany such certified copy to the General Land Office.

40. See attached "ADDENDUM" attached hereto and made a part hereof.



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** THIS IS A PAID-UP OIL AND GAS LEASE as to any rentals that may be paid on or before the 1st and 2nd anniversary date. If delay rentals are paid on or before the 3rd anniversary date, the total rental paid shall be \$7,314.00. Of such amount, \$3,657.00 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$3,657.00 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein, and the rentals due on or before the 4th anniversary date will be PAID-UP.

JACK E. BLAKE, JR.



BY: Jack E. Blake, Jr.

TITLE: Individually

DATE: 11-2-2005

MICHAEL J. DANIEL



Michael J. Daniel

Individually

DATE: 11/2/2005

STATE OF TEXAS

BY: 
Doyle Foster Goodspeed, Jr.

DATE: _____

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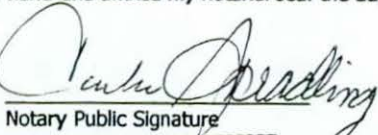
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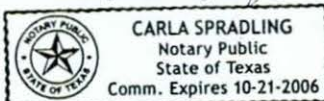
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This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 19 day of October 2005, by **Doyle Foster Goodspeed, Jr.**, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires: 10-21-2006


Notary Public Signature

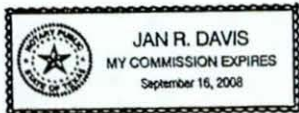


THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF MIDLAND §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 2nd day of November, 2005, by Jack E. Blake, Jr., and Michael J. Daniel, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires:



Jan R. Davis
Notary Public Signature



ADDENDUM attached to and made a part of that certain Oil and Gas Lease dated October 1, 2005,
by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent
Doyle Foster Goodspeed, Jr., and Jack E. Blake, Jr. and Michael J. Daniel.

40. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Paragraph 5 (minimum royalty) and Paragraph 14 (shut-in royalty) refer to their computation to the delay rentals provided in Paragraph 3 herein. The undersigned do hereby recognize and acknowledge that minimum royalty and shut-in royalties due herein are payable in the amount of \$36.57. Of such amount, \$18.29 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$18.29 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein.

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ANY PROVISION HEREIN WHICH LIMITS THE SALE, RENTAL,
OR USE OF THE OIL AND GAS LEASE, BECAUSE OF COLOR
OR RACE IS INVALID AND UNENFORCEABLE UNDER FEDERAL
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By _____

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY CERTIFICATE
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF REEVES

The above and foregoing is a full, true and correct photographic copy of the original record now in my lawful custody and possession, as the same is filed/recorded in the public records of my office, found in VOL 717, PAGE 653, THRU 664.

OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS

I hereby certified on 01/25/2006



DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

BY Dianne Florez DEPUTY

FILE# 5358

General Land Office
Relinquishment Act Lease Form
Revised, September 1997

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of October, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, **Joe Bayne Goodspeed, whose address is 419 Oakhill Drive Conroe, Texas 77304**, said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and

Jack E. Blake, Jr., whose address is P.O. Box 10184, Midland, Texas 79702, and **Michael J. Daniel**, whose address is 201 W. Wall St., Suite 201, Midland, Texas 79701, in **equal shares**, hereinafter called Lessee (whether one or more).

1. GRANTING CLAUSE. For and in consideration of the amounts stated below and of the covenants and agreements to be paid, kept and performed by Lessee under this lease, the State of Texas acting by and through the owner of the soil, hereby grants, leases and lets unto Lessee, for the sole and only purpose of prospecting and drilling for and producing oil and gas, laying pipe lines, building tanks, storing oil and building power Stations, telephone lines and other Structures thereon, to produce, save, take care of, treat and transport said products of the lease, the following lands situated in **Reeves** County, State of Texas, to-wit:

Block 57, T-3, T&P R.R. Co. Survey
Section 4: All, 640 acres, more or less.
Reeves County, Texas

Containing 640.00 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas: FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE AND 50/100** Dollars
(\$5,485.50)

To the owner of the soil: FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE AND 50/100** Dollars
\$5,485.50)

Total bonus consideration: TEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE AND NO/100** Dollars
\$10,971.00)

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of THREE HUNDRED AND NO/100** Dollars (\$300.00) per acre, on 36.57 net acres.

2. TERM. Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of **FIVE YEARS** from this date (herein called primary term") and as long thereafter as oil and gas, or either of them, is produced in paying quantities from said land. As used in this lease, the term "produced in paying quantities" means that the receipts from the sale or other authorized commercial use of the substance(s) covered exceed out of pocket operational expenses for the six months last past.

3. DELAY RENTALS. If no well is commenced on the leased premises on or before one (1) year from this date, this lease shall terminate, unless on or before such anniversary date Lessee shall pay or tender to the owner of the soil or to his credit in the Bank, at 419 Oak Hill, Conroe, TX 77304, or its successors (which shall continue as the depository regardless of changes in the ownership of said land), the amount specified below; in addition, Lessee shall pay or tender to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, a like sum on or before said date. Payments under this paragraph shall operate as a rental and shall cover the privilege of deferring the commencement of a well for one (1) year from said date. Payments under this paragraph shall be in the following amounts:

To the owner of the soil: EIGHTEEN AND 29/100** Dollars *** Dollars (\$18.29)

To the State of Texas: EIGHTEEN AND 29/100** Dollars *** Dollars (\$18.29)

Total Rental: THIRTY-SIX AND 57/100** Dollars *** Dollars (\$36.57) **

(** See attached Amended Delay Rental Provision)

In a like manner and upon like payments or tenders annually, the commencement of a well may be further deferred for successive periods of one (1) year each during the primary term. All payments or tenders of rental to the owner of the soil may be made by check or sight draft of Lessee, or any assignee of this lease, and may be delivered on or before the



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rental paying date. If the bank designated in this paragraph (or its successor bank) should cease to exist, suspend business, liquidate, fail or be succeeded by another bank, or for any reason fail or refuse to accept rental, Lessee shall not be held in default for failure to make such payments or tenders of rental until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil shall deliver to Lessee a proper recordable instrument naming another bank as agent to receive such payments or tenders.

4. **PRODUCTION ROYALTIES.** Upon production of oil and/or gas, Lessee agrees to pay or cause to be paid one-half (1/2) of the royalty provided for in this lease to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, at Austin, Texas, and one-half (1/2) of such royalty to the owner of the soil:

(A) **OIL.** Royalty payable on oil, which is defined as including all hydrocarbons produced in a liquid form at the mouth of the well and also as all condensate, distillate, and other liquid hydrocarbons recovered from oil or gas run through a separator or other equipment, as hereinafter provided, shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be determined by 1) the highest posted price, plus premium, if any, offered or paid for oil, condensate, distillate, or other liquid hydrocarbons, respectively, of a like type and gravity in the general area where produced and when run, or 2) the highest market price thereof offered or paid in the general area where produced and when run, or 3) the gross proceeds of the sale thereof, whichever is the greater. Lessee agrees that before any gas produced from the leased premises is sold, used or processed in a plant, it will be run free of cost to the royalty owners through an adequate oil and gas separator of conventional type, or other equipment at least as efficient, so that all liquid hydrocarbons recoverable from the gas by such means will be recovered. The requirement that such gas be run through a separator or other equipment may be waived in writing by the royalty owners upon such terms and conditions as they prescribe.

(B) **NON PROCESSED GAS.** Royalty on any gas (including flared gas), which is defined as all hydrocarbons and gaseous substances not defined as oil in subparagraph (A) above, produced from any well on said land (except as provided herein with respect to gas processed in a plant for the extraction of gasoline, liquid hydrocarbons or other products) shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be based on the highest market price paid or offered for gas of comparable quality in the general area where produced and when run, or the gross price paid or offered to the producer, whichever is the greater; provided that the maximum pressure base in measuring the gas under this lease shall not at any time exceed 14.65 pounds per square inch absolute, and the standard base temperature shall be sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit, correction to be made for pressure according to Boyle's Law, and for specific gravity according to tests made by the Balance Method or by the most approved method of testing being used by the industry at the time of testing.

(C) **PROCESSED GAS.** Royalty on any gas processed in a gasoline plant or other plant for the recovery of gasoline or other liquid hydrocarbons shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the residue gas and the liquid hydrocarbons extracted or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office. All royalties due herein shall be based on one hundred percent (100%) of the total plant production of residue gas attributable to gas produced from this lease, and on fifty percent (50%), or that percent accruing to Lessee, whichever is the greater, of the total plant production of liquid hydrocarbons attributable to the gas produced from this lease; provided that if liquid hydrocarbons are recovered from gas processed in a plant in which Lessee (or its parent, subsidiary or affiliate) owns an interest, then the percentage applicable to liquid hydrocarbons shall be fifty percent (50%) or the highest percent accruing to a third party processing gas through such plant under a processing agreement negotiated at arm's length (or if there is no such third party, the highest percent then being specified in processing agreements or contracts in the industry), whichever is the greater. The respective royalties on residue gas and on liquid hydrocarbons shall be determined by 1) the highest market price paid or offered for any gas (or liquid hydrocarbons) of comparable quality in the general area, or 2) the gross price paid or offered for such residue gas (or the weighted average gross selling price for the respective grades of liquid hydrocarbons), whichever is the greater. In no event, however, shall the royalties payable under this paragraph be less than the royalties which would have been due had the gas not been processed.

(D) **OTHER PRODUCTS.** Royalty on carbon black, sulphur or any other products produced or manufactured from gas (excepting liquid hydrocarbons) whether said gas be casinghead, "dry," or any other gas, by fractionating, burning or any other processing shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production of such products, or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such market value to be determined as follows: 1) on the basis of the highest market price of each product for the same month in which such product is produced, or 2) on the basis of the average gross sale price of each product for the same month in which such products are produced; whichever is the greater.

5. **MINIMUM ROYALTY.** During any year after the expiration of the primary term of this lease, if this lease is maintained by production, the royalties paid under this lease in no event shall be less than an amount equal to the total annual delay rental herein provided; otherwise, there shall be due and payable on or before the last day of the month succeeding the anniversary date of this lease a sum equal to the total annual rental less the amount of royalties paid during the preceding year. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre.

6. **ROYALTY IN KIND.** Notwithstanding any other provision in this lease, at any time or from time to time,



the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office may, at the option of either, upon not less than sixty (60) days notice to the holder of the lease, require that the payment of any royalties accruing to such royalty owner under this lease be made in kind. The owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's right to take its royalty in kind shall not diminish or negate the owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's rights or Lessee's obligations, whether express or implied, under this lease.

7. NO DEDUCTIONS. Lessee agrees that all royalties accruing under this lease (including those paid in kind) shall be without deduction for the cost of producing, gathering, storing, separating, treating, dehydrating, compressing, processing, transporting, and otherwise making the oil, gas and other products hereunder ready for sale or use. Lessee agrees to compute and pay royalties on the gross value received, including any reimbursements for severance taxes and production related costs.

8. PLANT FUEL AND RECYCLED GAS. No royalty shall be payable on any gas as may represent this lease's proportionate share of any fuel used to process gas produced hereunder in any processing plant. Notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, and subject to the written consent of the owner of the soil and the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee may recycle gas for gas lift purposes on the leased premises or for injection into any oil or gas producing formation underlying the leased premises after the liquid hydrocarbons contained in the gas have been removed; no royalties shall be payable on the recycled gas until it is produced and sold or used by Lessee in a manner which entitles the royalty owners to a royalty under this lease.

9. ROYALTY PAYMENTS AND REPORTS. All royalties not taken in kind shall be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Austin, Texas, in the following manner:

Payment of royalty on production of oil and gas shall be as provided in the rules set forth in the Texas Register. Rules currently provide that royalty on oil is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 5th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, and royalty on gas is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 15th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, accompanied by the affidavit of the owner, manager or other authorized agent, completed in the form and manner prescribed by the General Land Office and showing the gross amount and disposition of all oil and gas produced and the market value of the oil and gas, together with a copy of all documents, records or reports confirming the gross production, disposition and market value including gas meter readings, pipeline receipts, gas line receipts and other checks or memoranda of amount produced and put into pipelines, tanks, or pools and gas lines or gas storage, and any other reports or records which the General Land Office may require to verify the gross production, disposition and market value. In all cases the authority of a manager or agent to act for the Lessee herein must be filed in the General Land Office. Each royalty payment shall be accompanied by a check stub, schedule, summary or other remittance advice showing by the assigned General Land Office lease number the amount of royalty being paid on each lease. If Lessee pays his royalty on or before thirty (30) days after the royalty payment was due, then Lessee owes a penalty of 5% on the royalty or \$25.00, whichever is greater. A royalty payment which is over thirty (30) days late shall accrue a penalty of 10% of the royalty due or \$25.00 whichever is greater. In addition to a penalty, royalties shall accrue interest at a rate of 12% per year, such interest will begin accruing when the royalty is sixty (60) days overdue. Affidavits and supporting documents which are not filed when due shall incur a penalty in an amount set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the affidavits or supporting documents were due. The Lessee shall bear all responsibility for paying or causing royalties to be paid as prescribed by the due date provided herein. Payment of the delinquency penalty shall in no way operate to prohibit the State's right of forfeiture as provided by law nor act to postpone the date on which royalties were originally due. The above penalty provisions shall not apply in cases of title dispute as to the State's portion of the royalty or to that portion of the royalty in dispute as to fair market value.

10. (A) RESERVES, CONTRACTS AND OTHER RECORDS. Lessee shall annually furnish the Commissioner of the General Land Office with its best possible estimate of oil and gas reserves underlying this lease or allocable to this lease and shall furnish said Commissioner with copies of all contracts under which gas is sold or processed and all subsequent agreements and amendments to such contracts within thirty (30) days after entering into or making such contracts, agreements or amendments. Such contracts and agreements when received by the General Land Office shall be held in confidence by the General Land Office unless otherwise authorized by Lessee. All other contracts and records pertaining to the production, transportation, sale and marketing of the oil and gas produced on said premises, including the books and accounts, receipts and discharges of all wells, tanks, pools, meters, and pipelines shall at all times be subject to inspection and examination by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, the Governor, or the representative of any of them.

(B) PERMITS, DRILLING RECORDS. Written notice of all operations on this lease shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the General Land Office by Lessee or operator five (5) days before spud date, workover, re-entry, temporary abandonment or plug and abandonment of any well or wells. Such written notice to the General Land Office shall include copies of Railroad Commission forms for application to drill. Copies of well tests, completion reports and plugging reports shall be supplied to the General Land Office at the time they are filed with the Texas Railroad Commission. All applications, permits, reports or other filings that reference this lease or any specific well on the leased premises and that are submitted to the Texas Railroad Commission or any other governmental agency shall include the word "State" in the title. Additionally, in accordance with Railroad Commission rules, any signage on the leased premises for the purpose of identifying wells, tank batteries or other associated improvements to the land must also include the word "State." Lessee shall supply the General Land Office with any records, memoranda, accounts, reports, cuttings and



cores, or other information relative to the operation of the above described premises, which may be requested by the General Land Office, in addition to those herein expressly provided for. Lessee shall have an electrical and/or radioactivity survey made on the bore-hole section, from the base of the surface casing to the total depth of well, of all wells drilled on the above described premises and shall transmit a true copy of the log of each survey on each well to the General Land Office within fifteen (15) days after the making of said survey.

(C) PENALTIES. Lessee shall incur a penalty whenever reports, documents or other materials are not filed in the General Land Office when due. The penalty for late filing shall be set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the materials were due in the General Land Office.

11. DRY HOLE/CESSATION OF PRODUCTION DURING PRIMARY TERM. If, during the primary term hereof and prior to discovery and production of oil or gas on said land, Lessee should drill a dry hole or holes thereon, or if during the primary term hereof and after the discovery and actual production of oil or gas from the leased premises such production thereof should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if on or before the expiration of sixty (60) days from date of completion of said dry hole or cessation of production Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations thereon, or pays or tenders the next annual delay rental in the same manner as provided in this lease. If, during the last year of the primary term or within sixty (60) days prior thereto, a dry hole be completed and abandoned, or the production of oil or gas should cease for any cause, Lessee's rights shall remain in full force and effect without further operations until the expiration of the primary term; and if Lessee has not resumed production in paying quantities at the expiration of the primary term, Lessee may maintain this lease by conducting additional drilling or reworking operations pursuant to Paragraph 13, using the expiration of the primary term as the date of cessation of production under Paragraph 13. Should the first well or any subsequent well drilled on the above described land be completed as a shut-in oil or gas well within the primary term hereof, Lessee may resume payment of the annual rental in the same manner as provided herein on or before the rental paying date following the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date of completion of such shut-in oil or gas well and upon the failure to make such payment, this lease shall ipso facto terminate. If at the expiration of the primary term or any time thereafter a shut-in oil or gas well is located on the leased premises, payments may be made in accordance with the shut-in provisions hereof.

12. DRILLING AND REWORKING AT EXPIRATION OF PRIMARY TERM. If, at the expiration of the primary term, neither oil nor gas is being produced on said land, but Lessee is then engaged in drilling or reworking operations thereon, this lease shall remain in force so long as operations on said well or for drilling or reworking of any additional well are prosecuted in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days during any one such operation, and if they result in the production of oil and/or gas, so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced in paying quantities from said land, or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or compensatory royalties is made as provided in this lease.

13. CESSATION, DRILLING, AND REWORKING. If, after the expiration of the primary term, production of oil or gas from the leased premises, after once obtained, should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after such cessation, and this lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as such operations continue in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. If such drilling or reworking operations result in the production of oil or gas, the lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as oil or gas is produced from the leased premises in paying quantities or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or payment of compensatory royalties is made as provided herein or as provided by law. If the drilling or reworking operations result in the completion of a well as a dry hole, the lease will not terminate if the Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after the completion of the well as a dry hole, and this lease shall remain in effect so long as Lessee continues drilling or reworking operations in good faith and in a workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. Lessee shall give written notice to the General Land Office within thirty (30) days of any cessation of production.

14. SHUT-IN ROYALTIES. For purposes of this paragraph, "well" means any well that has been assigned a well number by the state agency having jurisdiction over the production of oil and gas. If, at any time after the expiration of the primary term of a lease that, until being shut in, was being maintained in force and effect, a well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities is located on the leased premises, but oil or gas is not being produced for lack of suitable production facilities or lack of a suitable market, then Lessee may pay as a shut-in oil or gas royalty an amount equal to double the annual rental provided in the lease, but not less than \$1,200 a year for each well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre. To be effective, each initial shut-in oil or gas royalty must be paid on or before: (1) the expiration of the primary term, (2) 60 days after the Lessee ceases to produce oil or gas from the leased premises, or (3) 60 days after Lessee completes a drilling or reworking operation in accordance with the lease provisions; whichever date is latest. Such payment shall be made one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil. If the shut-in oil or gas royalty is paid, the lease shall be considered to be a producing lease and the payment shall extend the term of the lease for a period of one year from the end of the primary term, or from the first day of the month following the month in which production ceased, and, after that, if no suitable production facilities or suitable market for the oil or gas exists, Lessee may extend the lease for four more successive periods of one (1) year by paying the same amount each year on or before the expiration of each shut-in year.



15. **COMPENSATORY ROYALTIES.** If, during the period the lease is kept in effect by payment of the shut-in oil or gas royalty, oil or gas is sold and delivered in paying quantities from a well located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises and completed in the same producing reservoir, or in any case in which drainage is occurring, the right to continue to maintain the lease by paying the shut-in oil or gas royalty shall cease, but the lease shall remain effective for the remainder of the year for which the royalty has been paid. The Lessee may maintain the lease for four more successive years by Lessee paying compensatory royalty at the royalty rate provided in the lease of the market value of production from the well causing the drainage or which is completed in the same producing reservoir and within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. The compensatory royalty is to be paid monthly, one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil, beginning on or before the last day of the month following the month in which the oil or gas is produced from the well causing the drainage or that is completed in the same producing reservoir and located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. If the compensatory royalty paid in any 12-month period is in an amount less than the annual shut-in oil or gas royalty, Lessee shall pay an amount equal to the difference within thirty (30) days from the end of the 12-month period. Compensatory royalty payments which are not timely paid will accrue penalty and interest in accordance with Paragraph 9 of this lease. None of these provisions will relieve Lessee of the obligation of reasonable development nor the obligation to drill offset wells as provided in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.173; however, at the determination of the Commissioner, and with the Commissioner's written approval, the payment of compensatory royalties can satisfy the obligation to drill offset wells.

16. **RETAINED ACREAGE.** Notwithstanding any provision of this lease to the contrary, after a well producing or capable of producing oil or gas has been completed on the leased premises, Lessee shall exercise the diligence of a reasonably prudent operator in drilling such additional well or wells as may be reasonably necessary for the proper development of the leased premises and in marketing the production thereon.

(A) **VERTICAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term, it shall then terminate as to all of the leased premises, EXCEPT (1) 40 acres surrounding each oil well capable of producing in paying quantities and 320 acres surrounding each gas well capable of producing in paying quantities (including a shut-in oil or gas well as provided in Paragraph 14 hereof), or a well upon which Lessee is then engaged in continuous drilling or reworking operations, or (2) the number of acres included in a producing pooled unit pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153, or (3) such greater or lesser number of acres as may then be allocated for production purposes to a proration unit for each such producing well under the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas, or any successor agency, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction. If at any time after the effective date of the partial termination provisions hereof, the applicable field rules are changed or the well or wells located thereon are reclassified so that less acreage is thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes, this lease shall thereupon terminate as to all acreage not thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes. Notwithstanding the termination of this lease as to a portion of the lands covered hereby, Lessee shall nevertheless continue to have the right of ingress to and egress from the lands still subject to this lease for all purposes described in Paragraph 1 hereof, together with easements and right-of-ways for existing roads, existing pipelines and other existing facilities on, over and across all the lands described in Paragraph 1 hereof ("the retained lands"), for access to and from the retained lands and for the gathering or transportation of oil, gas and other minerals produced from the retained lands.

(B) **HORIZONTAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term it shall further terminate as to all depths below 100 feet below the total depth drilled (hereinafter "deeper depths") in each well located on acreage retained in Paragraph 16(A) above, unless on or before two (2) years after the primary or extended term Lessee pays an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the bonus originally paid as consideration for this lease (as specified on page 1 hereof). If such amount is paid, this lease shall be in force and effect as to such deeper depths, and said termination shall be delayed for an additional period of two (2) years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities from such deeper depths covered by this lease.

(C) **IDENTIFICATION AND FILING.** The surface acreage retained hereunder as to each well shall, as nearly as practical, be in the form of a square with the well located in the center thereof, or such other shape as may be approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office. Within thirty (30) days after partial termination of this lease as provided herein, Lessee shall execute and record a release or releases containing a satisfactory legal description of the acreage and/or depths not retained hereunder. The recorded release, or a certified copy of same, shall be filed in the General Land Office, accompanied by the filing fee prescribed by the General Land Office rules in effect on the date the release is filed. If Lessee fails or refuses to execute and record such release or releases within ninety (90) days after being requested to do so by the General Land Office, then the Commissioner at his sole discretion may designate by written instrument the acreage and/or depths to be released hereunder and record such instrument at Lessee's expense in the county or counties where the lease is located and in the official records of the General Land Office and such designation shall be binding upon Lessee for all purposes.

17. **OFFSET WELLS.** Neither the bonus, delay rentals, nor royalties paid, or to be paid, under this lease shall relieve Lessee of his obligation to protect the oil and gas under the above-described land from being drained. Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall drill as many wells as the facts may justify and shall use appropriate means and drill to a depth necessary to prevent undue drainage of oil and gas from the leased premises. In addition, if oil and/or gas should be produced in commercial quantities within 1,000 feet of the leased premises, or in any case where the leased premises is being drained by production of oil or gas, the Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall in good faith begin the drilling of a well or wells upon the



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leased premises within 100 days after the draining well or wells or the well or wells completed within 1,000 feet of the leased premises start producing in commercial quantities and shall prosecute such drilling with diligence. Failure to satisfy the statutory offset obligation may subject this lease and the owner of the soil's agency rights to forfeiture. Only upon the determination of the Commissioner of the General Land Office and with his written approval may the payment of compensatory royalty under applicable statutory parameters satisfy the obligation to drill an offset well or wells required under this paragraph.

18. **FORCE MAJEURE.** If, after a good faith effort, Lessee is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this lease, from conducting drilling operations on the leased premises, or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises by reason of war, rebellion, riots, strikes, acts of God, or any valid order, rule or regulation of government authority, then while so prevented, Lessee's obligation to comply with such covenant shall be suspended and Lessee shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenants; additionally, this lease shall be extended while Lessee is prevented, by any such cause, from conducting drilling and reworking operations or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises. However, nothing in this paragraph shall suspend the payment of delay rentals in order to maintain this lease in effect during the primary term in the absence of such drilling or reworking operations or production of oil or gas.

19. **WARRANTY CLAUSE.** The owner of the soil warrants and agrees to defend title to the leased premises. If the owner of the soil defaults in payments owed on the leased premises, then Lessee may redeem the rights of the owner of the soil in the leased premises by paying any mortgage, taxes or other liens on the leased premises. If Lessee makes payments on behalf of the owner of the soil under this paragraph, Lessee may recover the cost of these payments from the rental and royalties due the owner of the soil.

20. (A) **PROPORTIONATE REDUCTION CLAUSE.** If the owner of the soil owns less than the entire undivided surface estate in the above described land, whether or not Lessee's interest is specified herein, then the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the owner of the soil shall be paid to him in the proportion which his interest bears to the entire undivided surface estate and the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas shall be likewise proportionately reduced. However, before Lessee adjusts the royalty or rental due to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee or his authorized representative must submit to the Commissioner of the General Land Office a written statement which explains the discrepancy between the interest purportedly leased under this lease and the actual interest owned by the owner of the soil. The Commissioner of the General Land Office shall be paid the value of the whole production allocable to any undivided interest not covered by a lease, less the proportionate development and production cost allocable to such undivided interest. However, in no event shall the Commissioner of the General Land Office receive as a royalty on the gross production allocable to the undivided interest not leased an amount less than the value of one-sixteenth (1/16) of such gross production.

(B) **REDUCTION OF PAYMENTS.** If, during the primary term, a portion of the land covered by this lease is included within the boundaries of a pooled unit that has been approved by the School Land Board and the owner of the soil in accordance with Natural Resources Code Sections 52.151-52.154, or if at any time after the expiration of the primary term or the extended term, this lease covers a lesser number of acres than the total amount described herein, payments that are made on a per acre basis hereunder shall be reduced according to the number of acres pooled, released, surrendered, or otherwise severed, so that payments determined on a per acre basis under the terms of this lease during the primary term shall be calculated based upon the number of acres outside the boundaries of a pooled unit, or, if after the expiration of the primary term, the number of acres actually retained and covered by this lease.

21. **USE OF WATER.** Lessee shall have the right to use water produced on said land necessary for operations under this lease except water from wells or tanks of the owner of the soil; provided, however, Lessee shall not use potable water or water suitable for livestock or irrigation purposes for watertlood operations without the prior consent of the owner of the soil.

22. **AUTHORIZED DAMAGES.** Lessee shall pay the owner of the soil for damages caused by its operations to all personal property, improvements, livestock and crops on said land.

23. **PIPELINE DEPTH.** When requested by the owner of the soil, Lessee shall bury its pipelines below plow depth.

24. **WELL LOCATION LIMIT.** No well shall be drilled nearer than two hundred (200) feet to any house or barn now on said premises without the written consent of the owner of the soil.

25. **POLLUTION.** In developing this area, Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all proper safeguards to prevent pollution. Without limiting the foregoing, pollution of coastal wetlands, natural waterways, rivers and impounded water shall be prevented by the use of containment facilities sufficient to prevent spillage, seepage or ground water contamination. In the event of pollution, Lessee shall use all means at its disposal to recapture all escaped hydrocarbons or other pollutant and shall be responsible for all damage to public and private properties. Lessee shall build and maintain fences around its slush, sump, and drainage pits and tank batteries so as to protect livestock against loss, damage or injury; and upon completion or abandonment of any well or wells, Lessee shall fill and level all slush pits and cellars and completely clean up the drilling site of all rubbish thereon. Lessee shall, while conducting operations on the leased premises, keep said premises free of all rubbish, cans, bottles, paper cups or garbage, and upon completion of



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operations shall restore the surface of the land to as near its original condition and contours as is practicable. Tanks and equipment will be kept painted and presentable.

26. REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT. Subject to limitations in this paragraph, Lessee shall have the right to remove machinery and fixtures placed by Lessee on the leased premises, including the right to draw and remove casing, within one hundred twenty (120) days after the expiration or the termination of this lease unless the owner of the soil grants Lessee an extension of this 120-day period. However, Lessee may not remove casing from any well capable of producing oil and gas in paying quantities. Additionally, Lessee may not draw and remove casing until after thirty (30) days written notice to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and to the owner of the soil. The owner of the soil shall become the owner of any machinery, fixtures, or casing which are not timely removed by Lessee under the terms of this paragraph.

27. (A) ASSIGNMENTS. Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29 of this lease, the rights and estates of either party to this lease may be assigned, in whole or in part, and the provisions of this lease shall extend to and be binding upon their heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns. However, a change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties will not enlarge the obligations of Lessee, diminish the rights, privileges and estates of Lessee, impair the effectiveness of any payment made by Lessee or impair the effectiveness of any act performed by Lessee. And no change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties shall bind Lessee for any purpose until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil (or his heirs, devisees, legal representatives or assigns) furnishes the Lessee with satisfactory written evidence of the change in ownership, including the original recorded muniments of title (or a certified copy of such original) when the ownership changed because of a conveyance. A total or partial assignment of this lease shall, to the extent of the interest assigned, relieve and discharge Lessee of all subsequent obligations under this lease. If this lease is assigned in its entirety as to only part of the acreage, the right and option to pay rentals shall be apportioned as between the several owners ratably, according to the area of each, and failure by one or more of them to pay his share of the rental shall not affect this lease on the part of the land upon which pro rata rentals are timely paid or tendered; however, if the assignor or assignee does not file a certified copy of such assignment in the General Land Office before the next rental paying date, the entire lease shall terminate for failure to pay the entire rental due under Paragraph 3. Every assignee shall succeed to all rights and be subject to all obligations, liabilities, and penalties owed to the State by the original lessee or any prior assignee of the lease, including any liabilities to the State for unpaid royalties.

(B) ASSIGNMENT LIMITATION. Notwithstanding any provision in Paragraph 27(a), if the owner of the soil acquires this lease in whole or in part by assignment without the prior written approval of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, this lease is void as of the time of assignment and the agency power of the owner may be forfeited by the Commissioner. An assignment will be treated as if it were made to the owner of the soil if the assignee is:

- (1) a nominee of the owner of the soil;
- (2) a corporation or subsidiary in which the owner of the soil is a principal stockholder or is an employee of such a corporation or subsidiary;
- (3) a partnership in which the owner of the soil is a partner or is an employee of such a partnership;
- (4) a principal stockholder or employee of the corporation which is the owner of the soil;
- (5) a partner or employee in a partnership which is the owner of the soil;
- (6) a fiduciary for the owner of the soil; including but not limited to a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, or conservator for the owner of the soil; or
- (7) a family member of the owner of the soil or related to the owner of the soil by marriage, blood, or adoption.

28. RELEASES. Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29, Lessee may at any time execute and deliver to the owner of the soil and place of record a release or releases covering any portion or portions of the leased premises, and thereby surrender this lease as to such portion or portions, and be relieved of all subsequent obligations as to acreage surrendered. If any part of this lease is properly surrendered, the delay rental due under this lease shall be reduced by the proportion that the surrendered acreage bears to the acreage which was covered by this lease immediately prior to such surrender; however, such release will not relieve Lessee of any liabilities which may have accrued under this lease prior to the surrender of such acreage.

29. FILING OF ASSIGNMENTS AND RELEASES. If all or any part of this lease is assigned or released, such assignment or release must be recorded in the county where the land is situated, and the recorded instrument, or a copy of the recorded instrument certified by the County Clerk of the county in which the instrument is recorded, must be filed in the General Land Office within 90 days of the last execution date accompanied by the prescribed filing fee. If any such assignment is not so filed, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture at the option of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

30. DISCLOSURE CLAUSE. All provisions pertaining to the lease of the above-described land have been included in this instrument, including the statement of the true consideration to be paid for the execution of this lease and the rights and duties of the parties. Any collateral agreements concerning the development of oil and gas from the leased premises which are not contained in this lease render this lease invalid.



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31. FIDUCIARY DUTY. The owner of the soil owes the State a fiduciary duty and must fully disclose any facts affecting the State's interest in the leased premises. When the interests of the owner of the soil conflict with those of the State, the owner of the soil is obligated to put the State's interests before his personal interests.

32. FORFEITURE. If Lessee shall fail or refuse to make the payment of any sum within thirty days after it becomes due, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly make any false return or false report concerning production or drilling, or if Lessee shall fail or refuse to drill any offset well or wells in good faith as required by law and the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or if Lessee should fail to file reports in the manner required by law or fail to comply with rules and regulations promulgated by the General Land Office, the School Land Board, or the Railroad Commission, or if Lessee should refuse the proper authority access to the records pertaining to operations, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly fail or refuse to give correct information to the proper authority, or knowingly fail or refuse to furnish the General Land Office a correct log of any well, or if Lessee shall knowingly violate any of the material provisions of this lease, or if this lease is assigned and the assignment is not filed in the General Land Office as required by law, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture by the Commissioner, and he shall forfeit same when sufficiently informed of the facts which authorize a forfeiture, and when forfeited the area shall again be subject to lease under the terms of the Relinquishment Act. However, nothing herein shall be construed as waiving the automatic termination of this lease by operation of law or by reason of any special limitation arising hereunder. Forfeitures may be set aside and this lease and all rights thereunder reinstated before the rights of another intervene upon satisfactory evidence to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of future compliance with the provisions of the law and of this lease and the rules and regulations that may be adopted relative hereto.

33. LIEN. In accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136, the State shall have a first lien upon all oil and gas produced from the area covered by this lease to secure payment of all unpaid royalty and other sums of money that may become due under this lease. By acceptance of this lease, Lessee grants the State, in addition to the lien provided by Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136 and any other applicable statutory lien, an express contractual lien on and security interest in all leased minerals in and extracted from the leased premises, all proceeds which may accrue to Lessee from the sale of such leased minerals, whether such proceeds are held by Lessee or by a third party, and all fixtures on and improvements to the leased premises used in connection with the production or processing of such leased minerals in order to secure the payment of all royalties or other amounts due or to become due under this lease and to secure payment of any damages or loss that Lessor may suffer by reason of Lessee's breach of any covenant or condition of this lease, whether express or implied. This lien and security interest may be foreclosed with or without court proceedings in the manner provided in the Title I, Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code. Lessee agrees that the Commissioner may require Lessee to execute and record such instruments as may be reasonably necessary to acknowledge, attach or perfect this lien. Lessee hereby represents that there are no prior or superior liens arising from and relating to Lessee's activities upon the above-described property or from Lessee's acquisition of this lease. Should the Commissioner at any time determine that this representation is not true, then the Commissioner may declare this lease forfeited as provided herein.

34. POOLING. Lessee is hereby granted the right to pool or unitize the royalty interest of the owner of the soil under this lease with any other leasehold or mineral interest for the exploration, development and production of oil or gas or either of them upon the same terms as shall be approved by the School Land Board and the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the pooling or unitizing of the interest of the State under this lease pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153. The owner of the soil agrees that the inclusion of this provision in this lease satisfies the execution requirements stated in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.152.

35. INDEMNITY. Lessee hereby releases and discharges the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns, of and from all and any actions and causes of action of every nature, or other harm, including environmental harm, for which recovery of damages is sought, including, but not limited to, all losses and expenses which are caused by the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents arising out of, incidental to, or resulting from, the operations of or for Lessee on the leased premises hereunder, or that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement, or by any other negligent or strictly liable act or omission of Lessee. Further, Lessee hereby agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees and agents, their successors or assigns, against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, actions, personal injury (including death), costs and expenses, or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, under any theory including tort, contract, or strict liability, including attorneys' fees and other legal expenses, including those related to environmental hazards, on the leased premises or in any way related to Lessee's failure to comply with any and all environmental laws; those arising from or in any way related to Lessee's operations or any other of Lessee's activities on the leased premises; those arising from Lessee's use of the surface of the leased premises; and those that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or any other act or omission of Lessee, its directors, officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns. Each assignee of this Agreement, or an interest therein, agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, and agents in the same manner provided above in connection with the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents as described above. **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY LIMITED HEREIN, ALL OF THE INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS AND/OR LIABILITIES ASSUMED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE WITHOUT LIMITS AND WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CAUSE OR CAUSES THEREOF**



(EXCLUDING PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS), STRICT LIABILITY, OR THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY OR PARTIES (INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE INDENINIFIED PARTY), WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE BE SOLE, JOINT, CONCURRENT, ACTIVE, OR PASSIVE.

36. **ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS.** Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all reasonable safeguards to prevent contamination or pollution of any environmental medium, including soil, surface waters, groundwater, sediments, and surface or subsurface strata, ambient air or any other environmental medium in, on, or under the leased premises, by any waste, pollutant, or contaminant. Lessee shall not bring or permit to remain on the leased premises any asbestos containing materials, explosives, toxic materials, or substances regulated as hazardous wastes, hazardous materials, hazardous substances (as the term "Hazardous Substance" is defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601, et seq.), or toxic substances under any federal, state, or local law or regulation ("Hazardous Materials"), except ordinary products commonly used in connection with oil and gas exploration and development operations and stored in the usual manner and quantities. **LESSEE'S VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION SHALL CONSTITUTE A MATERIAL BREACH AND DEFAULT HEREUNDER AND LESSEE SHALL INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL FROM AND AGAINST ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, JUDGMENTS, PENALTIES, LIABILITIES, AND COSTS (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS) CAUSED BY OR ARISING OUT OF (I) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (II) THE PRESENCE, RELEASE, OR DISPOSAL OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OR CONTROL OF THE LEASED PREMISES. LESSEE SHALL CLEAN UP, REMOVE, REMEDY AND REPAIR ANY SOIL OR GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE PRESENCE OR RELEASE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN, ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OF THE LEASED PREMISES IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE LAW. THIS INDEMNIFICATION AND ASSUMPTION SHALL APPLY, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, LIABILITY FOR RESPONSE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO CERCLA OR ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAW OR REGULATION. LESSEE SHALL IMMEDIATELY GIVE THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY BREACH OR SUSPECTED BREACH OF THIS PARAGRAPH, UPON LEARNING OF THE PRESENCE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OR UPON RECEIVING A NOTICE FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY PERTAINING TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WHICH MAY AFFECT THE LEASED PREMISES. THE OBLIGATIONS OF LESSEE HEREUNDER SHALL SURVIVE THE EXPIRATION OR EARLIER TERMINATION, FOR ANY REASON, OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

37. **APPLICABLE LAW.** This lease is issued under the provisions of Texas Natural Resources Code 52.171 through 52.190, commonly known as the Relinquishment Act, and other applicable statutes and amendments thereto, and if any provision in this lease does not conform to these statutes, the statutes will prevail over any nonconforming lease provisions.

38. **EXECUTION.** This oil and gas lease must be signed and acknowledged by the Lessee before it is filed of record in the county records and in the General Land Office of the State of Texas. Once the filing requirements found in Paragraph 39 of this lease have been satisfied, the effective date of this lease shall be the date found on Page 1.

39. **LEASE FILING.** Pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, this lease must be filed of record in the office of the County Clerk in any county in which all or any part of the leased premises is located, and certified copies thereof must be filed in the General Land Office. This lease is not effective until a certified copy of this lease (which is made and certified by the County Clerk from his records) is filed in the General Land Office in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.183. Additionally, this lease shall not be binding upon the State unless it recites the actual and true consideration paid or promised for execution of this lease. The bonus due the State and the prescribed filing fee shall accompany such certified copy to the General Land Office.

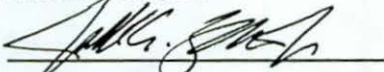
40. See attached "ADDENDUM" attached hereto and made a part hereof.



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** THIS IS A PAID-UP OIL AND GAS LEASE as to any rentals that may be paid on or before the 1st and 2nd anniversary date. If delay rentals are paid on or before the 3rd anniversary date, the total rental paid shall be \$7,314.00. Of such amount, \$3,657.00 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$3,657.00 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein, and the rentals due on or before the 4th anniversary date will be PAID-UP.

JACK E. BLAKE, JR.

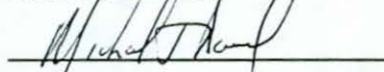


BY: Jack E. Blake, Jr.

TITLE: Individually

DATE: 11-2-2005

MICHAEL J. DANIEL

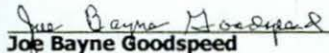


Michael J. Daniel

Individually

DATE: 11/2/2005

STATE OF TEXAS

BY: 
Joe Bayne Goodspeed

DATE: 10/19/05

STATE OF TEXAS

BY: _____

DATE: _____

THE STATE OF

Texas

§

COUNTY OF

Montgomery

§

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 19 day of October, 2005, by **Joe Bayne Goodspeed**, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires:




Notary Public Signature



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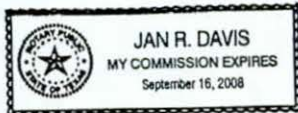
THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF MIDLAND §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 2nd day of November, 2005, by Jack E. Blake, Jr., and Michael J. Daniel, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires:

Jan R. Davis
Notary Public Signature



ADDENDUM attached to and made a part of that certain Oil and Gas Lease dated October 1, 2005, by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent Joe Bayne Goodspeed, and Jack E. Blake, Jr. and Michael J. Daniel.

40. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Paragraph 5 (minimum royalty) and Paragraph 14 (shut-in royalty) refer to their computation to the delay rentals provided in Paragraph 3 herein. The undersigned do hereby recognize and acknowledge that minimum royalty and shut-in royalties due herein are payable in the amount of \$36.57. Of such amount, \$18.29 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$18.29 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein.

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BY: [Signature], DEPUTY

ANY PROVISION HEREIN WHICH ATTEMPTS THE SALE, RENTAL, OR USE OF THE OIL AND GAS PROPERTY BECAUSE OF COLOR OR RACE IS INVALID AND UNENFORCEABLE UNDER FEDERAL LAW

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Lease I
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George P. Bush, Commissioner
By _____

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY CERTIFICATE
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF REEVES

The above and foregoing is a full, true and correct photographic copy of the original record now in my lawful custody and possession, as the same is filed/recorded in the public records of my office, found in VOL. 717 PAGE 617, THRU 628.
OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS

I hereby certified on 01/25/2006



DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

BY *Dianne Florez* DEPUTY

FILE# 5353

General Land Office
Relinquishment Act Lease Form
Revised, September 1997

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of October, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, **Mary Jane Rogers, whose address is 1502 Austrian Road Grand Prairie, Texas 75050**, said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and

Jack E. Blake, Jr., whose address is P.O. Box 10184, Midland, Texas 79702, and **Michael J. Daniel**, whose address is 201 W. Wall St., Suite 201, Midland, Texas 79701, in equal shares, hereinafter called Lessee (whether one or more).

1. GRANTING CLAUSE. For and in consideration of the amounts stated below and of the covenants and agreements to be paid, kept and performed by Lessee under this lease, the State of Texas acting by and through the owner of the soil, hereby grants, leases and lets unto Lessee, for the sole and only purpose of prospecting and drilling for and producing oil and gas, laying pipe lines, building tanks, storing oil and building power Stations, telephone lines and other Structures thereon, to produce, save, take care of, treat and transport said products of the lease, the following lands situated in Reeves County, State of Texas, to-wit:

Block 57, T-3, T&P R.R. Co. Survey
Section 4: All, 640 acres, more or less.
Reeves County, Texas

Containing 640.00 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas:	<u>FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE AND 50/100** Dollars</u> <u>(\$5,485.50)</u>
To the owner of the soil:	<u>FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE AND 50/100** Dollars</u> <u>\$5,485.50)</u>
Total bonus consideration:	<u>TEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE AND NO/100** Dollars</u> <u>\$10,971.00)</u>

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of THREE HUNDRED AND NO/100** Dollars (\$300.00) per acre, on 36.57 net acres.

2. TERM. Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of FIVE YEARS from this date (herein called primary term") and as long thereafter as oil and gas, or either of them, is produced in paying quantities from said land. As used in this lease, the term "produced in paying quantities" means that the receipts from the sale or other authorized commercial use of the substance(s) covered exceed out of pocket operational expenses for the six months last past.

3. DELAY RENTALS. If no well is commenced on the leased premises on or before one (1) year from this date, this lease shall terminate, unless on or before such anniversary date Lessee shall pay or tender to the owner of the soil or to his credit in the Bank, at _____, or its successors (which shall continue as the depository regardless of changes in the ownership of said land), the amount specified below; in addition, Lessee shall pay or tender to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, a like sum on or before said date. Payments under this paragraph shall operate as a rental and shall cover the privilege of deferring the commencement of a well for one (1) year from said date. Payments under this paragraph shall be in the following amounts:

To the owner of the soil:	<u>EIGHTEEN AND 29/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$18.29)
To the State of Texas:	<u>EIGHTEEN AND 29/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$18.29)
Total Rental:	<u>THIRTY-SIX AND 57/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$36.57) **

(** See attached Amended Delay Rental Provision)

In a like manner and upon like payments or tenders annually, the commencement of a well may be further deferred for successive periods of one (1) year each during the primary term. All payments or tenders of rental to the owner of the soil may be made by check or sight draft of Lessee, or any assignee of this lease, and may be delivered on or before the

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rental paying date. If the bank designated in this paragraph (or its successor bank) should cease to exist, suspend business, liquidate, fail or be succeeded by another bank, or for any reason fail or refuse to accept rental, Lessee shall not be held in default for failure to make such payments or tenders of rental until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil shall deliver to Lessee a proper recordable instrument naming another bank as agent to receive such payments or tenders.

4. PRODUCTION ROYALTIES. Upon production of oil and/or gas, Lessee agrees to pay or cause to be paid one-half (1/2) of the royalty provided for in this lease to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, at Austin, Texas, and one-half (1/2) of such royalty to the owner of the soil:

(A) OIL. Royalty payable on oil, which is defined as including all hydrocarbons produced in a liquid form at the mouth of the well and also as all condensate, distillate, and other liquid hydrocarbons recovered from oil or gas run through a separator or other equipment, as hereinafter provided, shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be determined by 1) the highest posted price, plus premium, if any, offered or paid for oil, condensate, distillate, or other liquid hydrocarbons, respectively, of a like type and gravity in the general area where produced and when run, or 2) the highest market price thereof offered or paid in the general area where produced and when run, or 3) the gross proceeds of the sale thereof, whichever is the greater. Lessee agrees that before any gas produced from the leased premises is sold, used or processed in a plant, it will be run free of cost to the royalty owners through an adequate oil and gas separator of conventional type, or other equipment at least as efficient, so that all liquid hydrocarbons recoverable from the gas by such means will be recovered. The requirement that such gas be run through a separator or other equipment may be waived in writing by the royalty owners upon such terms and conditions as they prescribe.

(B) NON PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas (including flared gas), which is defined as all hydrocarbons and gaseous substances not defined as oil in subparagraph (A) above, produced from any well on said land (except as provided herein with respect to gas processed in a plant for the extraction of gasoline, liquid hydrocarbons or other products) shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be based on the highest market price paid or offered for gas of comparable quality in the general area where produced and when run, or the gross price paid or offered to the producer, whichever is the greater; provided that the maximum pressure base in measuring the gas under this lease shall not at any time exceed 14.65 pounds per square inch absolute, and the standard base temperature shall be sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit, correction to be made for pressure according to Boyle's Law, and for specific gravity according to tests made by the Balance Method or by the most approved method of testing being used by the industry at the time of testing.

(C) PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas processed in a gasoline plant or other plant for the recovery of gasoline or other liquid hydrocarbons shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the residue gas and the liquid hydrocarbons extracted or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office. All royalties due herein shall be based on one hundred percent (100%) of the total plant production of residue gas attributable to gas produced from this lease, and on fifty percent (50%), or that percent accruing to Lessee, whichever is the greater, of the total plant production of liquid hydrocarbons attributable to the gas produced from this lease; provided that if liquid hydrocarbons are recovered from gas processed in a plant in which Lessee (or its parent, subsidiary or affiliate) owns an interest, then the percentage applicable to liquid hydrocarbons shall be fifty percent (50%) or the highest percent accruing to a third party processing gas through such plant under a processing agreement negotiated at arm's length (or if there is no such third party, the highest percent then being specified in processing agreements or contracts in the industry), whichever is the greater. The respective royalties on residue gas and on liquid hydrocarbons shall be determined by 1) the highest market price paid or offered for any gas (or liquid hydrocarbons) of comparable quality in the general area, or 2) the gross price paid or offered for such residue gas (or the weighted average gross selling price for the respective grades of liquid hydrocarbons), whichever is the greater. In no event, however, shall the royalties payable under this paragraph be less than the royalties which would have been due had the gas not been processed.

(D) OTHER PRODUCTS. Royalty on carbon black, sulphur or any other products produced or manufactured from gas (excepting liquid hydrocarbons) whether said gas be casinghead, "dry," or any other gas, by fractionating, burning or any other processing shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production of such products, or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such market value to be determined as follows: 1) on the basis of the highest market price of each product for the same month in which such product is produced, or 2) on the basis of the average gross sale price of each product for the same month in which such products are produced; whichever is the greater.

5. MINIMUM ROYALTY. During any year after the expiration of the primary term of this lease, if this lease is maintained by production, the royalties paid under this lease in no event shall be less than an amount equal to the total annual delay rental herein provided; otherwise, there shall be due and payable on or before the last day of the month succeeding the anniversary date of this lease a sum equal to the total annual rental less the amount of royalties paid during the preceding year. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre.

6. ROYALTY IN KIND. Notwithstanding any other provision in this lease, at any time or from time to time,



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the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office may, at the option of either, upon not less than sixty (60) days notice to the holder of the lease, require that the payment of any royalties accruing to such royalty owner under this lease be made in kind. The owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's right to take its royalty in kind shall not diminish or negate the owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's rights or Lessee's obligations, whether express or implied, under this lease.

7. NO DEDUCTIONS. Lessee agrees that all royalties accruing under this lease (including those paid in kind) shall be without deduction for the cost of producing, gathering, storing, separating, treating, dehydrating, compressing, processing, transporting, and otherwise making the oil, gas and other products hereunder ready for sale or use. Lessee agrees to compute and pay royalties on the gross value received, including any reimbursements for severance taxes and production related costs.

8. PLANT FUEL AND RECYCLED GAS. No royalty shall be payable on any gas as may represent this lease's proportionate share of any fuel used to process gas produced hereunder in any processing plant. Notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, and subject to the written consent of the owner of the soil and the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee may recycle gas for gas lift purposes on the leased premises or for injection into any oil or gas producing formation underlying the leased premises after the liquid hydrocarbons contained in the gas have been removed; no royalties shall be payable on the recycled gas until it is produced and sold or used by Lessee in a manner which entitles the royalty owners to a royalty under this lease.

9. ROYALTY PAYMENTS AND REPORTS. All royalties not taken in kind shall be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Austin, Texas, in the following manner:

Payment of royalty on production of oil and gas shall be as provided in the rules set forth in the Texas Register. Rules currently provide that royalty on oil is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 5th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, and royalty on gas is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 15th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, accompanied by the affidavit of the owner, manager or other authorized agent, completed in the form and manner prescribed by the General Land Office and showing the gross amount and disposition of all oil and gas produced and the market value of the oil and gas, together with a copy of all documents, records or reports confirming the gross production, disposition and market value including gas meter readings, pipeline receipts, gas line receipts and other checks or memoranda of amount produced and put into pipelines, tanks, or pools and gas lines or gas storage, and any other reports or records which the General Land Office may require to verify the gross production, disposition and market value. In all cases the authority of a manager or agent to act for the Lessee herein must be filed in the General Land Office. Each royalty payment shall be accompanied by a check stub, schedule, summary or other remittance advice showing by the assigned General Land Office lease number the amount of royalty being paid on each lease. If Lessee pays his royalty on or before thirty (30) days after the royalty payment was due, then Lessee owes a penalty of 5% on the royalty or \$25.00, whichever is greater. A royalty payment which is over thirty (30) days late shall accrue a penalty of 10% of the royalty due or \$25.00 whichever is greater. In addition to a penalty, royalties shall accrue interest at a rate of 12% per year, such interest will begin accruing when the royalty is sixty (60) days overdue. Affidavits and supporting documents which are not filed when due shall incur a penalty in an amount set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the affidavits or supporting documents were due. The Lessee shall bear all responsibility for paying or causing royalties to be paid as prescribed by the due date provided herein. Payment of the delinquency penalty shall in no way operate to prohibit the State's right of forfeiture as provided by law nor act to postpone the date on which royalties were originally due. The above penalty provisions shall not apply in cases of title dispute as to the State's portion of the royalty or to that portion of the royalty in dispute as to fair market value.

10. (A) RESERVES, CONTRACTS AND OTHER RECORDS. Lessee shall annually furnish the Commissioner of the General Land Office with its best possible estimate of oil and gas reserves underlying this lease or allocable to this lease and shall furnish said Commissioner with copies of all contracts under which gas is sold or processed and all subsequent agreements and amendments to such contracts within thirty (30) days after entering into or making such contracts, agreements or amendments. Such contracts and agreements when received by the General Land Office shall be held in confidence by the General Land Office unless otherwise authorized by Lessee. All other contracts and records pertaining to the production, transportation, sale and marketing of the oil and gas produced on said premises, including the books and accounts, receipts and discharges of all wells, tanks, pools, meters, and pipelines shall at all times be subject to inspection and examination by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, the Governor, or the representative of any of them.

(B) PERMITS, DRILLING RECORDS. Written notice of all operations on this lease shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the General Land Office by Lessee or operator five (5) days before spud date, workover, re-entry, temporary abandonment or plug and abandonment of any well or wells. Such written notice to the General Land Office shall include copies of Railroad Commission forms for application to drill. Copies of well tests, completion reports and plugging reports shall be supplied to the General Land Office at the time they are filed with the Texas Railroad Commission. All applications, permits, reports or other filings that reference this lease or any specific well on the leased premises and that are submitted to the Texas Railroad Commission or any other governmental agency shall include the word "State" in the title. Additionally, in accordance with Railroad Commission rules, any signage on the leased premises for the purpose of identifying wells, tank batteries or other associated improvements to the land must also include the word "State." Lessee shall supply the General Land Office with any records, memoranda, accounts, reports, cuttings and



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cores, or other information relative to the operation of the above described premises, which may be requested by the General Land Office, in addition to those herein expressly provided for. Lessee shall have an electrical and/or radioactivity survey made on the bore-hole section, from the base of the surface casing to the total depth of well, of all wells drilled on the above described premises and shall transmit a true copy of the log of each survey on each well to the General Land Office within fifteen (15) days after the making of said survey.

(C) PENALTIES. Lessee shall incur a penalty whenever reports, documents or other materials are not filed in the General Land Office when due. The penalty for late filing shall be set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the materials were due in the General Land Office.

11. DRY HOLE/CESSATION OF PRODUCTION DURING PRIMARY TERM. If, during the primary term hereof and prior to discovery and production of oil or gas on said land, Lessee should drill a dry hole or holes thereon, or if during the primary term hereof and after the discovery and actual production of oil or gas from the leased premises such production thereof should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if on or before the expiration of sixty (60) days from date of completion of said dry hole or cessation of production Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations thereon, or pays or tenders the next annual delay rental in the same manner as provided in this lease. If, during the last year of the primary term or within sixty (60) days prior thereto, a dry hole be completed and abandoned, or the production of oil or gas should cease for any cause, Lessee's rights shall remain in full force and effect without further operations until the expiration of the primary term; and if Lessee has not resumed production in paying quantities at the expiration of the primary term, Lessee may maintain this lease by conducting additional drilling or reworking operations pursuant to Paragraph 13, using the expiration of the primary term as the date of cessation of production under Paragraph 13. Should the first well or any subsequent well drilled on the above described land be completed as a shut-in oil or gas well within the primary term hereof, Lessee may resume payment of the annual rental in the same manner as provided herein on or before the rental paying date following the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date of completion of such shut-in oil or gas well and upon the failure to make such payment, this lease shall ipso facto terminate. If at the expiration of the primary term or any time thereafter a shut-in oil or gas well is located on the leased premises, payments may be made in accordance with the shut-in provisions hereof.

12. DRILLING AND REWORKING AT EXPIRATION OF PRIMARY TERM. If, at the expiration of the primary term, neither oil nor gas is being produced on said land, but Lessee is then engaged in drilling or reworking operations thereon, this lease shall remain in force so long as operations on said well or for drilling or reworking of any additional well are prosecuted in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days during any one such operation, and if they result in the production of oil and/or gas, so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced in paying quantities from said land, or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or compensatory royalties is made as provided in this lease.

13. CESSATION, DRILLING, AND REWORKING. If, after the expiration of the primary term, production of oil or gas from the leased premises, after once obtained, should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after such cessation, and this lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as such operations continue in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. If such drilling or reworking operations result in the production of oil or gas, the lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as oil or gas is produced from the leased premises in paying quantities or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or payment of compensatory royalties is made as provided herein or as provided by law. If the drilling or reworking operations result in the completion of a well as a dry hole, the lease will not terminate if the Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after the completion of the well as a dry hole, and this lease shall remain in effect so long as Lessee continues drilling or reworking operations in good faith and in a workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. Lessee shall give written notice to the General Land Office within thirty (30) days of any cessation of production.

14. SHUT-IN ROYALTIES. For purposes of this paragraph, "well" means any well that has been assigned a well number by the state agency having jurisdiction over the production of oil and gas. If, at any time after the expiration of the primary term of a lease that, until being shut in, was being maintained in force and effect, a well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities is located on the leased premises, but oil or gas is not being produced for lack of suitable production facilities or lack of a suitable market, then Lessee may pay as a shut-in oil or gas royalty an amount equal to double the annual rental provided in the lease, but not less than \$1,200 a year for each well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre. To be effective, each initial shut-in oil or gas royalty must be paid on or before: (1) the expiration of the primary term, (2) 60 days after the Lessee ceases to produce oil or gas from the leased premises, or (3) 60 days after Lessee completes a drilling or reworking operation in accordance with the lease provisions; whichever date is latest. Such payment shall be made one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil. If the shut-in oil or gas royalty is paid, the lease shall be considered to be a producing lease and the payment shall extend the term of the lease for a period of one year from the end of the primary term, or from the first day of the month following the month in which production ceased, and, after that, if no suitable production facilities or suitable market for the oil or gas exists, Lessee may extend the lease for four more successive periods of one (1) year by paying the same amount each year on or before the expiration of each shut-in year.



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15. **COMPENSATORY ROYALTIES.** If, during the period the lease is kept in effect by payment of the shut-in oil or gas royalty, oil or gas is sold and delivered in paying quantities from a well located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises and completed in the same producing reservoir, or in any case in which drainage is occurring, the right to continue to maintain the lease by paying the shut-in oil or gas royalty shall cease, but the lease shall remain effective for the remainder of the year for which the royalty has been paid. The Lessee may maintain the lease for four more successive years by Lessee paying compensatory royalty at the royalty rate provided in the lease of the market value of production from the well causing the drainage or which is completed in the same producing reservoir and within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. The compensatory royalty is to be paid monthly, one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil, beginning on or before the last day of the month following the month in which the oil or gas is produced from the well causing the drainage or that is completed in the same producing reservoir and located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. If the compensatory royalty paid in any 12-month period is in an amount less than the annual shut-in oil or gas royalty, Lessee shall pay an amount equal to the difference within thirty (30) days from the end of the 12-month period. Compensatory royalty payments which are not timely paid will accrue penalty and interest in accordance with Paragraph 9 of this lease. None of these provisions will relieve Lessee of the obligation of reasonable development nor the obligation to drill offset wells as provided in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.173; however, at the determination of the Commissioner, and with the Commissioner's written approval, the payment of compensatory royalties can satisfy the obligation to drill offset wells.

16. **RETAINED ACREAGE.** Notwithstanding any provision of this lease to the contrary, after a well producing or capable of producing oil or gas has been completed on the leased premises, Lessee shall exercise the diligence of a reasonably prudent operator in drilling such additional well or wells as may be reasonably necessary for the proper development of the leased premises and in marketing the production thereon.

(A) **VERTICAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term, it shall then terminate as to all of the leased premises, EXCEPT (1) 40 acres surrounding each oil well capable of producing in paying quantities and 320 acres surrounding each gas well capable of producing in paying quantities (including a shut-in oil or gas well as provided in Paragraph 14 hereof), or a well upon which Lessee is then engaged in continuous drilling or reworking operations, or (2) the number of acres included in a producing pooled unit pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153, or (3) such greater or lesser number of acres as may then be allocated for production purposes to a proration unit for each such producing well under the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas, or any successor agency, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction. If at any time after the effective date of the partial termination provisions hereof, the applicable field rules are changed or the well or wells located thereon are reclassified so that less acreage is thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes, this lease shall thereupon terminate as to all acreage not thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes. Notwithstanding the termination of this lease as to a portion of the lands covered hereby, Lessee shall nevertheless continue to have the right of ingress to and egress from the lands still subject to this lease for all purposes described in Paragraph 1 hereof, together with easements and right-of-ways for existing roads, existing pipelines and other existing facilities on, over and across all the lands described in Paragraph 1 hereof ("the retained lands"), for access to and from the retained lands and for the gathering or transportation of oil, gas and other minerals produced from the retained lands.

(B) **HORIZONTAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term it shall further terminate as to all depths below 100 feet below the total depth drilled (hereinafter "deeper depths") in each well located on acreage retained in Paragraph 16(A) above, unless on or before two (2) years after the primary or extended term Lessee pays an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the bonus originally paid as consideration for this lease (as specified on page 1 hereof). If such amount is paid, this lease shall be in force and effect as to such deeper depths, and said termination shall be delayed for an additional period of two (2) years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities from such deeper depths covered by this lease.

(C) **IDENTIFICATION AND FILING.** The surface acreage retained hereunder as to each well shall, as nearly as practical, be in the form of a square with the well located in the center thereof, or such other shape as may be approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office. Within thirty (30) days after partial termination of this lease as provided herein, Lessee shall execute and record a release or releases containing a satisfactory legal description of the acreage and/or depths not retained hereunder. The recorded release, or a certified copy of same, shall be filed in the General Land Office, accompanied by the filing fee prescribed by the General Land Office rules in effect on the date the release is filed. If Lessee fails or refuses to execute and record such release or releases within ninety (90) days after being requested to do so by the General Land Office, then the Commissioner at his sole discretion may designate by written instrument the acreage and/or depths to be released hereunder and record such instrument at Lessee's expense in the county or counties where the lease is located and in the official records of the General Land Office and such designation shall be binding upon Lessee for all purposes.

17. **OFFSET WELLS.** Neither the bonus, delay rentals, nor royalties paid, or to be paid, under this lease shall relieve Lessee of his obligation to protect the oil and gas under the above-described land from being drained. Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall drill as many wells as the facts may justify and shall use appropriate means and drill to a depth necessary to prevent undue drainage of oil and gas from the leased premises. In addition, if oil and/or gas should be produced in commercial quantities within 1,000 feet of the leased premises, or in any case where the leased premises is being drained by production of oil or gas, the Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall in good faith begin the drilling of a well or wells upon the



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leased premises within 100 days after the draining well or wells or the well or wells completed within 1,000 feet of the leased premises start producing in commercial quantities and shall prosecute such drilling with diligence. Failure to satisfy the statutory offset obligation may subject this lease and the owner of the soil's agency rights to forfeiture. Only upon the determination of the Commissioner of the General Land Office and with his written approval may the payment of compensatory royalty under applicable statutory parameters satisfy the obligation to drill an offset well or wells required under this paragraph.

18. **FORCE MAJEURE.** If, after a good faith effort, Lessee is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this lease, from conducting drilling operations on the leased premises, or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises by reason of war, rebellion, riots, strikes, acts of God, or any valid order, rule or regulation of government authority, then while so prevented, Lessee's obligation to comply with such covenant shall be suspended and Lessee shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenants; additionally, this lease shall be extended while Lessee is prevented, by any such cause, from conducting drilling and reworking operations or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises. However, nothing in this paragraph shall suspend the payment of delay rentals in order to maintain this lease in effect during the primary term in the absence of such drilling or reworking operations or production of oil or gas.

19. **WARRANTY CLAUSE.** The owner of the soil warrants and agrees to defend title to the leased premises. If the owner of the soil defaults in payments owed on the leased premises, then Lessee may redeem the rights of the owner of the soil in the leased premises by paying any mortgage, taxes or other liens on the leased premises. If Lessee makes payments on behalf of the owner of the soil under this paragraph, Lessee may recover the cost of these payments from the rental and royalties due the owner of the soil.

20. (A) **PROPORTIONATE REDUCTION CLAUSE.** If the owner of the soil owns less than the entire undivided surface estate in the above described land, whether or not Lessee's interest is specified herein, then the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the owner of the soil shall be paid to him in the proportion which his interest bears to the entire undivided surface estate and the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas shall be likewise proportionately reduced. However, before Lessee adjusts the royalty or rental due to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee or his authorized representative must submit to the Commissioner of the General Land Office a written statement which explains the discrepancy between the interest purportedly leased under this lease and the actual interest owned by the owner of the soil. The Commissioner of the General Land Office shall be paid the value of the whole production allocable to any undivided interest not covered by a lease, less the proportionate development and production cost allocable to such undivided interest. However, in no event shall the Commissioner of the General Land Office receive as a royalty on the gross production allocable to the undivided interest not leased an amount less than the value of one-sixteenth (1/16) of such gross production.

(B) **REDUCTION OF PAYMENTS.** If, during the primary term, a portion of the land covered by this lease is included within the boundaries of a pooled unit that has been approved by the School Land Board and the owner of the soil in accordance with Natural Resources Code Sections 52.151-52.154, or if at any time after the expiration of the primary term or the extended term, this lease covers a lesser number of acres than the total amount described herein, payments that are made on a per acre basis hereunder shall be reduced according to the number of acres pooled, released, surrendered, or otherwise severed, so that payments determined on a per acre basis under the terms of this lease during the primary term shall be calculated based upon the number of acres outside the boundaries of a pooled unit, or, if after the expiration of the primary term, the number of acres actually retained and covered by this lease.

21. **USE OF WATER.** Lessee shall have the right to use water produced on said land necessary for operations under this lease except water from wells or tanks of the owner of the soil; provided, however, Lessee shall not use potable water or water suitable for livestock or irrigation purposes for waterflood operations without the prior consent of the owner of the soil.

22. **AUTHORIZED DAMAGES.** Lessee shall pay the owner of the soil for damages caused by its operations to all personal property, improvements, livestock and crops on said land.

23. **PIPELINE DEPTH.** When requested by the owner of the soil, Lessee shall bury its pipelines below plow depth.

24. **WELL LOCATION LIMIT.** No well shall be drilled nearer than two hundred (200) feet to any house or barn now on said premises without the written consent of the owner of the soil.

25. **POLLUTION.** In developing this area, Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all proper safeguards to prevent pollution. Without limiting the foregoing, pollution of coastal wetlands, natural waterways, rivers and impounded water shall be prevented by the use of containment facilities sufficient to prevent spillage, seepage or ground water contamination. In the event of pollution, Lessee shall use all means at its disposal to recapture all escaped hydrocarbons or other pollutant and shall be responsible for all damage to public and private properties. Lessee shall build and maintain fences around its slush, sump, and drainage pits and tank batteries so as to protect livestock against loss, damage or injury; and upon completion or abandonment of any well or wells, Lessee shall fill and level all slush pits and cellars and completely clean up the drilling site of all rubbish thereon. Lessee shall, while conducting operations on the leased premises, keep said premises free of all rubbish, cans, bottles, paper cups or garbage, and upon completion of



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operations shall restore the surface of the land to as near its original condition and contours as is practicable. Tanks and equipment will be kept painted and presentable.

26. REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT. Subject to limitations in this paragraph, Lessee shall have the right to remove machinery and fixtures placed by Lessee on the leased premises, including the right to draw and remove casing, within one hundred twenty (120) days after the expiration or the termination of this lease unless the owner of the soil grants Lessee an extension of this 120-day period. However, Lessee may not remove casing from any well capable of producing oil and gas in paying quantities. Additionally, Lessee may not draw and remove casing until after thirty (30) days written notice to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and to the owner of the soil. The owner of the soil shall become the owner of any machinery, fixtures, or casing which are not timely removed by Lessee under the terms of this paragraph.

27. (A) ASSIGNMENTS. Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29 of this lease, the rights and estates of either party to this lease may be assigned, in whole or in part, and the provisions of this lease shall extend to and be binding upon their heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns. However, a change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties will not enlarge the obligations of Lessee, diminish the rights, privileges and estates of Lessee, impair the effectiveness of any payment made by Lessee or impair the effectiveness of any act performed by Lessee. And no change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties shall bind Lessee for any purpose until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil (or his heirs, devisees, legal representatives or assigns) furnishes the Lessee with satisfactory written evidence of the change in ownership, including the original recorded muniments of title (or a certified copy of such original) when the ownership changed because of a conveyance. A total or partial assignment of this lease shall, to the extent of the interest assigned, relieve and discharge Lessee of all subsequent obligations under this lease. If this lease is assigned in its entirety as to only part of the acreage, the right and option to pay rentals shall be apportioned as between the several owners ratably, according to the area of each, and failure by one or more of them to pay his share of the rental shall not affect this lease on the part of the land upon which pro rata rentals are timely paid or tendered; however, if the assignor or assignee does not file a certified copy of such assignment in the General Land Office before the next rental paying date, the entire lease shall terminate for failure to pay the entire rental due under Paragraph 3. Every assignee shall succeed to all rights and be subject to all obligations, liabilities, and penalties owed to the State by the original lessee or any prior assignee of the lease, including any liabilities to the State for unpaid royalties.

(B) ASSIGNMENT LIMITATION. Notwithstanding any provision in Paragraph 27(a), if the owner of the soil acquires this lease in whole or in part by assignment without the prior written approval of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, this lease is void as of the time of assignment and the agency power of the owner may be forfeited by the Commissioner. An assignment will be treated as if it were made to the owner of the soil if the assignee is:

- (1) a nominee of the owner of the soil;
- (2) a corporation or subsidiary in which the owner of the soil is a principal stockholder or is an employee of such a corporation or subsidiary;
- (3) a partnership in which the owner of the soil is a partner or is an employee of such a partnership;
- (4) a principal stockholder or employee of the corporation which is the owner of the soil;
- (5) a partner or employee in a partnership which is the owner of the soil;
- (6) a fiduciary for the owner of the soil; including but not limited to a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, or conservator for the owner of the soil; or
- (7) a family member of the owner of the soil or related to the owner of the soil by marriage, blood, or adoption.

28. RELEASES. Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29, Lessee may at any time execute and deliver to the owner of the soil and place of record a release or releases covering any portion or portions of the leased premises, and thereby surrender this lease as to such portion or portions, and be relieved of all subsequent obligations as to acreage surrendered. If any part of this lease is properly surrendered, the delay rental due under this lease shall be reduced by the proportion that the surrendered acreage bears to the acreage which was covered by this lease immediately prior to such surrender; however, such release will not relieve Lessee of any liabilities which may have accrued under this lease prior to the surrender of such acreage.

29. FILING OF ASSIGNMENTS AND RELEASES. If all or any part of this lease is assigned or released, such assignment or release must be recorded in the county where the land is situated, and the recorded instrument, or a copy of the recorded instrument certified by the County Clerk of the county in which the instrument is recorded, must be filed in the General Land Office within 90 days of the last execution date accompanied by the prescribed filing fee. If any such assignment is not so filed, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture at the option of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

30. DISCLOSURE CLAUSE. All provisions pertaining to the lease of the above-described land have been included in this instrument, including the statement of the true consideration to be paid for the execution of this lease and the rights and duties of the parties. Any collateral agreements concerning the development of oil and gas from the leased premises which are not contained in this lease render this lease invalid.



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31. **FIDUCIARY DUTY.** The owner of the soil owes the State a fiduciary duty and must fully disclose any facts affecting the State's interest in the leased premises. When the interests of the owner of the soil conflict with those of the State, the owner of the soil is obligated to put the State's interests before his personal interests.

32. **FORFEITURE.** If Lessee shall fail or refuse to make the payment of any sum within thirty days after it becomes due, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly make any false return or false report concerning production or drilling, or if Lessee shall fail or refuse to drill any offset well or wells in good faith as required by law and the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or if Lessee should fail to file reports in the manner required by law or fail to comply with rules and regulations promulgated by the General Land Office, the School Land Board, or the Railroad Commission, or if Lessee should refuse the proper authority access to the records pertaining to operations, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly fail or refuse to give correct information to the proper authority, or knowingly fail or refuse to furnish the General Land Office a correct log of any well, or if Lessee shall knowingly violate any of the material provisions of this lease, or if this lease is assigned and the assignment is not filed in the General Land Office as required by law, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture by the Commissioner, and he shall forfeit same when sufficiently informed of the facts which authorize a forfeiture, and when forfeited the area shall again be subject to lease under the terms of the Relinquishment Act. However, nothing herein shall be construed as waiving the automatic termination of this lease by operation of law or by reason of any special limitation arising hereunder. Forfeitures may be set aside and this lease and all rights thereunder reinstated before the rights of another intervene upon satisfactory evidence to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of future compliance with the provisions of the law and of this lease and the rules and regulations that may be adopted relative hereto.

33. **LIEN.** In accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136, the State shall have a first lien upon all oil and gas produced from the area covered by this lease to secure payment of all unpaid royalty and other sums of money that may become due under this lease. By acceptance of this lease, Lessee grants the State, in addition to the lien provided by Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136 and any other applicable statutory lien, an express contractual lien on and security interest in all leased minerals in and extracted from the leased premises, all proceeds which may accrue to Lessee from the sale of such leased minerals, whether such proceeds are held by Lessee or by a third party, and all fixtures on and improvements to the leased premises used in connection with the production or processing of such leased minerals in order to secure the payment of all royalties or other amounts due or to become due under this lease and to secure payment of any damages or loss that Lessor may suffer by reason of Lessee's breach of any covenant or condition of this lease, whether express or implied. This lien and security interest may be foreclosed with or without court proceedings in the manner provided in the Title I, Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code. Lessee agrees that the Commissioner may require Lessee to execute and record such instruments as may be reasonably necessary to acknowledge, attach or perfect this lien. Lessee hereby represents that there are no prior or superior liens arising from and relating to Lessee's activities upon the above-described property or from Lessee's acquisition of this lease. Should the Commissioner at any time determine that this representation is not true, then the Commissioner may declare this lease forfeited as provided herein.

34. **POOLING.** Lessee is hereby granted the right to pool or unitize the royalty interest of the owner of the soil under this lease with any other leasehold or mineral interest for the exploration, development and production of oil or gas or either of them upon the same terms as shall be approved by the School Land Board and the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the pooling or unitizing of the interest of the State under this lease pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153. The owner of the soil agrees that the inclusion of this provision in this lease satisfies the execution requirements stated in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.152.

35. **INDEMNITY.** Lessee hereby releases and discharges the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns, of and from all and any actions and causes of action of every nature, or other harm, including environmental harm, for which recovery of damages is sought, including, but not limited to, all losses and expenses which are caused by the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents arising out of, incidental to, or resulting from, the operations of or for Lessee on the leased premises hereunder, or that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement, or by any other negligent or strictly liable act or omission of Lessee. Further, Lessee hereby agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees and agents, their successors or assigns, against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, actions, personal injury (including death), costs and expenses, or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, under any theory including tort, contract, or strict liability, including attorneys' fees and other legal expenses, including those related to environmental hazards, on the leased premises or in any way related to Lessee's failure to comply with any and all environmental laws; those arising from or in any way related to Lessee's operations or any other of Lessee's activities on the leased premises; those arising from Lessee's use of the surface of the leased premises; and those that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or any other act or omission of Lessee, its directors, officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns. Each assignee of this Agreement, or an interest therein, agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, and agents in the same manner provided above in connection with the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents as described above. **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY LIMITED HEREIN, ALL OF THE INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS AND/OR LIABILITIES ASSUMED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE WITHOUT LIMITS AND WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CAUSE OR CAUSES THEREOF**



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(EXCLUDING PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS), STRICT LIABILITY, OR THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY OR PARTIES (INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE INDENINIFIED PARTY), WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE BE SOLE, JOINT, CONCURRENT, ACTIVE, OR PASSIVE.

36. **ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS.** Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all reasonable safeguards to prevent contamination or pollution of any environmental medium, including soil, surface waters, groundwater, sediments, and surface or subsurface strata, ambient air or any other environmental medium in, on, or under the leased premises, by any waste, pollutant, or contaminant. Lessee shall not bring or permit to remain on the leased premises any asbestos containing materials, explosives, toxic materials, or substances regulated as hazardous wastes, hazardous materials, hazardous substances (as the term "Hazardous Substance" is defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601, et seq.), or toxic substances under any federal, state, or local law or regulation ("Hazardous Materials"), except ordinary products commonly used in connection with oil and gas exploration and development operations and stored in the usual manner and quantities. **LESSEE'S VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION SHALL CONSTITUTE A MATERIAL BREACH AND DEFAULT HEREUNDER AND LESSEE SHALL INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL FROM AND AGAINST ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, JUDGMENTS, PENALTIES, LIABILITIES, AND COSTS (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS) CAUSED BY OR ARISING OUT OF (I) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (II) THE PRESENCE, RELEASE, OR DISPOSAL OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OR CONTROL OF THE LEASED PREMISES. LESSEE SHALL CLEAN UP, REMOVE, REMEDY AND REPAIR ANY SOIL OR GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE PRESENCE OR RELEASE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN, ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OF THE LEASED PREMISES IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE LAW. THIS INDEMNIFICATION AND ASSUMPTION SHALL APPLY, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, LIABILITY FOR RESPONSE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO CERCLA OR ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAW OR REGULATION. LESSEE SHALL IMMEDIATELY GIVE THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY BREACH OR SUSPECTED BREACH OF THIS PARAGRAPH, UPON LEARNING OF THE PRESENCE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OR UPON RECEIVING A NOTICE FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY PERTAINING TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WHICH MAY AFFECT THE LEASED PREMISES. THE OBLIGATIONS OF LESSEE HEREUNDER SHALL SURVIVE THE EXPIRATION OR EARLIER TERMINATION, FOR ANY REASON, OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

37. **APPLICABLE LAW.** This lease is issued under the provisions of Texas Natural Resources Code 52.171 through 52.190, commonly known as the Relinquishment Act, and other applicable statutes and amendments thereto, and if any provision in this lease does not conform to these statutes, the statutes will prevail over any nonconforming lease provisions.

38. **EXECUTION.** This oil and gas lease must be signed and acknowledged by the Lessee before it is filed of record in the county records and in the General Land Office of the State of Texas. Once the filing requirements found in Paragraph 39 of this lease have been satisfied, the effective date of this lease shall be the date found on Page 1.

39. **LEASE FILING.** Pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, this lease must be filed of record in the office of the County Clerk in any county in which all or any part of the leased premises is located, and certified copies thereof must be filed in the General Land Office. This lease is not effective until a certified copy of this lease (which is made and certified by the County Clerk from his records) is filed in the General Land Office in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.183. Additionally, this lease shall not be binding upon the State unless it recites the actual and true consideration paid or promised for execution of this lease. The bonus due the State and the prescribed filing fee shall accompany such certified copy to the General Land Office.

40. See attached "ADDENDUM" attached hereto and made a part hereof.



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** THIS IS A PAID-UP OIL AND GAS LEASE as to any rentals that may be paid on or before the 1st and 2nd anniversary date. If delay rentals are paid on or before the 3rd anniversary date, the total rental paid shall be \$7,314.00. Of such amount, \$3,657.00 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$3,657.00 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein, and the rentals due on or before the 4th anniversary date will be PAID-UP.

JACK E. BLAKE, JR.

BY: Jack E. Blake, Jr.

TITLE: Individually

DATE: 11-2-2005

MICHAEL J. DANIEL

Michael J. Daniel

Individually

DATE: 11/2/2005

STATE OF TEXAS

BY:

Mary Jane Rogers
Mary Jane Rogers

DATE:

Oct 17, 2005

STATE OF TEXAS

BY:

DATE:

THE STATE OF

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 17th day of October, 2005, by Mary Jane Rogers, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires:

Heather Michelle Jones
Notary Public Signature



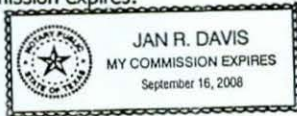
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COUNTY OF MIDLAND §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 2nd day of November, 2005, by Jack E. Blake, Jr., and Michael J. Daniel, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires:



Jan R. Davis
Notary Public Signature



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ADDENDUM attached to and made a part of that certain Oil and Gas Lease dated October 1, 2005,
by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent
Mary Jane Rogers, and Jack E. Blake, Jr. and Michael J. Daniel.

40. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Paragraph 5 (minimum royalty) and Paragraph 14 (shut-in royalty) refer to their computation to the delay rentals provided in Paragraph 3 herein. The undersigned do hereby recognize and acknowledge that minimum royalty and shut-in royalties due herein are payable in the amount of \$36.57. Of such amount, \$18.29 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$18.29 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein.

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BY: *[Signature]*, DEPUTY

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REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

ANY PROVISION HEREIN WHICH ATTEMPTS TO LIMIT THE SALE, RENTAL
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George P. Bush, Commissioner
By _____

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY CERTIFICATE
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF REEVES**

The above and foregoing is a full, true and correct photographic copy of the original record now in my lawful custody and possession, as the same is filed/recorded in the public records of my office, found in VOL. 717, PAGE 559, THRU 570 **DEED RECORDS**



I hereby certified on JANUARY 25, 2006

DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

BY Josie Flores DEPUTY
JOSIE FLORES

FILE# 5360

General Land Office
Relinquishment Act Lease Form
Revised, September 1997

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of October, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, **Pecos Bend Royalties, Inc.**, whose address is P.O. Box 2802 Midland, Texas 79702, said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and

Jack E. Blake, Jr., whose address is P.O. Box 10184, Midland, Texas 79702, and **Michael J. Daniel**, whose address is 201 W. Wall St., Suite 201, Midland, Texas 79701, in equal shares, hereinafter called Lessee (whether one or more).

1. GRANTING CLAUSE. For and in consideration of the amounts stated below and of the covenants and agreements to be paid, kept and performed by Lessee under this lease, the State of Texas acting by and through the owner of the soil, hereby grants, leases and lets unto Lessee, for the sole and only purpose of prospecting and drilling for and producing oil and gas, laying pipe lines, building tanks, storing oil and building power Stations, telephone lines and other Structures thereon, to produce, save, take care of, treat and transport said products of the lease, the following lands situated in Reeves County, State of Texas, to-wit:

Block 57, T-3, T&P R.R. Co. Survey
Section 4: All, 640 acres, more or less.
Reeves County, Texas

Containing 640.00 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas:	<u>FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE AND 50/100** Dollars</u> <u>(\$5,485.50)</u>
To the owner of the soil:	<u>FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE AND 50/100** Dollars</u> <u>\$5,485.50)</u>
Total bonus consideration:	<u>TEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE AND NO/100** Dollars</u> <u>\$10,971.00)</u>

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of THREE HUNDRED AND NO/100** Dollars (\$300.00) per acre, on 36.57 net acres.

2. TERM. Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of **FIVE YEARS** from this date (herein called primary term") and as long thereafter as oil and gas, or either of them, is produced in paying quantities from said land. As used in this lease, the term "produced in paying quantities" means that the receipts from the sale or other authorized commercial use of the substance(s) covered exceed out of pocket operational expenses for the six months last past.

3. DELAY RENTALS. If no well is commenced on the leased premises on or before one (1) year from this date, this lease shall terminate, unless on or before such anniversary date Lessee shall pay or tender to the owner of the soil or to his credit in the Bank, at _____, or its successors (which shall continue as the depository regardless of changes in the ownership of said land), the amount specified below; in addition, Lessee shall pay or tender to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, a like sum on or before said date. Payments under this paragraph shall operate as a rental and shall cover the privilege of deferring the commencement of a well for one (1) year from said date. Payments under this paragraph shall be in the following amounts:

To the owner of the soil:	<u>EIGHTEEN AND 29/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$18.29)
To the State of Texas:	<u>EIGHTEEN AND 29/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$18.29)
Total Rental:	<u>THIRTY-SIX AND 57/100** Dollars *** Dollars</u>	(\$36.57) **

(** See attached Amended Delay Rental Provision)

In a like manner and upon like payments or tenders annually, the commencement of a well may be further deferred for successive periods of one (1) year each during the primary term. All payments or tenders of rental to the owner of the soil may be made by check or sight draft of Lessee, or any assignee of this lease, and may be delivered on or before the

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rental paying date. If the bank designated in this paragraph (or its successor bank) should cease to exist, suspend business, liquidate, fail or be succeeded by another bank, or for any reason fail or refuse to accept rental, Lessee shall not be held in default for failure to make such payments or tenders of rental until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil shall deliver to Lessee a proper recordable instrument naming another bank as agent to receive such payments or tenders.

4. PRODUCTION ROYALTIES. Upon production of oil and/or gas, Lessee agrees to pay or cause to be paid one-half (1/2) of the royalty provided for in this lease to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, at Austin, Texas, and one-half (1/2) of such royalty to the owner of the soil:

(A) OIL. Royalty payable on oil, which is defined as including all hydrocarbons produced in a liquid form at the mouth of the well and also as all condensate, distillate, and other liquid hydrocarbons recovered from oil or gas run through a separator or other equipment, as hereinafter provided, shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be determined by 1) the highest posted price, plus premium, if any, offered or paid for oil, condensate, distillate, or other liquid hydrocarbons, respectively, of a like type and gravity in the general area where produced and when run, or 2) the highest market price thereof offered or paid in the general area where produced and when run, or 3) the gross proceeds of the sale thereof, whichever is the greater. Lessee agrees that before any gas produced from the leased premises is sold, used or processed in a plant, it will be run free of cost to the royalty owners through an adequate oil and gas separator of conventional type, or other equipment at least as efficient, so that all liquid hydrocarbons recoverable from the gas by such means will be recovered. The requirement that such gas be run through a separator or other equipment may be waived in writing by the royalty owners upon such terms and conditions as they prescribe.

(B) NON PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas (including flared gas), which is defined as all hydrocarbons and gaseous substances not defined as oil in subparagraph (A) above, produced from any well on said land (except as provided herein with respect to gas processed in a plant for the extraction of gasoline, liquid hydrocarbons or other products) shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such value to be based on the highest market price paid or offered for gas of comparable quality in the general area where produced and when run, or the gross price paid or offered to the producer, whichever is the greater; provided that the maximum pressure base in measuring the gas under this lease shall not at any time exceed 14.65 pounds per square inch absolute, and the standard base temperature shall be sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit, correction to be made for pressure according to Boyle's Law, and for specific gravity according to tests made by the Balance Method or by the most approved method of testing being used by the industry at the time of testing.

(C) PROCESSED GAS. Royalty on any gas processed in a gasoline plant or other plant for the recovery of gasoline or other liquid hydrocarbons shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the residue gas and the liquid hydrocarbons extracted or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office. All royalties due herein shall be based on one hundred percent (100%) of the total plant production of residue gas attributable to gas produced from this lease, and on fifty percent (50%), or that percent accruing to Lessee, whichever is the greater, of the total plant production of liquid hydrocarbons attributable to the gas produced from this lease; provided that if liquid hydrocarbons are recovered from gas processed in a plant in which Lessee (or its parent, subsidiary or affiliate) owns an interest, then the percentage applicable to liquid hydrocarbons shall be fifty percent (50%) or the highest percent accruing to a third party processing gas through such plant under a processing agreement negotiated at arm's length (or if there is no such third party, the highest percent then being specified in processing agreements or contracts in the industry), whichever is the greater. The respective royalties on residue gas and on liquid hydrocarbons shall be determined by 1) the highest market price paid or offered for any gas (or liquid hydrocarbons) of comparable quality in the general area, or 2) the gross price paid or offered for such residue gas (or the weighted average gross selling price for the respective grades of liquid hydrocarbons), whichever is the greater. In no event, however, shall the royalties payable under this paragraph be less than the royalties which would have been due had the gas not been processed.

(D) OTHER PRODUCTS. Royalty on carbon black, sulphur or any other products produced or manufactured from gas (excepting liquid hydrocarbons) whether said gas be casinghead, "dry," or any other gas, by fractionating, burning or any other processing shall be **TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)** part of the gross production of such products, or the market value thereof, at the option of the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such market value to be determined as follows: 1) on the basis of the highest market price of each product for the same month in which such product is produced, or 2) on the basis of the average gross sale price of each product for the same month in which such products are produced; whichever is the greater.

5. MINIMUM ROYALTY. During any year after the expiration of the primary term of this lease, if this lease is maintained by production, the royalties paid under this lease in no event shall be less than an amount equal to the total annual delay rental herein provided; otherwise, there shall be due and payable on or before the last day of the month succeeding the anniversary date of this lease a sum equal to the total annual rental less the amount of royalties paid during the preceding year. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre.

6. ROYALTY IN KIND. Notwithstanding any other provision in this lease, at any time or from time to time,



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the owner of the soil or the Commissioner of the General Land Office may, at the option of either, upon not less than sixty (60) days notice to the holder of the lease, require that the payment of any royalties accruing to such royalty owner under this lease be made in kind. The owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's right to take its royalty in kind shall not diminish or negate the owner of the soil's or the Commissioner of the General Land Office's rights or Lessee's obligations, whether express or implied, under this lease.

7. NO DEDUCTIONS. Lessee agrees that all royalties accruing under this lease (including those paid in kind) shall be without deduction for the cost of producing, gathering, storing, separating, treating, dehydrating, compressing, processing, transporting, and otherwise making the oil, gas and other products hereunder ready for sale or use. Lessee agrees to compute and pay royalties on the gross value received, including any reimbursements for severance taxes and production related costs.

8. PLANT FUEL AND RECYCLED GAS. No royalty shall be payable on any gas as may represent this lease's proportionate share of any fuel used to process gas produced hereunder in any processing plant. Notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, and subject to the written consent of the owner of the soil and the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee may recycle gas for gas lift purposes on the leased premises or for injection into any oil or gas producing formation underlying the leased premises after the liquid hydrocarbons contained in the gas have been removed; no royalties shall be payable on the recycled gas until it is produced and sold or used by Lessee in a manner which entitles the royalty owners to a royalty under this lease.

9. ROYALTY PAYMENTS AND REPORTS. All royalties not taken in kind shall be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Austin, Texas, in the following manner:

Payment of royalty on production of oil and gas shall be as provided in the rules set forth in the Texas Register. Rules currently provide that royalty on oil is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 5th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, and royalty on gas is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 15th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, accompanied by the affidavit of the owner, manager or other authorized agent, completed in the form and manner prescribed by the General Land Office and showing the gross amount and disposition of all oil and gas produced and the market value of the oil and gas, together with a copy of all documents, records or reports confirming the gross production, disposition and market value including gas meter readings, pipeline receipts, gas line receipts and other checks or memoranda of amount produced and put into pipelines, tanks, or pools and gas lines or gas storage, and any other reports or records which the General Land Office may require to verify the gross production, disposition and market value. In all cases the authority of a manager or agent to act for the Lessee herein must be filed in the General Land Office. Each royalty payment shall be accompanied by a check stub, schedule, summary or other remittance advice showing by the assigned General Land Office lease number the amount of royalty being paid on each lease. If Lessee pays his royalty on or before thirty (30) days after the royalty payment was due, then Lessee owes a penalty of 5% on the royalty or \$25.00, whichever is greater. A royalty payment which is over thirty (30) days late shall accrue a penalty of 10% of the royalty due or \$25.00 whichever is greater. In addition to a penalty, royalties shall accrue interest at a rate of 12% per year, such interest will begin accruing when the royalty is sixty (60) days overdue. Affidavits and supporting documents which are not filed when due shall incur a penalty in an amount set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the affidavits or supporting documents were due. The Lessee shall bear all responsibility for paying or causing royalties to be paid as prescribed by the due date provided herein. Payment of the delinquency penalty shall in no way operate to prohibit the State's right of forfeiture as provided by law nor act to postpone the date on which royalties were originally due. The above penalty provisions shall not apply in cases of title dispute as to the State's portion of the royalty or to that portion of the royalty in dispute as to fair market value.

10. (A) RESERVES, CONTRACTS AND OTHER RECORDS. Lessee shall annually furnish the Commissioner of the General Land Office with its best possible estimate of oil and gas reserves underlying this lease or allocable to this lease and shall furnish said Commissioner with copies of all contracts under which gas is sold or processed and all subsequent agreements and amendments to such contracts within thirty (30) days after entering into or making such contracts, agreements or amendments. Such contracts and agreements when received by the General Land Office shall be held in confidence by the General Land Office unless otherwise authorized by Lessee. All other contracts and records pertaining to the production, transportation, sale and marketing of the oil and gas produced on said premises, including the books and accounts, receipts and discharges of all wells, tanks, pools, meters, and pipelines shall at all times be subject to inspection and examination by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, the Governor, or the representative of any of them.

(B) PERMITS, DRILLING RECORDS. Written notice of all operations on this lease shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the General Land Office by Lessee or operator five (5) days before spud date, workover, re-entry, temporary abandonment or plug and abandonment of any well or wells. Such written notice to the General Land Office shall include copies of Railroad Commission forms for application to drill. Copies of well tests, completion reports and plugging reports shall be supplied to the General Land Office at the time they are filed with the Texas Railroad Commission. All applications, permits, reports or other filings that reference this lease or any specific well on the leased premises and that are submitted to the Texas Railroad Commission or any other governmental agency shall include the word "State" in the title. Additionally, in accordance with Railroad Commission rules, any signage on the leased premises for the purpose of identifying wells, tank batteries or other associated improvements to the land must also include the word "State." Lessee shall supply the General Land Office with any records, memoranda, accounts, reports, cuttings and



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cores, or other information relative to the operation of the above described premises, which may be requested by the General Land Office, in addition to those herein expressly provided for. Lessee shall have an electrical and/or radioactivity survey made on the bore-hole section, from the base of the surface casing to the total depth of well, of all wells drilled on the above described premises and shall transmit a true copy of the log of each survey on each well to the General Land Office within fifteen (15) days after the making of said survey.

(C) PENALTIES. Lessee shall incur a penalty whenever reports, documents or other materials are not filed in the General Land Office when due. The penalty for late filing shall be set by the General Land Office administrative rule which is effective on the date when the materials were due in the General Land Office.

11. DRY HOLE/CESSATION OF PRODUCTION DURING PRIMARY TERM. If, during the primary term hereof and prior to discovery and production of oil or gas on said land, Lessee should drill a dry hole or holes thereon, or if during the primary term hereof and after the discovery and actual production of oil or gas from the leased premises such production thereof should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if on or before the expiration of sixty (60) days from date of completion of said dry hole or cessation of production Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations thereon, or pays or tenders the next annual delay rental in the same manner as provided in this lease. If, during the last year of the primary term or within sixty (60) days prior thereto, a dry hole be completed and abandoned, or the production of oil or gas should cease for any cause, Lessee's rights shall remain in full force and effect without further operations until the expiration of the primary term; and if Lessee has not resumed production in paying quantities at the expiration of the primary term, Lessee may maintain this lease by conducting additional drilling or reworking operations pursuant to Paragraph 13, using the expiration of the primary term as the date of cessation of production under Paragraph 13. Should the first well or any subsequent well drilled on the above described land be completed as a shut-in oil or gas well within the primary term hereof, Lessee may resume payment of the annual rental in the same manner as provided herein on or before the rental paying date following the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date of completion of such shut-in oil or gas well and upon the failure to make such payment, this lease shall ipso facto terminate. If at the expiration of the primary term or any time thereafter a shut-in oil or gas well is located on the leased premises, payments may be made in accordance with the shut-in provisions hereof.

12. DRILLING AND REWORKING AT EXPIRATION OF PRIMARY TERM. If, at the expiration of the primary term, neither oil nor gas is being produced on said land, but Lessee is then engaged in drilling or reworking operations thereon, this lease shall remain in force so long as operations on said well or for drilling or reworking of any additional well are prosecuted in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days during any one such operation, and if they result in the production of oil and/or gas, so long thereafter as oil and/or gas is produced in paying quantities from said land, or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or compensatory royalties is made as provided in this lease.

13. CESSATION, DRILLING, AND REWORKING. If, after the expiration of the primary term, production of oil or gas from the leased premises, after once obtained, should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after such cessation, and this lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as such operations continue in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. If such drilling or reworking operations result in the production of oil or gas, the lease shall remain in full force and effect for so long as oil or gas is produced from the leased premises in paying quantities or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or payment of compensatory royalties is made as provided herein or as provided by law. If the drilling or reworking operations result in the completion of a well as a dry hole, the lease will not terminate if the Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days after the completion of the well as a dry hole, and this lease shall remain in effect so long as Lessee continues drilling or reworking operations in good faith and in a workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days. Lessee shall give written notice to the General Land Office within thirty (30) days of any cessation of production.

14. SHUT-IN ROYALTIES. For purposes of this paragraph, "well" means any well that has been assigned a well number by the state agency having jurisdiction over the production of oil and gas. If, at any time after the expiration of the primary term of a lease that, until being shut in, was being maintained in force and effect, a well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities is located on the leased premises, but oil or gas is not being produced for lack of suitable production facilities or lack of a suitable market, then Lessee may pay as a shut-in oil or gas royalty an amount equal to double the annual rental provided in the lease, but not less than \$1,200 a year for each well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities. If Paragraph 3 of this lease does not specify a delay rental amount, then for the purposes of this paragraph, the delay rental amount shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per acre. To be effective, each initial shut-in oil or gas royalty must be paid on or before: (1) the expiration of the primary term, (2) 60 days after the Lessee ceases to produce oil or gas from the leased premises, or (3) 60 days after Lessee completes a drilling or reworking operation in accordance with the lease provisions; whichever date is latest. Such payment shall be made one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil. If the shut-in oil or gas royalty is paid, the lease shall be considered to be a producing lease and the payment shall extend the term of the lease for a period of one year from the end of the primary term, or from the first day of the month following the month in which production ceased, and, after that, if no suitable production facilities or suitable market for the oil or gas exists, Lessee may extend the lease for four more successive periods of one (1) year by paying the same amount each year on or before the expiration of each shut-in year.



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15. **COMPENSATORY ROYALTIES.** If, during the period the lease is kept in effect by payment of the shut-in oil or gas royalty, oil or gas is sold and delivered in paying quantities from a well located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises and completed in the same producing reservoir, or in any case in which drainage is occurring, the right to continue to maintain the lease by paying the shut-in oil or gas royalty shall cease, but the lease shall remain effective for the remainder of the year for which the royalty has been paid. The Lessee may maintain the lease for four more successive years by Lessee paying compensatory royalty at the royalty rate provided in the lease of the market value of production from the well causing the drainage or which is completed in the same producing reservoir and within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. The compensatory royalty is to be paid monthly, one-half (1/2) to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and one-half (1/2) to the owner of the soil, beginning on or before the last day of the month following the month in which the oil or gas is produced from the well causing the drainage or that is completed in the same producing reservoir and located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the leased premises. If the compensatory royalty paid in any 12-month period is in an amount less than the annual shut-in oil or gas royalty, Lessee shall pay an amount equal to the difference within thirty (30) days from the end of the 12-month period. Compensatory royalty payments which are not timely paid will accrue penalty and interest in accordance with Paragraph 9 of this lease. None of these provisions will relieve Lessee of the obligation of reasonable development nor the obligation to drill offset wells as provided in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.173; however, at the determination of the Commissioner, and with the Commissioner's written approval, the payment of compensatory royalties can satisfy the obligation to drill offset wells.

16. **RETAINED ACREAGE.** Notwithstanding any provision of this lease to the contrary, after a well producing or capable of producing oil or gas has been completed on the leased premises, Lessee shall exercise the diligence of a reasonably prudent operator in drilling such additional well or wells as may be reasonably necessary for the proper development of the leased premises and in marketing the production thereon.

(A) **VERTICAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term, it shall then terminate as to all of the leased premises, EXCEPT (1) 40 acres surrounding each oil well capable of producing in paying quantities and 320 acres surrounding each gas well capable of producing in paying quantities (including a shut-in oil or gas well as provided in Paragraph 14 hereof), or a well upon which Lessee is then engaged in continuous drilling or reworking operations, or (2) the number of acres included in a producing pooled unit pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153, or (3) such greater or lesser number of acres as may then be allocated for production purposes to a proration unit for each such producing well under the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas, or any successor agency, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction. If at any time after the effective date of the partial termination provisions hereof, the applicable field rules are changed or the well or wells located thereon are reclassified so that less acreage is thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes, this lease shall thereupon terminate as to all acreage not thereafter allocated to said well or wells for production purposes. Notwithstanding the termination of this lease as to a portion of the lands covered hereby, Lessee shall nevertheless continue to have the right of ingress to and egress from the lands still subject to this lease for all purposes described in Paragraph 1 hereof, together with easements and right-of-ways for existing roads, existing pipelines and other existing facilities on, over and across all the lands described in Paragraph 1 hereof ("the retained lands"), for access to and from the retained lands and for the gathering or transportation of oil, gas and other minerals produced from the retained lands.

(B) **HORIZONTAL.** In the event this lease is in force and effect two (2) years after the expiration date of the primary or extended term it shall further terminate as to all depths below 100 feet below the total depth drilled (hereinafter "deeper depths") in each well located on acreage retained in Paragraph 16(A) above, unless on or before two (2) years after the primary or extended term Lessee pays an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the bonus originally paid as consideration for this lease (as specified on page 1 hereof). If such amount is paid, this lease shall be in force and effect as to such deeper depths, and said termination shall be delayed for an additional period of two (2) years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities from such deeper depths covered by this lease.

(C) **IDENTIFICATION AND FILING.** The surface acreage retained hereunder as to each well shall, as nearly as practical, be in the form of a square with the well located in the center thereof, or such other shape as may be approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office. Within thirty (30) days after partial termination of this lease as provided herein, Lessee shall execute and record a release or releases containing a satisfactory legal description of the acreage and/or depths not retained hereunder. The recorded release, or a certified copy of same, shall be filed in the General Land Office, accompanied by the filing fee prescribed by the General Land Office rules in effect on the date the release is filed. If Lessee fails or refuses to execute and record such release or releases within ninety (90) days after being requested to do so by the General Land Office, then the Commissioner at his sole discretion may designate by written instrument the acreage and/or depths to be released hereunder and record such instrument at Lessee's expense in the county or counties where the lease is located and in the official records of the General Land Office and such designation shall be binding upon Lessee for all purposes.

17. **OFFSET WELLS.** Neither the bonus, delay rentals, nor royalties paid, or to be paid, under this lease shall relieve Lessee of his obligation to protect the oil and gas under the above-described land from being drained. Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall drill as many wells as the facts may justify and shall use appropriate means and drill to a depth necessary to prevent undue drainage of oil and gas from the leased premises. In addition, if oil and/or gas should be produced in commercial quantities within 1,000 feet of the leased premises, or in any case where the leased premises is being drained by production of oil or gas, the Lessee, sublessee, receiver or other agent in control of the leased premises shall in good faith begin the drilling of a well or wells upon the



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leased premises within 100 days after the draining well or wells or the well or wells completed within 1,000 feet of the leased premises start producing in commercial quantities and shall prosecute such drilling with diligence. Failure to satisfy the statutory offset obligation may subject this lease and the owner of the soil's agency rights to forfeiture. Only upon the determination of the Commissioner of the General Land Office and with his written approval may the payment of compensatory royalty under applicable statutory parameters satisfy the obligation to drill an offset well or wells required under this paragraph.

18. **FORCE MAJEURE.** If, after a good faith effort, Lessee is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this lease, from conducting drilling operations on the leased premises, or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises by reason of war, rebellion, riots, strikes, acts of God, or any valid order, rule or regulation of government authority, then while so prevented, Lessee's obligation to comply with such covenant shall be suspended and Lessee shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenants; additionally, this lease shall be extended while Lessee is prevented, by any such cause, from conducting drilling and reworking operations or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises. However, nothing in this paragraph shall suspend the payment of delay rentals in order to maintain this lease in effect during the primary term in the absence of such drilling or reworking operations or production of oil or gas.

19. **WARRANTY CLAUSE.** The owner of the soil warrants and agrees to defend title to the leased premises. If the owner of the soil defaults in payments owed on the leased premises, then Lessee may redeem the rights of the owner of the soil in the leased premises by paying any mortgage, taxes or other liens on the leased premises. If Lessee makes payments on behalf of the owner of the soil under this paragraph, Lessee may recover the cost of these payments from the rental and royalties due the owner of the soil.

20. (A) **PROPORTIONATE REDUCTION CLAUSE.** If the owner of the soil owns less than the entire undivided surface estate in the above described land, whether or not Lessee's interest is specified herein, then the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the owner of the soil shall be paid to him in the proportion which his interest bears to the entire undivided surface estate and the royalties and rental herein provided to be paid to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas shall be likewise proportionately reduced. However, before Lessee adjusts the royalty or rental due to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Lessee or his authorized representative must submit to the Commissioner of the General Land Office a written statement which explains the discrepancy between the interest purportedly leased under this lease and the actual interest owned by the owner of the soil. The Commissioner of the General Land Office shall be paid the value of the whole production allocable to any undivided interest not covered by a lease, less the proportionate development and production cost allocable to such undivided interest. However, in no event shall the Commissioner of the General Land Office receive as a royalty on the gross production allocable to the undivided interest not leased an amount less than the value of one-sixteenth (1/16) of such gross production.

(B) **REDUCTION OF PAYMENTS.** If, during the primary term, a portion of the land covered by this lease is included within the boundaries of a pooled unit that has been approved by the School Land Board and the owner of the soil in accordance with Natural Resources Code Sections 52.151-52.154, or if at any time after the expiration of the primary term or the extended term, this lease covers a lesser number of acres than the total amount described herein, payments that are made on a per acre basis hereunder shall be reduced according to the number of acres pooled, released, surrendered, or otherwise severed, so that payments determined on a per acre basis under the terms of this lease during the primary term shall be calculated based upon the number of acres outside the boundaries of a pooled unit, or, if after the expiration of the primary term, the number of acres actually retained and covered by this lease.

21. **USE OF WATER.** Lessee shall have the right to use water produced on said land necessary for operations under this lease except water from wells or tanks of the owner of the soil; provided, however, Lessee shall not use potable water or water suitable for livestock or irrigation purposes for waterflood operations without the prior consent of the owner of the soil.

22. **AUTHORIZED DAMAGES.** Lessee shall pay the owner of the soil for damages caused by its operations to all personal property, improvements, livestock and crops on said land.

23. **PIPELINE DEPTH.** When requested by the owner of the soil, Lessee shall bury its pipelines below plow depth.

24. **WELL LOCATION LIMIT.** No well shall be drilled nearer than two hundred (200) feet to any house or barn now on said premises without the written consent of the owner of the soil.

25. **POLLUTION.** In developing this area, Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all proper safeguards to prevent pollution. Without limiting the foregoing, pollution of coastal wetlands, natural waterways, rivers and impounded water shall be prevented by the use of containment facilities sufficient to prevent spillage, seepage or ground water contamination. In the event of pollution, Lessee shall use all means at its disposal to recapture all escaped hydrocarbons or other pollutant and shall be responsible for all damage to public and private properties. Lessee shall build and maintain fences around its slush, sump, and drainage pits and tank batteries so as to protect livestock against loss, damage or injury; and upon completion or abandonment of any well or wells, Lessee shall fill and level all slush pits and cellars and completely clean up the drilling site of all rubbish thereon. Lessee shall, while conducting operations on the leased premises, keep said premises free of all rubbish, cans, bottles, paper cups or garbage, and upon completion of



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operations shall restore the surface of the land to as near its original condition and contours as is practicable. Tanks and equipment will be kept painted and presentable.

26. REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT. Subject to limitations in this paragraph, Lessee shall have the right to remove machinery and fixtures placed by Lessee on the leased premises, including the right to draw and remove casing, within one hundred twenty (120) days after the expiration or the termination of this lease unless the owner of the soil grants Lessee an extension of this 120-day period. However, Lessee may not remove casing from any well capable of producing oil and gas in paying quantities. Additionally, Lessee may not draw and remove casing until after thirty (30) days written notice to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and to the owner of the soil. The owner of the soil shall become the owner of any machinery, fixtures, or casing which are not timely removed by Lessee under the terms of this paragraph.

27. (A) ASSIGNMENTS. Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29 of this lease, the rights and estates of either party to this lease may be assigned, in whole or in part, and the provisions of this lease shall extend to and be binding upon their heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns. However, a change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties will not enlarge the obligations of Lessee, diminish the rights, privileges and estates of Lessee, impair the effectiveness of any payment made by Lessee or impair the effectiveness of any act performed by Lessee. And no change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties shall bind Lessee for any purpose until thirty (30) days after the owner of the soil (or his heirs, devisees, legal representatives or assigns) furnishes the Lessee with satisfactory written evidence of the change in ownership, including the original recorded muniments of title (or a certified copy of such original) when the ownership changed because of a conveyance. A total or partial assignment of this lease shall, to the extent of the interest assigned, relieve and discharge Lessee of all subsequent obligations under this lease. If this lease is assigned in its entirety as to only part of the acreage, the right and option to pay rentals shall be apportioned as between the several owners ratably, according to the area of each, and failure by one or more of them to pay his share of the rental shall not affect this lease on the part of the land upon which pro rata rentals are timely paid or tendered; however, if the assignor or assignee does not file a certified copy of such assignment in the General Land Office before the next rental paying date, the entire lease shall terminate for failure to pay the entire rental due under Paragraph 3. Every assignee shall succeed to all rights and be subject to all obligations, liabilities, and penalties owed to the State by the original lessee or any prior assignee of the lease, including any liabilities to the State for unpaid royalties.

(B) ASSIGNMENT LIMITATION. Notwithstanding any provision in Paragraph 27(a), if the owner of the soil acquires this lease in whole or in part by assignment without the prior written approval of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, this lease is void as of the time of assignment and the agency power of the owner may be forfeited by the Commissioner. An assignment will be treated as if it were made to the owner of the soil if the assignee is:

- (1) a nominee of the owner of the soil;
- (2) a corporation or subsidiary in which the owner of the soil is a principal stockholder or is an employee of such a corporation or subsidiary;
- (3) a partnership in which the owner of the soil is a partner or is an employee of such a partnership;
- (4) a principal stockholder or employee of the corporation which is the owner of the soil;
- (5) a partner or employee in a partnership which is the owner of the soil;
- (6) a fiduciary for the owner of the soil; including but not limited to a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, or conservator for the owner of the soil; or
- (7) a family member of the owner of the soil or related to the owner of the soil by marriage, blood, or adoption.

28. RELEASES. Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29, Lessee may at any time execute and deliver to the owner of the soil and place of record a release or releases covering any portion or portions of the leased premises, and thereby surrender this lease as to such portion or portions, and be relieved of all subsequent obligations as to acreage surrendered. If any part of this lease is properly surrendered, the delay rental due under this lease shall be reduced by the proportion that the surrendered acreage bears to the acreage which was covered by this lease immediately prior to such surrender; however, such release will not relieve Lessee of any liabilities which may have accrued under this lease prior to the surrender of such acreage.

29. FILING OF ASSIGNMENTS AND RELEASES. If all or any part of this lease is assigned or released, such assignment or release must be recorded in the county where the land is situated, and the recorded instrument, or a copy of the recorded instrument certified by the County Clerk of the county in which the instrument is recorded, must be filed in the General Land Office within 90 days of the last execution date accompanied by the prescribed filing fee. If any such assignment is not so filed, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture at the option of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

30. DISCLOSURE CLAUSE. All provisions pertaining to the lease of the above-described land have been included in this instrument, including the statement of the true consideration to be paid for the execution of this lease and the rights and duties of the parties. Any collateral agreements concerning the development of oil and gas from the leased premises which are not contained in this lease render this lease invalid.



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31. FIDUCIARY DUTY. The owner of the soil owes the State a fiduciary duty and must fully disclose any facts affecting the State's interest in the leased premises. When the interests of the owner of the soil conflict with those of the State, the owner of the soil is obligated to put the State's interests before his personal interests.

32. FORFEITURE. If Lessee shall fail or refuse to make the payment of any sum within thirty days after it becomes due, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly make any false return or false report concerning production or drilling, or if Lessee shall fail or refuse to drill any offset well or wells in good faith as required by law and the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or if Lessee should fail to file reports in the manner required by law or fail to comply with rules and regulations promulgated by the General Land Office, the School Land Board, or the Railroad Commission, or if Lessee should refuse the proper authority access to the records pertaining to operations, or if Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly fail or refuse to give correct information to the proper authority, or knowingly fail or refuse to furnish the General Land Office a correct log of any well, or if Lessee shall knowingly violate any of the material provisions of this lease, or if this lease is assigned and the assignment is not filed in the General Land Office as required by law, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture by the Commissioner, and he shall forfeit same when sufficiently informed of the facts which authorize a forfeiture, and when forfeited the area shall again be subject to lease under the terms of the Relinquishment Act. However, nothing herein shall be construed as waiving the automatic termination of this lease by operation of law or by reason of any special limitation arising hereunder. Forfeitures may be set aside and this lease and all rights thereunder reinstated before the rights of another intervene upon satisfactory evidence to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of future compliance with the provisions of the law and of this lease and the rules and regulations that may be adopted relative hereto.

33. LIEN. In accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136, the State shall have a first lien upon all oil and gas produced from the area covered by this lease to secure payment of all unpaid royalty and other sums of money that may become due under this lease. By acceptance of this lease, Lessee grants the State, in addition to the lien provided by Texas Natural Resources Code 52.136 and any other applicable statutory lien, an express contractual lien on and security interest in all leased minerals in and extracted from the leased premises, all proceeds which may accrue to Lessee from the sale of such leased minerals, whether such proceeds are held by Lessee or by a third party, and all fixtures on and improvements to the leased premises used in connection with the production or processing of such leased minerals in order to secure the payment of all royalties or other amounts due or to become due under this lease and to secure payment of any damages or loss that Lessor may suffer by reason of Lessee's breach of any covenant or condition of this lease, whether express or implied. This lien and security interest may be foreclosed with or without court proceedings in the manner provided in the Title I, Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code. Lessee agrees that the Commissioner may require Lessee to execute and record such instruments as may be reasonably necessary to acknowledge, attach or perfect this lien. Lessee hereby represents that there are no prior or superior liens arising from and relating to Lessee's activities upon the above-described property or from Lessee's acquisition of this lease. Should the Commissioner at any time determine that this representation is not true, then the Commissioner may declare this lease forfeited as provided herein.

34. POOLING. Lessee is hereby granted the right to pool or unitize the royalty interest of the owner of the soil under this lease with any other leasehold or mineral interest for the exploration, development and production of oil or gas or either of them upon the same terms as shall be approved by the School Land Board and the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the pooling or unitizing of the interest of the State under this lease pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code 52.151-52.153. The owner of the soil agrees that the inclusion of this provision in this lease satisfies the execution requirements stated in Texas Natural Resources Code 52.152.

35. INDEMNITY. Lessee hereby releases and discharges the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns, of and from all and any actions and causes of action of every nature, or other harm, including environmental harm, for which recovery of damages is sought, including, but not limited to, all losses and expenses which are caused by the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents arising out of, incidental to, or resulting from, the operations of or for Lessee on the leased premises hereunder, or that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement, or by any other negligent or strictly liable act or omission of Lessee. Further, Lessee hereby agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees and agents, their successors or assigns, against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, actions, personal injury (including death), costs and expenses, or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, under any theory including tort, contract, or strict liability, including attorneys' fees and other legal expenses, including those related to environmental hazards, on the leased premises or in any way related to Lessee's failure to comply with any and all environmental laws; those arising from or in any way related to Lessee's operations or any other of Lessee's activities on the leased premises; those arising from Lessee's use of the surface of the leased premises; and those that may arise out of or be occasioned by Lessee's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or any other act or omission of Lessee, its directors, officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees, and their respective successors and assigns. Each assignee of this Agreement, or an interest therein, agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Texas and the owner of the soil, their officers, employees, and agents in the same manner provided above in connection with the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees, and agents as described above. **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY LIMITED HEREIN, ALL OF THE INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS AND/OR LIABILITIES ASSUMED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE WITHOUT LIMITS AND WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CAUSE OR CAUSES THEREOF**



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(EXCLUDING PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS), STRICT LIABILITY, OR THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY OR PARTIES (INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE INDENINIFIED PARTY), WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE BE SOLE, JOINT, CONCURRENT, ACTIVE, OR PASSIVE.

36. **ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS.** Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all reasonable safeguards to prevent contamination or pollution of any environmental medium, including soil, surface waters, groundwater, sediments, and surface or subsurface strata, ambient air or any other environmental medium in, on, or under the leased premises, by any waste, pollutant, or contaminant. Lessee shall not bring or permit to remain on the leased premises any asbestos containing materials, explosives, toxic materials, or substances regulated as hazardous wastes, hazardous materials, hazardous substances (as the term "Hazardous Substance" is defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601, et seq.), or toxic substances under any federal, state, or local law or regulation ("Hazardous Materials"), except ordinary products commonly used in connection with oil and gas exploration and development operations and stored in the usual manner and quantities. **LESSEE'S VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION SHALL CONSTITUTE A MATERIAL BREACH AND DEFAULT HEREUNDER AND LESSEE SHALL INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL FROM AND AGAINST ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, JUDGMENTS, PENALTIES, LIABILITIES, AND COSTS (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS) CAUSED BY OR ARISING OUT OF (I) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (II) THE PRESENCE, RELEASE, OR DISPOSAL OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OR CONTROL OF THE LEASED PREMISES. LESSEE SHALL CLEAN UP, REMOVE, REMEDY AND REPAIR ANY SOIL OR GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE PRESENCE OR RELEASE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN, ON, UNDER, OR ABOUT THE LEASED PREMISES DURING LESSEE'S OCCUPANCY OF THE LEASED PREMISES IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE LAW. THIS INDEMNIFICATION AND ASSUMPTION SHALL APPLY, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, LIABILITY FOR RESPONSE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO CERCLA OR ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAW OR REGULATION. LESSEE SHALL IMMEDIATELY GIVE THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE OWNER OF THE SOIL WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY BREACH OR SUSPECTED BREACH OF THIS PARAGRAPH, UPON LEARNING OF THE PRESENCE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OR UPON RECEIVING A NOTICE FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY PERTAINING TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WHICH MAY AFFECT THE LEASED PREMISES. THE OBLIGATIONS OF LESSEE HEREUNDER SHALL SURVIVE THE EXPIRATION OR EARLIER TERMINATION, FOR ANY REASON, OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

37. **APPLICABLE LAW.** This lease is issued under the provisions of Texas Natural Resources Code 52.171 through 52.190, commonly known as the Relinquishment Act, and other applicable statutes and amendments thereto, and if any provision in this lease does not conform to these statutes, the statutes will prevail over any nonconforming lease provisions.

38. **EXECUTION.** This oil and gas lease must be signed and acknowledged by the Lessee before it is filed of record in the county records and in the General Land Office of the State of Texas. Once the filing requirements found in Paragraph 39 of this lease have been satisfied, the effective date of this lease shall be the date found on Page 1.

39. **LEASE FILING.** Pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, this lease must be filed of record in the office of the County Clerk in any county in which all or any part of the leased premises is located, and certified copies thereof must be filed in the General Land Office. This lease is not effective until a certified copy of this lease (which is made and certified by the County Clerk from his records) is filed in the General Land Office in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code 52.183. Additionally, this lease shall not be binding upon the State unless it recites the actual and true consideration paid or promised for execution of this lease. The bonus due the State and the prescribed filing fee shall accompany such certified copy to the General Land Office.

40. See attached "ADDENDUM" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

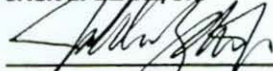


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*** THIS IS A PAID-UP OIL AND GAS LEASE as to any rentals that may be paid on or before the 1st and 2nd anniversary date. If delay rentals are paid on or before the 3rd anniversary date, the total rental paid shall be \$7,314.00. Of such amount, \$3,657.00 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$3,657.00 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein, and the rentals due on or before the 4th anniversary date will be PAID-UP.

JACK E. BLAKE, JR.

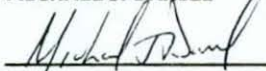


BY: Jack E. Blake, Jr.

TITLE: Individually

DATE: 11-2-2005

MICHAEL J. DANIEL



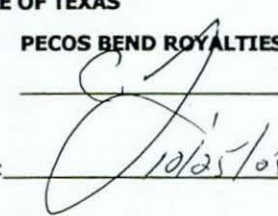
Michael J. Daniel

Individually

DATE: 11/2/2005

STATE OF TEXAS

PECOS BEND ROYALTIES, INC.

BY: 

DATE: 10/25/05

STATE OF TEXAS

BY: _____

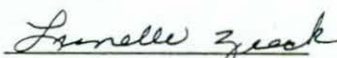
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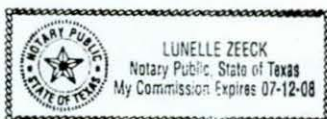
THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF MIDLAND §

This instrument was acknowledged before me this 25 day of October, 2005, by C. B. Bailey as President of Pecos Bend Royalties, Inc., on behalf of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires:


Notary Public Signature



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THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 2nd day of November, 2005, by Jack E. Blake, Jr., and Michael J. Daniel, in the capacities herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires:

JAN R. DAVIS
Notary Public Signature



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ADDENDUM attached to and made a part of that certain Oil and Gas Lease dated October 1, 2005,
by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent
Pecos Bend Royalties, Inc., and Jack E. Blake, Jr. and Michael J. Daniel.

40. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Paragraph 5 (minimum royalty) and Paragraph 14 (shut-in royalty) refer to their computation to the delay rentals provided in Paragraph 3 herein. The undersigned do hereby recognize and acknowledge that minimum royalty and shut-in royalties due herein are payable in the amount of \$36.57. Of such amount, \$18.29 is payable to the owner of the soil as provided herein and \$18.29 is payable to the State of Texas as provided herein.

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DULY RECORDED ON THE 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER A.D. 2005 9:00 A.M.

BY: *[Signature]*, DEPUTY

DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

ANY PROVISION HEREIN WHICH RESTRICTS THE SALE, RENTAL,
OR USE OF THE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY BECAUSE OF COLOR
OR RACE IS INVALID AND UNENFORCEABLE UNDER FEDERAL
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Date Filed: Hease
Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner
By [Signature]

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT COPY CERTIFICATE
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF REEVES

The above and foregoing is a full, true and correct photographic copy of the original record now in my lawful custody and possession, as the same is filed/recorded in the public records of my office, found in VOL 717, PAGE 641, THRU 652. **DEED RECORDS**

I hereby certified on JANUARY 25, 2006



DIANNE O. FLOREZ, COUNTY CLERK
REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

BY Josie Flores DEPUTY
JOSIE FLORES

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GENERAL LAND OFFICE

JERRY PATTERSON, COMMISSIONER

June 13, 2006

Attn: Jack E. Blake, Jr.
Navigator Oil & Minerals, Inc.
P.O. Box 10184
Midland, Texas 79702

Re: RELINQUISHMENT ACT LEASE No. M-106048
640 acres in Section 4, Blk. 57, T&P Ry Co. Survey
Reeves County, Texas

Dear Mr. Blake:

The certified copy of the Relinquishment Act lease covering the above referenced tracts has been approved and filed in our records under Mineral File number M-106048. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence concerning the lease.

Your remittance of \$96,125.00, has been applied as the state's portion of the cash bonus \$96,000.00, along with a processing and filing fee in the amount of \$125.00. Please let me know if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

Drew Reid by MS-

Drew Reid
Minerals Leasing
Energy Resources
(512) 475-1534

MS/DR

Stephen F. Austin Building • 1700 North Congress Avenue • Austin, Texas 78701-1495

Post Office Box 12873 • Austin, Texas 78711-2873

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File No: 12F706048
Geo Lattery
Date Filed: 6/13/06
JERRY F. Patterson, Commissioner
By [Signature]

LEASE OBLIGATION DEPOSIT RECEIPT

WE HAVE THIS DAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2008

TENDERED TO

COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND

THE SUM OF **\$16,640.00** DOLLARS FOR THE CREDIT OF PARTY OR PARTIES NAMED BELOW
IN AMOUNT STATED PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE LEASE IDENTIFIED HEREIN, FOR THE PERIOD FROM
10/1/2008 TO 10/1/2010 COVERING LESSOR'S INTEREST IN LAND DESCRIBED AS:

Survey: T&P RR Block/Suffix: 57 Section: 4 Short Desc: ALL OF SEC 4, BLK 57, T&P RR CO SVY

PAYMENT OPTION TO EXTEND

LEASE NUMBER TX2330053-005

LEASE DATE: 10/1/2005

PROSPECT: DIXIE LAND

RECORDED: BOOK 717 PAGE 629

ENTRY NUMBER: 005359

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STATE TX

FOR CREDIT OF:

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COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND
OFFICE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN BUILDING
1700 NORTH CONGRESS, SUITE 600
AUSTIN, TX 78701

Acct:
\$16,640 EACH FOR ADD'L 2 YRS

16,640.00

mf106048(A)

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IMPORTANT

The attached check is for the person(s) named above. Please date, sign and return the attached receipts on the day you receive it. If directed to a bank, please deposit the amount to the credit of the person(s) named above and date, sign and return the receipt on the day you receive it. If correspondence required, please make reference to lease number.

Date Received _____

Sign Here **COPY FOR**By **YOUR RECORDS**

Title

Subtotal	16,640.00
BANK SERVICE CHARGE \$	0.00
Grand Total	16,640.00
Check No.	36734

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.

DELAY RENTAL ACCOUNT

P.O. BOX 18496

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73154

405/848-8000

BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

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DATE

09/05/2008

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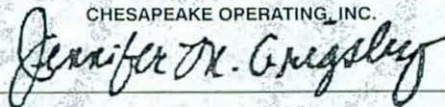
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AUSTIN, TX 78701

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.



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LEASE OBLIGATION DEPOSIT RECEIPT

WE HAVE THIS DAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2008

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THE SUM OF **\$12,251.00** DOLLARS FOR THE CREDIT OF PARTY OR PARTIES NAMED BELOW
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PAYMENT OPTION TO EXTEND

LEASE NUMBER TX2330053-008

LEASE DATE: 10/1/2005

PROSPECT: DIXIE LAND

RECORDED: BOOK 717 PAGE 571

ENTRY NUMBER: 005354

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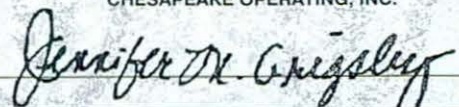
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PROSPECT: DIXIE LAND

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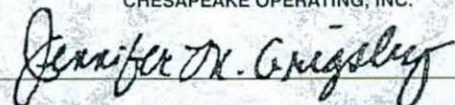
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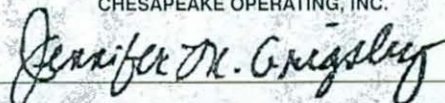
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