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<i>State Lease</i>	<i>Control</i>	<i>Basefile</i>	<i>County</i>
MF106270	07-032757	153008	CULBERSON
<i>Survey</i>	PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND		
<i>Block</i>	113		
<i>Block Name</i>			
<i>Township</i>			
<i>Section/Tract</i>	12		
<i>Land Part</i>			
<i>Part Description</i>	S2 OF SW4		
<i>Acres</i>	80		
<i>Depth Below</i>	<i>Depth Above</i>	<i>Depth Other</i>	
0	0		
<i>Role</i>	LESSEE		
<i>Name</i>	BLAIR, CRAIG L.		
<i>Lessee Date</i>	6/17/2005		
<i>Primary Term</i>	3 yrs		
<i>Bonus (\$)</i>	\$0.00		
<i>Rental (\$)</i>	\$1.00		
<i>Gas Decimal</i>	0.1		
<i>Oil Decimal</i>	0.1		

Leasing: _____

Analyst: _____

Maps: _____

GIS: JP

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RAL REVIEW SHEET

Transaction # 5109
 Lessor: Pearson, Mattie Russell
 Lessee: Clair L. Blair and Stephen S. Blair

Geologist: R. Widmayer
 Lease Date: 6/17/2005 ☐ **UT**
 Acres: 80

LEASE DESCRIPTION

County	PIN#	Base File No	Part	Sec.	Block	Twp	Survey	Abst#
CULBERSON	 80.0 Ac.	153008	S/2 of th S/2 SW/4	12	113	00	PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND	7037

TERMS OFFERED

Primary Term:
 Bonus/Acre:
 Rental/Acre:
 Royalty:

TERMS RECOMMENDED

Primary Term:
 Bonus/Acre:
 Rental/Acre:
 Royalty:

COMPARISONS

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

Comments:

Approved: PAC 3-30-06

RELINQUISHMENT ACT LEASE APPLICATION

Texas General Land Office

Jerry Patterson, Commissioner

TO: Jerry Patterson, Commissioner
Larry Laine, Chief Clerk
Bill Warnick, General Counsel
Louis Renaud, Deputy Commissioner

DATE: 27-Mar-06

FROM: Robert Hatter, Director of Mineral Leasing
Peter Boone, Chief Geologist

Applicant: Clair L. Blair and Stephen S. Blair

County: CULBERSON

Prim. Term: 3 years

Bonus/Acre

\$200.00

Royalty: 1/5

Rental/Acre

\$1.00

Consideration

Recommended: PAB

Date: 3.30.06

Not Recommended: _____

Comments: 9 more leases on this property.

☒ Lease Form

Recommended: RH

Date: 4/11/06

Not Recommended: _____

Comments:

Louis Renaud, Deputy Commissioner

Date: 5/2/06

Recommended: CCR

Not Recommended: _____

Bill Warnick, General Counsel

Date: 5/3/06

Recommended: WFW

Not Recommended: _____

Larry Laine, Chief Clerk

Date: 5/4/06

Approved: [Signature]

Not Approved: _____

Jerry Patterson, Commissioner

Date: 5/17/06

Approved: [Signature]

Not Approved: _____

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Pat Review Application

Date Filed: 6-17-05

Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner

By [Signature]



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General Land Office
Relinquishment Act Lease Form
Revised, September 1997

The State of Texas



#60914

Austin, Texas

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 17 day of June, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, Frankie R. West-Davis

of 602 W. 3rd St., Brenham, TX 77833-4041

(Give Permanent Address)

said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and Craig L. Blair and Stephen S. Blair

of P.O. Box 2476, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221

(Give Permanent Address)

hereinafter called Lessee.

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 Culberson County, State of Texas, to-wit:

The S/2 of the SW/4 of Section 12, Block 113, Public School Land Survey, Culberson County, Texas

containing 80.0 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas: One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three and 33/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$1,333.33)

To the owner of the soil: One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three and 33/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$1,333.33)

Total bonus consideration: Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Six and 66/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$2,666.66)

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of Two Hundred and 0/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$200.00) per acre, on 13.3333 net acres.

2. TERM. Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of Three (3) 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.

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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: Six and Sixty-seven one hundredths
Dollars (\$6.67)
To the State of Texas: Six and Sixty-seven one hundredths
Dollars (\$6.67)
Total Delay Rental: Thirteen and Thirty-four one hundredths
Dollars (\$13.34)

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 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 1/5 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 1/5 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 1/5 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 1/5 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 to accrue 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

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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 wells 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 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 52.151-52.154, 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 rights-of-way 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.

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(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.

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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.

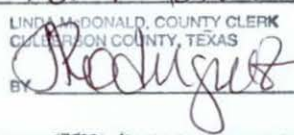
28. RELEASES. Under the conditions contained in this paragraph and Paragraph 29, Lessee may at any time execute and deliver to the owner of the soil and place of record a release or releases covering any portion or portions of the leased premises, and thereby surrender this lease as to such portion or 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

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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 1, Chap. 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 52.151-52.154. 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 INDEMNIFIED 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 (1) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (2) 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.

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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.

LESSEE
BY: Craig L Blair
CRAIG L. BLAIR

Title: 12-03-05 C.L.B.
Date: 12-03-05

BY: Stephen S. Blair
STEPHEN S. BLAIR

Title: _____
Date: Dec 1, 2005

LESSOR:

STATE OF TEXAS
BY: Frankie R. West-Davis
FRANKIE R. WEST-DAVIS
Individually and as agent for the State of Texas
Date: 8-29-05

STATE OF TEXAS
BY: _____
Individually and as agent for the State of Texas
Date: _____

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STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

(CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____
known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instruments as _____
of _____ and acknowledged to me that he
executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity stated, and as the act and deed of said corporation.

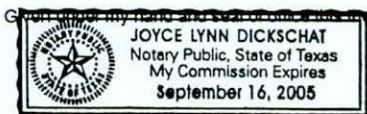
Given under my hand and seal of office this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public in and for _____

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Washington

(INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared FRANKIE R. WEST-DAVIS
known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.



Given under my hand and seal of office this the 27th day of August, 2005.

Joyce Lynn Dickschat
Notary Public in and for Brewster Washington Co., TX

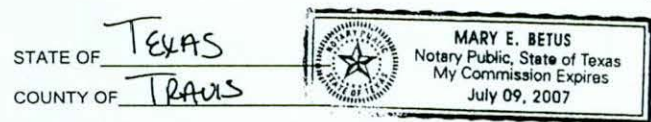
STATE OF Texas
COUNTY OF Howard

(INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared CRAIG L. BLAIR
known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 3rd day of December, 2005.

Mary E. Betus
Notary Public in and for Texas



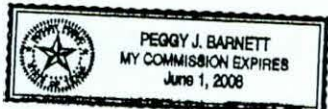
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

(INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared STEPHEN S. BLAIR
known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 1st day of December, 2005.

Peggy J. Barnett
Notary Public in and for Texas



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DULY RECORDED ON THE 19th DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2006 @ 3:10 O'CLOCK P M.

BY [Signature], DEPUTY

LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

File No. MF-106270
Oil & Gas Lease A
Date Filed: 5-8-06
Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner
By [Signature]

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

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 Oil & Gas Records of my office, found in VOL. 92, PAGE 318-326

I hereby certified on 4 May 2006
LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
BY [Signature] DEPUTY



General Land Office
Relinquishment Act Lease Form
Revised, September 1997

The State of Texas



Austin, Texas

#60910

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 17 day of June, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, Mattie Russell Pearson

of 726 Hartman Dr., Baytown, TX 77521

(Give Permanent Address)

said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and Craig L. Blair and Stephen S. Blair

of P.O. Box 2476, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221

(Give Permanent Address)

hereinafter called Lessee.

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 Culberson County, State of Texas, to-wit:

The S/2 of the SW/4 of Section 12, Block 113, Public School Land Survey, Culberson County, Texas

containing 80.0 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas: One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three and 33/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$1,333.33)

To the owner of the soil: One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three and 33/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$1,333.33)

Total bonus consideration: Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Six and 66/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$2,666.66)

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of Two Hundred and 0/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$200.00) per acre, on 13.3333 net acres.

2. **TERM.** Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of Three (3) 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.

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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: Six and Sixty-seven one hundredths
Dollars (\$6.67)
To the State of Texas: Six and Sixty-seven one hundredths
Dollars (\$6.67)
Total Delay Rental: Thirteen and Thirty-four one hundredths
Dollars (\$13.34)

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 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 1/5 _____ 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 1/5 _____ 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 1/5 _____ 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 1/5 _____ 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 to accrue 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

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operation's 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 wells 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 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 52.151-52.154, 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 rights-of-way 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.

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(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 designation 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.

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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

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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 1, Chap. 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 52.151-52.154. 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 INDEMNIFIED 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 (1) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (2) 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.

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 CUMBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
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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.

LESSEE
BY: Craig L Blair
CRAIG L. BLAIR

BY: Stephen S. Blair
STEPHEN S. BLAIR

Title: _____
Date: 12-03-05

Title: _____
Date: Dec 1, 2005

LESSOR:

STATE OF TEXAS
BY: Mattie Russell Pearson
MATTIE RUSSELL PEARSON
Individually and as agent for the State of Texas
Date: 10/21/05

STATE OF TEXAS
BY: _____
Individually and as agent for the State of Texas
Date: _____

STATE OF TEXAS
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Date: _____

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BY: _____
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Date: _____

Mail Instrument back to
Slate Land Services
P.O. Box 550
Big Spring, Texas 79721-0550

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LINDA DONALD, COUNTY CLERK
CULLERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: Prody DEPUTY

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

(CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____
known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instruments as _____
of _____ and acknowledged to me that he
executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity stated, and as the act and deed of said corporation.

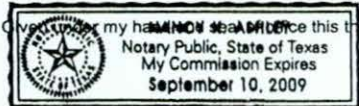
Given under my hand and seal of office this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public in and for _____

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Harris

(INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared MATTIE RUSSELL PEARSON
known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.



Given under my hand and seal of office this the 21st day of October, 2005.

Nancy K. Ashley
Notary Public in and for Texas

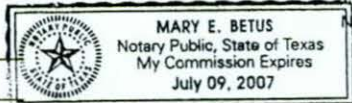
STATE OF Texas
COUNTY OF Howard

(INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared CRAIG L. BLAIR
known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 3rd day of December, 2005.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS



Mary E. Betus
Notary Public in and for Texas

(INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared STEPHEN S. BLAIR
known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 1st day of December, 2005.



Peggy J. Barnett
Notary Public in and for TEXAS

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LINDA MCDONALD, COUNTY CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
BY Producers DEPUTY

FILED FOR RECORD ON THE 12th DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2006 @ 11:30 O'CLOCK A M. &
DULY RECORDED ON THE 19th DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2006 @ 2:45 O'CLOCK P M.

BY [Signature], DEPUTY

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File No. WF 106270

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Date Filed: 5.8.06

Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner

By EBK

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

The above and foregoing is a full, true and correct photographic copy of the original record now in my legal custody and possession, as the same is filed/recorded in the Oil & Gas Records of my office, found in VOL. 282-290, PAGE 28

I hereby certified on

28 April 2006

LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

BY J. McDonald DEPUTY



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The State of Texas



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Austin, Texas

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 17 day of June, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, Maurice Russell Wilson of 14023 St. Mary's St., Houston, TX 77079 (Give Permanent Address) said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and Craig L. Blair and Stephen S. Blair of P.O. Box 2476, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221 hereinafter called Lessee. (Give Permanent Address)

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 Culberson County, State of Texas, to-wit:

The S/2 of the SW/4 of Section 12, Block 113, Public School Land Survey, Culberson County, Texas

containing 80.0 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas: One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three and 33/100 Dollars
Dollars (\$1,333.33)

To the owner of the soil: One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three and 33/100 Dollars
Dollars (\$1,333.33)

Total bonus consideration: Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Six and 66/100 Dollars
Dollars (\$2,666.66)

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of Two Hundred and 0/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$200.00) per acre, on 13.3333 net acres.

2. **TERM.** Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of Three (3) 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.

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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: Six and Sixty-seven one hundredths
Dollars (\$6.67)
To the State of Texas: Six and Sixty-seven one hundredths
Dollars (\$6.67)
Total Delay Rental: Thirteen and Thirty-four one hundredths
Dollars (\$13.34)

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 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 1/5 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 1/5 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 1/5 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 1/5 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 to accrue 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

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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 wells 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 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 52.151-52.154, 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 rights-of-way 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.

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(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.

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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

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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 1, Chap. 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 52.151-52.154. 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 INDEMNIFIED 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 (1) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (2) 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.

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COUNTY CLERK
COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: Rediguer DEPUTY

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.

LESSEE

BY:

Craig L Blair
CRAIG L. BLAIR

Title:

Date:

12-03-08

BY:

Stephen S. Blair
STEPHEN S. BLAIR

Title:

Date:

Dec 1, 2008

LESSOR:

STATE OF TEXAS

BY:

Maurice Russell Wilson
MAURICE RUSSELL WILSON

Individually and as agent for the State of Texas

Date:

11/07/2005

STATE OF TEXAS

BY:

Individually and as agent for the State of Texas

Date:

STATE OF TEXAS

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Date:

Mail Instrument back to
Slate Land Services
P.O. Box 550
Big Spring, Texas 79721-0550

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ATTEST:



LINDA DONALD, COUNTY CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

BY Proch DEPUTY

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

(CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____
known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instruments as _____
of _____ and acknowledged to me that he
executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity stated, and as the act and deed of said corporation.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public in and for _____

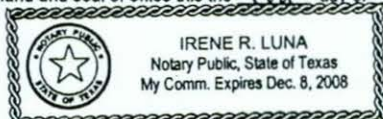
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Harris

(INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared MAURICE RUSSELL WILSON

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 7th day of November, 2005.



Irene R. Luna
Notary Public in and for Harris County, Texas

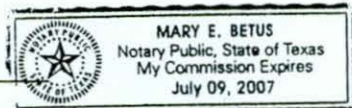
STATE OF Texas
COUNTY OF Howard

(INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared CRAIG L. BLAIR

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 3rd day of December, 2005.



Mary E. Betus
Notary Public in and for Texas

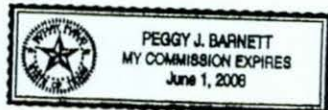
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

(INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared STEPHEN S. BLAIR

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 1st day of December, 2005.



Peggy J. Barnett
Notary Public in and for TEXAS

ATTEST: Linda McDonald
Linda McDonald, County Clerk
Culberson County, Texas
BY [Signature] DEPUTY

FILED FOR RECORD ON THE 12th DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2006 @ 11:30 O'CLOCK A M. &
DULY RECORDED ON THE 19th DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2006 @ 2:50 O'CLOCK P M.

BY [Signature], DEPUTY

LINDA MCDONALD, COUNTY CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

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File No. MF-100270
Oil & Gas Lease C
Date Filed: 5.8.00
Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner
By JEP

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

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 Oil & Gas Records of my office, found in VOL. 92, PAGE 291-299



I hereby certified on 28 April 2000
LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
BY J. P. [Signature] DEPUTY

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General Land Office
Relinquishment Act Lease Form
Revised, September 1997

The State of Texas



#60912

Austin, Texas

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 17 day of June, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, Kay Reichenau Ponder

of 2216 Sylvan Lane, Baytown TX 77521

(Give Permanent Address)

said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and Craig L. Blair and Stephen S. Blair

of P.O. Box 2476, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221

(Give Permanent Address)

hereinafter called Lessee.

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 Culberson County, State of Texas, to-wit:

The S/2 of the SW/4 of Section 12, Block 113, Public School Land Survey, Culberson County, Texas

containing 80.0 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas: Six Hundred Sixty-Six and 66/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$666.66)

To the owner of the soil: Six Hundred Sixty-Six and 66/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$666.66)

Total bonus consideration: One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Two and 32/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$1,333.32)

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of Two Hundred and 0/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$200.00) per acre, on 6.6666 net acres.

2. TERM. Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of Three (3) 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.

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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: Three and Thirty-three one hundredths
Dollars (\$3.33)
To the State of Texas: Three and Thirty-three one hundredths
Dollars (\$3.33)
Total Delay Rental: Six and Sixty-six one hundredths
Dollars (\$6.66)

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 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 1/5 _____ 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 1/5 _____ 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 1/5 _____ 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 1/5 _____ 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 to accrue 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

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CUSTER COUNTY, TEXAS

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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 wells 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 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 52.151-52.154, 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 rights-of-way 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.

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(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.

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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

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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 1, Chap. 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 52.151-52.154. 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 INDEMNIFIED 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 (1) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (2) 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.

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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.

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CRAIG L BLAIR

BY: Stephen S. Blair
STEPHEN S. BLAIR

Title: _____
Date: 12-03-05

Title: _____
Date: Dec 1, 2005

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BY: Kay Reichenau Ponder
KAY REICHENAU PONDER
Individually and as agent for the State of Texas
Date: 8-22-05

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CULBERTSON COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: Proctor DEPUTY



STATE OF _____

(CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

COUNTY OF _____

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instruments as _____
 of _____ and acknowledged to me that he
 executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity stated, and as the act and deed of said corporation.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

 Notary Public in and for _____

STATE OF TEXAS

(INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

COUNTY OF HARRIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared KAY REICHENAU PONDER

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
 purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 22 day of August, 2005.



Lisa Marie Crawford
 Notary Public in and for State of Texas

STATE OF Texas

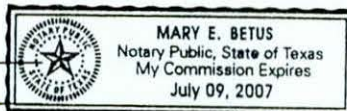
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COUNTY OF Howard

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared CRAIG L. BLAIR

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
 purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 3rd day of December, 2005.



Mary E. Betus
 Notary Public in and for Texas

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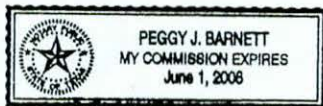
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COUNTY OF TRAVIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared STEPHEN S. BLAIR

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
 purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 1st day of December, 2005.



Peggy J. Barnett
 Notary Public in and for TEXAS

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 LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY CLERK
 CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
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 CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

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File No. MT-100270
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Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner
By [Signature]

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

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 Oil & Gas Records of my office, found in VOL. 92, PAGE 300-308



I hereby certified on 28 April 2000
LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
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The State of Texas



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Austin, Texas

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 17 day of June, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, Geana R. Pfeiffer of 1667 Pfeiffer Rd., Fredericksburg TX 78624 (Give Permanent Address) said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and Craig L. Blair and Stephen S. Blair of P.O. Box 2476, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221 hereinafter called Lessee. (Give Permanent Address)

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 Culberson County, State of Texas, to-wit:

The S/2 of the SW/4 of Section 12, Block 113, Public School Land Survey, Culberson County, Texas

containing 80.0 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas: Six Hundred Sixty-Six and 66/100 Dollars
Dollars (\$666.66)

To the owner of the soil: Six Hundred Sixty-Six and 66/100 Dollars
Dollars (\$666.66)

Total bonus consideration: One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Two and 32/100 Dollars
Dollars (\$1,333.32)

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of Two Hundred and 0/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$200.00) per acre, on 6.6666 net acres.

2. **TERM.** Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of Three (3) 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.

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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: Three and Thirty-three one hundredths

Dollars (\$3.33)

To the State of Texas: Three and Thirty-three one hundredths

Dollars (\$3.33)

Total Delay Rental: Six and Sixty-six one hundredths

Dollars (\$6.66)

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 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 1/5 _____ 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 1/5 _____ 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 1/5 _____ 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 1/5 _____ 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 to accrue 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

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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 wells 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 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 52.151-52.154, 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 rights-of-way 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.

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(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.

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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

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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 1, Chap. 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 52.151-52.154. 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 INDEMNIFIED 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 (1) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (2) 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.

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CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: *Prologue* DEPUTY

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.

LESSEE
BY: Craig L. Blair
CRAIG L. BLAIR

Title: _____
Date: 12-03-05

BY: Stephen S. Blair
STEPHEN S. BLAIR

Title: _____
Date: Dec 1, 2005

LESSOR:

STATE OF TEXAS
BY: Geana R. Pfeiffer
GEANA R. PFEIFFER
Individually and as agent for the State of Texas
Date: Aug 25, 2005

STATE OF TEXAS
BY: _____
Individually and as agent for the State of Texas
Date: _____

STATE OF TEXAS
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Date: _____

STATE OF TEXAS
BY: _____
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Date: _____

Mail Instrument back to
Slate Land Services
P.O. Box 550
Big Spring, Texas 79721-0550

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STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

(CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____
known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instruments as _____
of _____ and acknowledged to me that he
executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity stated, and as the act and deed of said corporation.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public in and for _____

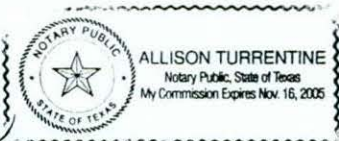
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Gillespie

(INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared GEANA R. PFEIFFER

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 25 day of August, 2005.



Allison Turrentine
Notary Public in and for Texas

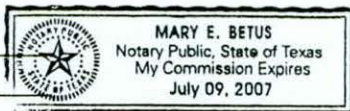
STATE OF Texas
COUNTY OF Howard

(INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared CRAIG L. BLAIR

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 3rd day of December, 2005.



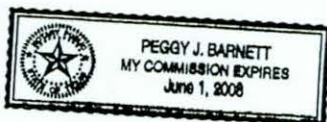
Mary E. Betus
Notary Public in and for Texas
(INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared STEPHEN S. BLAIR

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 1st day of December, 2005.



Peggy J. Barnett
Notary Public in and for TEXAS

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DULY RECORDED ON THE 19th DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2006 @ 3:00 O'CLOCK P M.

BY [Signature], DEPUTY

LINDA MCDONALD, COUNTY CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

File No: MF-106270

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Date Filed: 5.8.08

Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner

By [Signature]

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

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 Oil & Gas Records of my office, found in VOL 92 PAGE 308-307



I hereby certified 28 April 2008

LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

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The State of Texas



#60909

Austin, Texas

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 17 day of June, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, Carl D. Russell

of 964 Lynna Lane, Blanco TX 78606

(Give Permanent Address)

said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and Craig L. Blair and Stephen S. Blair

of P.O. Box 2476, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221

hereinafter called Lessee.

(Give Permanent Address)

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 Culberson County, State of Texas, to-wit:

The S/2 of the SW/4 of Section 12, Block 113, Public School Land Survey, Culberson County, Texas, containing 240 acres more or less

containing 80.0 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas: Six Hundred Sixty-Six and 66/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$666.66)

To the owner of the soil: Six Hundred Sixty-Six and 66/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$666.66)

Total bonus consideration: One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Two and 32/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$1,333.32)

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of Two Hundred and 0/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$200.00) per acre, on 6.6666 net acres.

2. **TERM.** Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of Three (3) 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.

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CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

BY Reed Rodriguez DEPUTY

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: Three and Thirty-three one hundredths
Dollars (\$3.33)
To the State of Texas: Three and Thirty-three one hundredths
Dollars (\$3.33)
Total Delay Rental: Six and Sixty-six one hundredths
Dollars (\$6.66)

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 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 1/5 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 1/5 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 1/5 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 1/5 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 to accrue 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

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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 wells 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 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 52.151-52.154, 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 rights-of-way 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.

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(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.

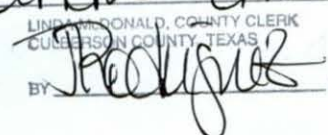
(B) **REDUCTION OF PAYMENTS.** If, during the primary term, a portion of the land covered by this lease is included within the boundaries of a pooled unit that has been approved by the School Land Board and the owner of the soil in accordance with Natural Resources Code Sections 52.151-52.154, or if, 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.

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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

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CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

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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 1, Chap. 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 52.151-52.154. 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 INDEMNIFIED 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 (1) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (2) 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.

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LEONARD DONALD, COUNTY CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

BY [Signature] DEPUTY

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.

LESSOR:

BY:

CRAIG L. BLAIR

Title:

Date: 12-03-05

BY:

STEPHEN S. BLAIR

Title:

Date: Dec 3, 2005

LESSOR:

STATE OF TEXAS

BY:

CARL D. RUSSELL

Individually and as agent for the State of Texas

Date:

9/6/05

STATE OF TEXAS

BY:

Individually and as agent for the State of Texas

Date:

STATE OF TEXAS

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Mail Instrument back to
Slate Land Services
P.O. Box 550
Big Spring, Texas 79701-0550

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LINDA DONALD, COUNTY CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

BY:

DEPUTY

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

(CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____
known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instruments as _____
of _____ and acknowledged to me that he
executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity stated, and as the act and deed of said corporation.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public in and for _____

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF _____

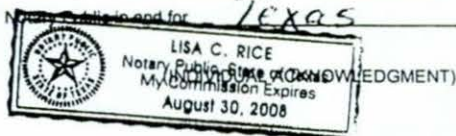
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared CARL D. RUSSELL

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 6 day of September, 2005

Lisa C Rice
Notary Public in and for Texas



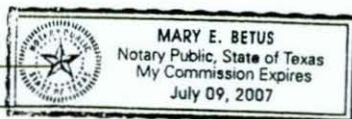
STATE OF Texas
COUNTY OF Howard

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared CRAIG L. BLAIR

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 3rd day of December, 2005

Mary E. Betus
Notary Public in and for Texas



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COUNTY OF TRAVIS

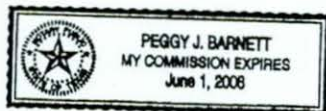
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared STEPHEN S. BLAIR

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 1st day of December, 2005

Peggy J. Barnett
Notary Public in and for TEXAS



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LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
BY Peggy J. Barnett DEPUTY

FILED FOR RECORD ON THE 12th DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2006 @ 11:30 O'CLOCK A M. &
DULY RECORDED ON THE 19th DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2006 @ 2:40 O'CLOCK P M.

BY [Signature], DEPUTY

LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

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Oil & Gas Lease #

Date Filed: 5.8.06

Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner

By [Signature]

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

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/received in the Oil & Gas Records of my office, found in VOL. 12 PAGE 273-281

I hereby certified on 28 April 2006



LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

By [Signature] DEPUTY

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General Land Office
Relinquishment Act Lease Form
Revised, September 1997

The State of Texas



#60908

Austin, Texas

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 17 day of June, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, Dr. John R. Russell, Jr.

of 11183 Huffmeister Rd., Cypress, TX 77429

(Give Permanent Address)

said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and Craig L. Blair and Stephen S. Blair

of P.O. Box 2476, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221

hereinafter called Lessee.

(Give Permanent Address)

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 Culberson County, State of Texas, to-wit:

The S/2 of the SW/4 of Section 12, Block 113, Public School Land Survey, Culberson County, Texas

containing 80.0 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas: Six Hundred Sixty-Six and 66/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$666.66)

To the owner of the soil: Six Hundred Sixty-Six and 66/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$666.66)

Total bonus consideration: One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Two and 32/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$1,333.32)

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of Two Hundred and 0/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$200.00) per acre, on 6.6666 net acres.

2. **TERM.** Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of Three (3) 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.

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CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

BY Stephen S. Blair DEPUTY

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: Three and Thirty-three one hundredths
Dollars (\$3.33)
To the State of Texas: Three and Thirty-three one hundredths
Dollars (\$3.33)
Total Delay Rental: Six and Sixty-six one hundredths
Dollars (\$6.66)

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 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 1/5 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 1/5 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 1/5 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 1/5 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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CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

BY

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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 to accrue 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

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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 wells 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 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 52.151-52.154, 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 rights-of-way 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.

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(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.

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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

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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 1, Chap. 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 52.151-52.154. 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 INDEMNIFIED 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 (1) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (2) 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.

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CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

BY

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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.

LESSEE
BY: Craig L. Blair
CRAIG L. BLAIR

Title: _____
Date: 12-03-05

BY: Stephen S. Blair
STEPHEN S. BLAIR

Title: _____
Date: Dec 1, 2006

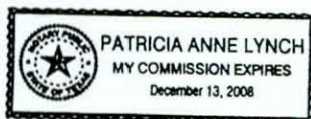
LESSOR:

STATE OF TEXAS
BY: Dr. John R. Russell, Jr.
Dr. JOHN R. RUSSELL, Jr.
Individually and as agent for the State of Texas
Date: 8/31/05

STATE OF TEXAS
BY: _____
Individually and as agent for the State of Texas
Date: _____

STATE OF TEXAS
BY: Patricia Anne Lynch
Individually and as agent for the State of Texas
Date: 8/31/2005

STATE OF TEXAS
BY: _____
Individually and as agent for the State of Texas
Date: _____



Mail Instrument back to
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Big Spring, Texas 79721-0550

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CULBERN COUNTY, TEXAS
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STATE OF _____

(CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

COUNTY OF _____

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instruments as _____
 of _____ and acknowledged to me that he
 executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity stated, and as the act and deed of said corporation.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

 Notary Public in and for _____

STATE OF _____

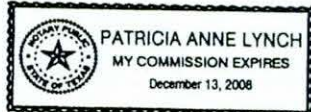
(INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

COUNTY OF _____

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Dr. JOHN R. RUSSELL, Jr.

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
 purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 26 day of October, 2005.



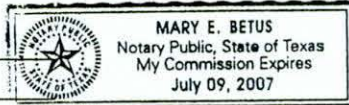
Patricia Anne Lynch
 Notary Public in and for State of Texas
County of Harris
 (INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

STATE OF TexasCOUNTY OF Howard

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared CRAIG L. BLAIR

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
 purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 3rd day of December, 2005.



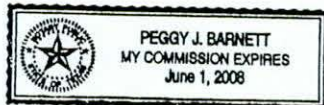
Mary E. Betus
 Notary Public in and for Texas
 (INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

STATE OF TEXASCOUNTY OF TRAVIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared STEPHEN S. BLAIR

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
 purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 1st day of December, 2005.



Peggy J. Barnett
 Notary Public in and for TEXAS

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FILED FOR RECORD ON THE 12th DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2006 @ 11:30 O'CLOCK A M. &
 DULY RECORDED ON THE 19th DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2006 @ 2:35 O'CLOCK P M.

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File No. NF-160270
Oil & Gas Lease
Date Filed: 5-8-00
Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner
By epk

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

The above and foregoing is a full, true and correct photographic copy of the original record now in my law office custody and possession, as the same is filed/recorded in the _____ Records of my office, found in VOL. 92, PAGE 264272

I hereby certified on 28 April 2001

LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
BY [Signature] DEPUTY





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General Land Office
Relinquishment Act Lease Form
Revised, September 1997

The State of Texas



#60906

Austin, Texas

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 17 day of June, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, Ernestine Pool, Life Estate, by and through her Attorney-in-Fact, Johan Russell Turpin of Rt. 1, Box 216, Bogota TX 75417 (Give Permanent Address) said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and Craig L. Blair and Stephen S. Blair of P.O. Box 2476, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221 hereinafter called Lessee. (Give Permanent Address)

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 Culberson County, State of Texas, to-wit:

The S/2 of the SW/4 of Section 12, Block 113, Public School Land Survey, Culberson County, Texas

containing 80.0 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas: Four Hundred Forty-Four and 44/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$444.44)

To the owner of the soil: Four Hundred Forty-Four and 44/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$444.44)

Total bonus consideration: Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight and 88/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$888.88)

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of Two Hundred and 0/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$200.00) per acre, on 4.4444 net acres.

2. **TERM.** Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of Three (3) 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.

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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: Two and Twenty-two one hundredths
Dollars (\$2.22)
To the State of Texas: Two and Twenty-two one hundredths
Dollars (\$2.22)
Total Delay Rental: Four and Forty-four one hundredths
Dollars (\$4.44)

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 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 1/5 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 1/5 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 1/5 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 1/5 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 to accrue 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

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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 wells 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 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 52.151-52.154, 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 rights-of-way 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.

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(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.

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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

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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 1, Chap. 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 utilize 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 52.151-52.154. 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 INDEMNIFIED 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 (1) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (2) 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.

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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.

LESSEE

BY: Craig L. Blair
CRAIG L. BLAIR

Title: _____
Date: 12-03-05

BY: Stephen S. Blair
STEPHEN S. BLAIR

Title: _____
Date: Dec 1, 2005

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BY: Johan Russell Turpin
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FOR ERNESTINE POOL, LIFE ESTATE
Individually and as agent for the State of Texas
Date: 9-1-05

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Big Spring, Texas 79721-0550

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LINNA McDONALD, COUNTY CLERK
CULBERTSON COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: Deputy DEPUTY



STATE OF _____

(CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

COUNTY OF _____

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instruments as _____
 of _____ and acknowledged to me that he
 executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity stated, and as the act and deed of said corporation.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

 Notary Public in and for _____

STATE OF TEXAS

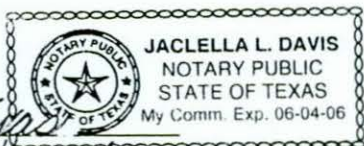
(INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

COUNTY OF Titus

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared JOHAN RUSSELL TURPIN, AGENT AND ATTORNEY-IN-FACT
FOR ERNESTINE POOL, LIFE ESTATE

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
 purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 1st day of Sept, 2005

STATE OF TexasCOUNTY OF Howard

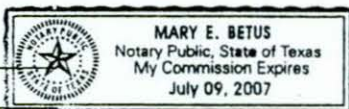
Jacelle L Davis
 Notary Public in and for Titus Co Texas

(INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared CRAIG L. BLAIR

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
 purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 3rd day of December, 2005

STATE OF TEXASCOUNTY OF TRAVIS

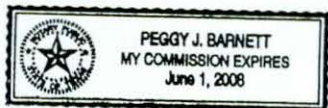
Mary E. Betus
 Notary Public in and for Texas

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared STEPHEN S. BLAIR

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
 purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 1st day of December, 2005



Peggy J Barnett
 Notary Public in and for TEXAS

A CERTIFIED COPY
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 ATTEST: Linda McDonald



LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY CLERK
 CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

BY Reddy DEPUTY

FILED FOR RECORD ON THE 12th DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2006 @ 11:30 O'CLOCK A M. &
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LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY CLERK
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Date Filed: 5.8.06

Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner

By epk

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

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 Oil & Gas Records of my office, found in VOL. 92, PAGE 246-254



I hereby certified on 28 April 2006

LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

BY [Signature] DEPUTY

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General Land Office
Relinquishment Act Lease Form
Revised, September 1997

The State of Texas



#60907

Austin, Texas

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 17 day of June, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, Mada E. Hambrick, Individually and as Remainderman of the Life Estate of Ernestine Pool

of 8 Oakridge Park, Jasper TX 75951

(Give Permanent Address)

said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and Craig L. Blair and Stephen S. Blair

of P.O. Box 2476, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221

hereinafter called Lessee.

(Give Permanent Address)

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 Culberson County, State of Texas, to-wit:

The S/2 of the SW/4 of Section 12, Block 113, Public School Land Survey, Culberson County, Texas

containing 80.0 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas: Four Hundred Forty-Four and 44/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$444.44)

To the owner of the soil: Four Hundred Forty-Four and 44/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$444.44)

Total bonus consideration: Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight and 88/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$888.88)

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of Two Hundred and 0/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$200.00) per acre, on 4.4444 net acres.

2. **TERM.** Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of Three (3) 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.

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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: Two and Twenty-two one hundredths
Dollars (\$2.22)
To the State of Texas: Two and Twenty-two one hundredths
Dollars (\$2.22)
Total Delay Rental: Four and Forty-four one hundredths
Dollars (\$4.44)

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 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 1/5 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 1/5 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 1/5 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 1/5 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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BY: Frank J. [Signature] DEPUTY

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 to accrue 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

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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 wells 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 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 52.151-52.154, 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 rights-of-way 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.

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(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.

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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

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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 1, Chap. 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 52.151-52.154. 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 INDEMNIFIED 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 (1) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (2) 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.

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CALBERTON COUNTY, TEXAS

BY *[Signature]* DEPUTY

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.

LESSEE
BY: Craig L. Blair
CRAIG L. BLAIR

BY: Stephen S. Blair
STEPHEN S. BLAIR

Title: _____
Date: 12-03-05

Title: _____
Date: Dec 1, 2005

LESSOR:

STATE OF TEXAS
BY: Mada E. Hambrick
MADA E. HAMBRICK
Individually and as agent for the State of Texas
Date: _____

STATE OF TEXAS
BY: _____
Individually and as agent for the State of Texas
Date: _____

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BY: _____
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STATE OF TEXAS
BY: _____
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Date: _____

Mail Instrument back to
Slate Land Services
P.O. Box 550
Big Spring, Texas 79721-0550

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LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY CLERK
CULBERTSON COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: [Signature] DEPUTY



STATE OF TX
COUNTY OF Sussex

(CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____
known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instruments as _____
of _____ and acknowledged to me that he
executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity stated, and as the act and deed of said corporation.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public in and for _____

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Jasper

(INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared MADA E. HAMBRICK
known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 30th day of August, 2005.

Carol Rodgers
Notary Public in and for _____

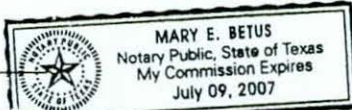
STATE OF Texas
COUNTY OF Howard



BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared CRAIG L. BLAIR
known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 3rd day of December, 2005.

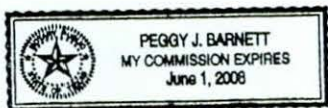
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS



Mary E. Betus
Notary Public in and for Texas
(INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared STEPHEN S. BLAIR
known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 15th day of December, 2005.



Peggy J. Barnett
Notary Public in and for TEXAS

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 LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
BY [Signature] DEPUTY

FILED FOR RECORD ON THE 12th DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2006 @ 11:30 O'CLOCK AM. &
DULY RECORDED ON THE 19th DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2006 @ 2:30 O'CLOCK P M.

BY [Signature], DEPUTY

LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY CLERK
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Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner
By epk

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

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 017-68548E I Records of my office, found in VOL. 102, PAGE 205-203



I hereby certified on 28 April 2006

LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

BY [Signature] DEPUTY



The State of Texas



Austin, Texas

#60905

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 17 day of June, 2005, between the State of Texas, acting by and through its agent, Johan Russell Turpin, Individually and as Remainderman of the Life Estate of Ernestine Pool

of Rt. 1, Box 216, Bogota TX 75417

(Give Permanent Address)

said agent herein referred to as the owner of the soil (whether one or more), and Craig L. Blair and Stephen S. Blair

of P.O. Box 2476, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221

(Give Permanent Address)

hereinafter called Lessee.

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 Culberson County, State of Texas, to-wit:

The S/2 of the SW/4 of Section 12, Block 113, Public School Land Survey, Culberson County, Texas

containing 80.0 acres, more or less. The bonus consideration paid for this lease is as follows:

To the State of Texas: Four Hundred Forty-Four and 44/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$444.44)

To the owner of the soil: Four Hundred Forty-Four and 44/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$444.44)

Total bonus consideration: Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight and 88/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$888.88)

The total bonus consideration paid represents a bonus of Two Hundred and 0/100 Dollars

Dollars (\$200.00) per acre, on 4.4444 net acres.

2. **TERM.** Subject to the other provisions in this lease, this lease shall be for a term of Three (3) 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.

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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: Two and Twenty-two one hundredths
Dollars (\$2.22)
To the State of Texas: Two and Twenty-two one hundredths
Dollars (\$2.22)
Total Delay Rental: Four and Forty-four one hundredths
Dollars (\$4.44)

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 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 1/5 _____ 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 1/5 _____ 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 1/5 _____ 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 1/5 _____ 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:

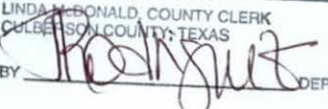
Payment of royalty on production of oil and gas shall be as provided in the rules set forth in the Texas Register. Rules currently provide that royalty on oil is due and must be received in the General Land Office on or before the 5th day of the second month succeeding the month of production, and royalty 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 to accrue 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

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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 wells 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 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 52.151-52.154, 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 rights-of-way 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.

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(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.

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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

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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 1, Chap. 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 52.151-52.154. 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 INDEMNIFIED 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 (1) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (2) 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.

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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.

LESSEE

BY:

CRAIG L. BLAIR

BY:

STEPHEN S. BLAIR

Title:

Date:

12-03-05

Title:

Date:

Dec 1, 2001

LESSOR:

STATE OF TEXAS

BY:

JOHAN RUSSELL TURPIN, AGENT AND ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

FOR ERNESTINE POOL, LIFE ESTATE

Individually and as agent for the State of Texas

Date:

9-1-05

STATE OF TEXAS

BY:

Individually and as agent for the State of Texas

Date:

STATE OF TEXAS

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Date:

Mail Instrument back to
Slate Land Services
P.O. Box 550
Big Spring, Texas 79721-0550

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LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY CLERK
COLLIER COUNTY, TEXAS

BY:

DEPUTY

STATE OF _____

(CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

COUNTY OF _____

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____
known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instruments as _____
of _____ and acknowledged to me that he
executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity stated, and as the act and deed of said corporation.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public in and for _____

STATE OF TEXAS

(INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

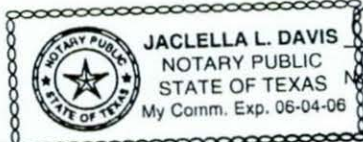
COUNTY OF Titus

INDIVIDUALLY &

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared JOHAN RUSSELL TURPIN, AGENT AND ATTORNEY-IN-FACT
FOR ERNESTINE POOL, LIFE ESTATE

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 1st day of Sept, 2005.



Jaclella L. Davis
Notary Public in and for Titus Co. Texas

STATE OF Texas

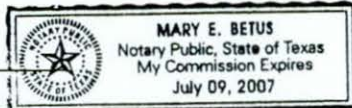
(INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT)

COUNTY OF Howard

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared CRAIG L. BLAIR

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 3rd day of December, 2005.



Mary E. Betus
Notary Public in and for Texas

STATE OF TEXAS

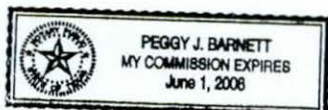
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COUNTY OF TRAVIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared STEPHEN S. BLAIR

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 1st day of December, 2005.



Peggy J. Barnett
Notary Public in and for TEXAS

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LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
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FILED FOR RECORD ON THE 12th DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2006 @ 11:30 O'CLOCK AM. &
DULY RECORDED ON THE 19th DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2006 @ 2:20 O'CLOCK P.M.

BY [Signature], DEPUTY

LINDA MCDONALD, COUNTY CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

File No. MF-104270 11
Oil & Gas Lease
Date Filed: 5.8.06
Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner
By EPK

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

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 Oil & Gas Records of my office, found in VOL. 92, PAGE 237-245



I hereby certified on 28 April 2006
LINDA McDONALD, COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK
CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
BY [Signature] DEPUTY

2. 9.00

THE SCREWBEAN L.P. ✓

To: Texas General Land Office
1700 Congress Ave., Suite 600
Austin, TX 78701-1436

Vendor Code
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Check Date
10/04/2005

Check Amount
\$12,000.00

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Invoice #	Invoice Amt
100405	12,000.00
Bonus Consideration for 320 ac. Lease covering all depths in the W/2 of Sec. 12, Blk 113, PSL Survey, A-2085, Culberson County, TX	

attn:
Drew
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(432) 267-3601

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February 21, 2006

Texas General Land Office
Mineral Leasing Division
Attn: Drew Reid
1700 Congress Ave., Suite 640
Austin, Texas 78701-1495

RE: Copies of Sixteen (16) Oil and Gas Leases to Relinquishment Act (Mineral Classified) Lands covering the West One-half (W/2) of Section 12, Block 113, Public School Land Survey, Culberson County, Texas, containing 320 acres, more or less.

Dear Mr. Reid:

Please find enclosed the above referenced Leases for your review and approval. I have also included check #6123 in the amount of \$200.00 as payment to cover processing fees as required by the State.

The above sixteen leases include two legal descriptions due to being undivided interest leases and are described by the following:

1. The S/2 of the SW/4 of Section 12, Block 113, Public School Land Survey, Culberson County, Texas, containing 80.0 acres, more or less.
2. The NW/4 and the N/2 of the SW/4 of Section 12, Block 113, Public School Land Survey, Culberson County, Texas, containing 240.0 acres, more or less.

The total bonus consideration paid represents \$75.00 per acre. The primary term on each of the sixteen leases is for three (3) years, and the delay rentals are \$1 per acre as specified in each lease. The Leases also provide for a one-fifth (1/5) royalty.

If approved, the bonus consideration that will be payable to the State will be in the amount of \$12,000.00. Payments totaling \$12,000 have already been paid to the surface owners for acting as agents and for negotiating the leases on behalf of the State. The following is a list of owners accounting for 100% of the surface estate:

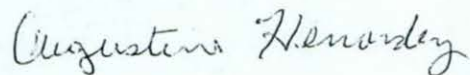
1. Kenneth R. Johnson, tract 2; surface interest owned 1/3.
2. Amy Susan Kerbow, tract 2; surface interest owned 1/6.
3. Landrum L. Medlock, II, tract 2; surface interest owned 1/6.
4. Leslie J. Parish, tract 2; surface interest owned 1/9.
5. James Gilbert Parish, tract 2; surface interest owned 1/9.
6. John Dennis Parish, tract 2; surface interest owned 1/9.



7. Frankie R. West-Davis, tract 1; surface interest owned 1/6.
8. Mattie Russell Pearson, tract 1; surface interest owned 1/6.
9. Maurice Russell Wilson, tract 1; surface interest owned 1/6.
10. Kay Reichenau Ponder, tract 1; surface interest owned 1/12.
11. Geana R. Pfeiffer, tract 1; surface interest owned 1/12.
12. Carl D. Russell, tract 1; surface interest owned 1/12.
13. Dr. John R. Russell, Jr., tract 1; surface interest owned 1/12.
14. Ernestine Pool Life Estate, tract 1; surface interest owned 1/18.
15. Made E. Hambrick, tract 1; surface interest owned 1/18.
16. Johan Russell Turpin, tract 1; surface interest owned 1/18.

Once again, thank you for all of your help. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me toll-free at 1-877-589-8858. Please return any correspondence to my attention at Slate Land and Right of Way Services, P.O. Box 550, Big Spring, TX 79721-0550.

Sincerely,



Augustine Hernandez
Landman

AH/dr

Encl.



File No. MF-106270

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Date Filed: 5-8-00

Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner

By [Signature]

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March 3, 2006

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Texas General Land Office
Mineral Leasing Division
Attn: Drew Reid
1700 Congress Ave., Suite 640
Austin, Texas 78701-1495

RE: Copies of seven (7) Oil and Gas Leases to Relinquishment Act (Mineral Classified) Lands covering all of Section 22, Block 57, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Twp. 2, Abstract No. 2026, Reeves County, Texas, containing 644.62 acres, more or less, Save and Except a 1.0 acre tract of land described by metes and bounds in Warranty Deed dated June 30, 1961 from Herbert H. Sandel, et al, as grantor to AT&T, as grantee, recorded in Volume 208, Page 219 of the Deed Records of Reeves County, Texas, containing 643.62 acres, more or less.

Dear Mr. Reid:

Please find enclosed the above referenced Leases for your review and approval. I have also included check #2735 in the amount of \$32,306.00 as payment for the State's share of the bonus consideration and to cover processing fees as required by the State. Check #1109 in the amount of \$12,000.00 is payment for the State's share of the bonus to the W/2 of Section 12, Block 113, PSL Survey, Abstract 2085, Culberson County, Texas that were previously forwarded to you for approval on February 21, 2006.

The above seven leases are split up into three groups of leases due to being undivided interest leases, and they all have the same legal description.

The total bonus consideration paid for Section 22 represents \$100.00 per acre. The primary term on each of the leases is for three (3) years, and the delay rentals are \$10 per acre for one of the group of lessors and \$1 per acre for the other group as specified in each lease. The Leases also provide for a one-fifth (1/5) royalty.

The total bonus consideration paid for Section 12 represents \$75.00 per acre, the other terms and list of the surface owners are on the previous approval letter that I had sent with the leases dated February 21, 2006.

The following is a list of owners accounting for 100% of the surface estate to Section 22:

1. Jack E. Blake; surface interest; surface interest owned 1/20.
2. Mary Perry Anderson; surface interest owned 1/5.



3. Jack E. Blake, Jr.; surface interest owned 1/80.
4. Bruce W. Blake; surface interest owned 1/80.
5. Carolyn Blake Johnston; surface interest owned 1/80
6. Mark D. Blake; surface interest owned 1/80.
7. Jane Ann Sigler and husband, Jimmie B. Sigler; surface interest owned 1/3.
8. CBAT Corp.; surface interest owned 1/6.
9. Ann Appling Bradford; surface interest owned 1/5.

After I receive the two leases that are client had to execute from recording I will forward certified copies of the recorded instruments to replace these leases.

Thank you for all of your help. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me toll-free at 1-877-589-8858. Please return any correspondence to my attention at Slate Land and Right of Way Services, P.O. Box 550, Big Spring, TX 79721-0550.

Sincerely,



Augustine Hernandez
Landman

AH/dr

Encl.



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Date Filed: 5-8-60

Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner

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May 26, 2006

Texas General Land Office
Mineral Leasing Division
Attn: Linda Anderson
1700 N. Congress Ave., Suite 640
Austin, TX 78701-1495

Sent via UPS
#1Z F70 964 22 1001 7449

RE: Mineral File Numbers 106269 and 106270.

Dear Linda:

Please find enclosed check #16490 totaling \$160.00 made payable to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, as payment for delay rentals to Mineral Classified Lands that are due on or before June 17, 2006 covering the S/2 of the SW/4 of Section 12, Block 113, Public School Land Survey, Culberson County, Texas, containing 80 acres, more or less and as payment for delay rentals that are due on or before July 17, 2006 covering the NW/4 and the N/2 of the SW/4 of Section 12, Block 113, Public School Land Survey, Culberson County, Texas, containing 240 acres, more or less:

AS TO THE S/2 OF THE SW/4 OF SEC. 12, BLK. 113, PSL SURVEY, CULBERSON CO., TX, CONTAINING 80 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

	<u>SURFACE OWNER</u>	<u>LESSEE</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY DATES OF LEASES</u>	<u>MINERAL FILE NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO STATE</u>
1.	Frankie R. West-Davis NET ACRES-13.3333	Craig & Stephen Blair	June 17, 2006	106270	\$6.67
2.	Mattie Russell Pearson NET ACRES-13.3333	Craig & Stephen Blair	June 17, 2006	106270	\$6.67
3.	Maurice Russell Wilson NET ACRES-13.333	Craig & Stephen Blair	June 17, 2006	106270	\$6.67
4.	Kay Reichenau Ponder NET ACRES-6.6667	Craig & Stephen Blair	June 17, 2006	106270	\$3.33
5.	Geana R. Pfeiffer NET ACRES-6.6667	Craig & Stephen Blair	June 17, 2006	106270	\$3.33
6.	Carl D. Russell NET ACRES-6.6667	Craig & Stephen Blair	June 17, 2006	106270	\$3.33
7.	Dr. John R. Russell Jr. NET ACRES-6.6667	Craig & Stephen Blair	June 17, 2006	106270	\$3.33
8.	Ernestine Pool Life Est. NET ACRES-4.4444	Craig & Stephen Blair	June 17, 2006	106270	\$2.22
9.	Mada E. Hambrick NET ACRES-4.4444	Craig & Stephen Blair	June 17, 2006	106270	\$2.22
10.	Johan Russell Turpin NET ACRES-4.4444	Craig & Stephen Blair	June 17, 2006	106270	\$2.22

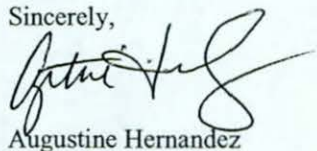
AS TO THE NW/4 & N/2 OF THE SW/4 OF SEC. 12, BLK. 113, PSL SURVEY, CULBERSON CO., TX, CONTAINING 240 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

<u>SURFACE OWNER</u>	<u>LESSEE</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY DATES OF LEASES</u>	<u>MINERAL FILE NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO STATE</u>
11. Kenneth R. Johnson NET ACRES-80.0	Craig & Stephen Blair	July 17, 2006	106269	\$40.00
12. Amy Susan Kerbow NET ACRES-40.0	Craig & Stephen Blair	July 17, 2006	106269	\$20.00
13. Landrum L. Medlock, III NET ACRES-40.0	Craig & Stephen Blair	July 17, 2006	106269	\$20.00
14. Leslie J. Parish NET ACRES-26.6667	Craig L. Blair	July 17, 2006	106269	\$13.33
15. James Gilbert Parish NET ACRES-26.6667	Craig & Stephen Blair	July 17, 2006	106269	\$13.33
16. John Dennis Parish NET ACRES-26.6667	Craig & Stephen Blair	July 17, 2006	106269	\$13.33

TOTAL DELAY RENTAL \$160.00

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to our office toll-free at 1-877-589-8858.

Sincerely,



Augustine Hernandez
Landman

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W/2 of
Sec 2, B1K. 113, PSL. Lubbock Co., TX.
FOR Mineral File #s 106269 + 106270

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Attn: Linda Anderson

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Min. File #106056
BTA Prospect Delay Rentals Section 22,
FOR B1K. S7, Twp. 2, Td Pky. Co. Survey, 643.62 acres.

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Letter + Fees

Date Filed: 5.30.00

Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner
By ebk



August 21, 2007

Slate Land & Right of Way Services
P.O. Box 550
Big Spring, Texas 79721-0550

Re: Relinquishment Act Lease **MF-106270**
80.0 acres out of Section 12, Blk. 113, PSL Survey,
Culberson County, Texas

Dear Mr. Arrington :

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-106270**. **Please refer to this number when making payments to the State and in all future correspondence concerning the lease. Failure to include the mineral file number may delay processing of any payments towards the lease.**

Your remittance of **\$8,124.95**, has been applied as the state's portion of the cash bonus **\$7,999.95**, 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

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RAC Vetter

Date Filed: 8-21-07

Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner

By M. Sklar