

The State of Texas General Land Office



Austin, Texas

OIL AND GAS LEASE

No. 90598

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Natural Resources Code Chapters 32, 33, 51, and Chapter 52, Subchapters A-D and H, (said Code being hereinafter referred to as N.R.C.), and subject to all rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of the General Land Office and/or the School Land Board pursuant thereto, and all other applicable statutes and amendments to said N.R.C., the following area, to-wit:

Tract 983-8, Gulf of Mexico, Kleberg County, Texas, containing 640 acres, as shown on the official map of the Gulf of Mexico now on file in the General Land Office in Austin, Texas,

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was, after being duly advertised, offered for lease on the 2nd day of October, 19 84, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., by the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas and the School Land Board of the State of Texas, for the sole and only purpose of prospecting and drilling for, and producing oil and/or gas that may be found and produced from the above described area; and

WHEREAS, after all bids and remittances which were received up to said time have been duly considered by the Commissioner of the General Land Office and the School Land Board at a regular meeting thereof in the General Land Office, on the 2nd day of October, 19 84, and it was found and determined that

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whose address is P.O. Box 3092, Houston, Texas 77253

had offered the highest and best bid for a lease of the area above described and is, therefore, entitled to receive a lease thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Garry Mauro, Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Lessor", whose address is Austin, Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me and in consideration of the payment by the hereinafter designated Lessee, the sum of Five Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Forty and 00/100 Dollars (\$ 551,040.00), receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and of the royalties, covenants, stipulations and conditions contained and hereby agreed to be paid, observed and performed by Lessee, do hereby demise, grant, lease and let unto

Amoco Production Company

the exclusive right to prospect for, produce and take oil and/or gas from the aforesaid area upon the following terms and conditions, to-wit:

1. TERM: Subject to the other provisions hereof, this lease shall be for a term of Five (5) years from this date (herein called "primary term") and as long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities from said area.

2. DELAY RENTALS: If no well be commenced on the land hereby leased on or before the 2nd day of October, 19 85, this lease shall terminate as to both parties unless the Lessee on or before said date shall pay or tender to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas at Austin, Texas, the sum of Ten and No/100 Dollars.

(B) NON-PROCESSED GAS: As a 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) One-Fourth (1/4) part of the gross production or the market value thereof, at the option of the Lessor, 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 contract 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 test 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: As a royalty on any gas processed in a gasoline plant or other plant for the recovery of gasoline or other liquid

hydrocarbons, One-Fourth (1/4) part of the residue gas and the liquid hydrocarbons extracted or the market value thereof, at the option of the Lessor. 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 arms' 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: As a 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, burling or any other processing, _____

One-Fourth (1/4) part of the gross production of such products, or the market value thereof, at the option of Lessor, such market value to be determined as follows:

- (1) On the basis of the highest market price of each product, during the same month in which such product is produced, or
- (2) On the basis of the average gross sale price for each of the products for the same month in which such products are produced; whichever is the greater.

(E) NO DEDUCTIONS: Lessee agrees that all royalties accruing to Lessor under this lease 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 produced hereunder ready for sale or use.

(F) ROYALTY IN KIND: Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, Lessor may, at its option, upon not less than 60 days notice to Lessee, require at any time or from time to time that payment of all or any royalties accruing to Lessor under this lease be made in kind without deduction for the cost of producing, gathering, storing, separating, treating, dehydrating, compressing, processing, transporting and otherwise making the oil, gas and other products produced hereunder ready for sale or use.

(G) 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 anything contained herein to the contrary, and subject to the consent in writing of 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 and no royalties shall be payable on the gas so recycled until such time as the same may thereafter be produced and sold or used by Lessee in such manner as to entitle Lessor to a royalty thereon under the royalty provisions of this lease.

(H) 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 to Lessor 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.

4. 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:

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. Any royalty not paid or affidavits and supporting documents not filed when due shall become delinquent and shall have added to the sum owing a delinquency penalty of one percent (1%) of such sum for each thirty (30) day period of delinquency or a fractional period thereof; provided, however, that each such penalty shall never be less than Five Dollars (\$5). 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

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.

6. **DEVELOPMENT:** 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. In the event this lease is in force and effect three (3) years after the expiration date of the primary term it shall then terminate as to all of the leased premises, EXCEPT (1) 40 acres surrounding each producing oil well and 320 acres surrounding each producing gas well (including a shut-in oil or gas well as provided in Paragraph 10 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 Natural Resources Code Sections 52.151 - 52.153, or (3) such greater or lesser number of acres as may then be allocated for production purposes to a proration unit for each such producing well under the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas, or any successor agency, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction. "Producing" as used herein means producing in paying quantities. The 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 School Land Board. Lessee shall execute and record a release or releases containing a satisfactory description of the acreage not retained hereunder and the recorded release, or a certified copy of same, shall be filed in the General Land Office, accompanied by the prescribed filing fee, as provided in this lease.

7. **OFFSET WELLS:** If oil and/or gas should be produced in commercial quantities in a well on land privately owned or on State land leased at a lesser royalty, which well is within one thousand (1,000) feet of the area included herein, the Lessee shall, within sixty (60) days after such initial production on such land, begin in good faith and prosecute diligently the drilling of an offset well on this area, and such offset well shall be drilled to such depth as may be necessary to prevent the undue drainage of this area, and the Lessee, manager or driller shall use all means necessary in a good faith effort to make such offset well produce oil and/or gas in commercial quantities.

8. **DRY HOLE CLAUSE:** 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 after discovery and production of oil or gas the production thereof should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if on or before the rental paying date next ensuing after 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 commences or resumes the payment of annual delay rental in the same manner as provided in Paragraph Number 2 of this lease. If a dry hole be completed and abandoned during the last year of the primary term, Lessee's rights shall remain in full force and effect without further operations until the expiration of the primary term. 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 shall resume payment of annual rental in the same manner as provided in Paragraph Number 2 in this lease on or before the rental paying date next ensuing after sixty (60) days from the date of completion of such shut-in oil or gas well and the failure to make such annual rental payment shall subject the lease to forfeiture under the provisions of Paragraph Number 17 hereof. If at the expiration of the primary term or at any time thereafter a shut-in oil or gas well is located on the leased premises payments shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph Number 10 hereof.

9. **CESSATION, DRILLING, AND REWORKING:** In the event production of oil or gas on the leased premises after once obtained shall cease from any cause at the expiration of the primary term hereof or at any time or times thereafter, this lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within sixty (60) days thereafter, and the lease shall remain in full force and effect so long as such operations continue in good faith and in workmanlike manner without interruptions totaling more than sixty (60) days during any one such operation; and if such drilling or reworking operations result in the production of oil or gas, the lease shall remain in full force and effect so long as oil or gas is produced therefrom in paying quantities or payment of shut-in oil or gas well royalties or compensatory royalties is made as hereinafter provided or as provided elsewhere in the statutes of the State of Texas. Lessee shall give written notice to the General Land Office within five (5) days of any cessation of production.

10. **SHUT-IN ROYALTIES:** If at the expiration of the primary term or at any time after the expiration of the primary term a well or wells capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities are located on the leased premises but oil or gas is not being produced for lack of suitable production facilities or a suitable market and the lease is not being maintained in force and effect, before the expiration of the primary term or if the primary term has expired, within sixty (60) days after Lessee ceases to produce oil or gas from the well, 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 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 next succeeding 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 additional and successive periods of one year by paying the same amount each year on or before the expiration of the extended term; 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 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 extend 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 and for an additional period of not more than five years from the expiration of the primary term by Lessee paying compensatory royalty at the royalty rate provided in the lease of the value at the well of production from the well which is causing the drainage or which is completed in the same producing reservoir and within 1,000 feet of the leased premises; the compensatory royalty is to be paid monthly to the commissioner beginning on or before the last day of the month next succeeding the month in which the oil or gas is sold and delivered from the well located within 1,000 feet of or draining the leased premises and completed in the same reservoir; if the compensatory royalty paid in any 12-month period is in an amount less than the annual shut-in oil or gas royalty, Lessee shall pay an amount equal to the difference within 30 days from the end of the 12-month period; and none of these provisions will relieve Lessee of the obligation of reasonable development nor the obligation to drill offset wells as provided in N.R.C. Section 52.034.

11. **EXTENSIONS:** If, at the expiration of the primary term of this lease, production of oil or gas has not been obtained on the leased premises but drilling operations are being conducted thereon in good faith and in a good and workmanlike manner, Lessee may, on or before the expiration of the primary term, file in the General Land Office written application to the Commissioner of the General Land Office for a thirty (30) day extension of this lease, accompanied by payment of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) if this lease covers six hundred forty (640) acres or less and Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) if this lease covers more than six hundred forty (640) acres and the Commissioner shall, in writing, extend this lease for a thirty (30) day period from and after the expiration of the primary term and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities; provided further, that Lessee may, so long as such drilling operations are being conducted make like application and payment during any thirty (30) day extended period for an additional extension of thirty (30) days and, upon receipt of such application and payment, the Commissioner shall, in writing, again extend this lease so that same shall remain in force for such additional (30) day period and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities; provided, however, that this lease shall not be extended for more than a total of three hundred ninety (390) days from and after the expiration of the primary term unless production in paying quantities has been obtained.

12. **USE OF WATER; SURFACE:** Lessee shall have the right to use water produced on said land necessary for operations hereunder and solely upon the leased premises; provided, however, Lessee shall not use potable water or water suitable for livestock or irrigation purposes for water flood operations

- transfer or a copy certified to by the County Clerk of the county where the transfer is recorded must be filed in the General Land Office within ninety (90) days of the execution date, as provided by N.R.C. Section 52.026, accompanied by the prescribed filing fee.

16. **RELEASES:** Lessee may relinquish the rights granted hereunder to the State at any time by recording the relinquishment in the county where this area is situated and filing the recorded relinquishment or certified copy of same in the General Land Office within ninety (90) days after its execution accompanied by the prescribed filing fee. Such relinquishment will not have the effect of releasing Lessee from any liability theretofore accrued in favor of the State.

17. **FORFEITURE:** (A) 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 or the School Land Board, or refuse the proper authority access to the records pertaining to operations, or Lessee or an authorized agent should knowingly fail or refuse to give correct information to the proper authority, or knowingly fail or refuse to furnish the General Land Office a correct log of any well, or if Lessee shall knowingly violate any of the material provisions of this lease, or if this lease is assigned and the assignment is not filed in the General Land Office as required by law, the rights acquired under this lease shall be subject to forfeiture by the Commissioner, and he shall forfeit same when sufficiently informed of the facts which authorize a forfeiture, and when forfeited the area shall again be subject to lease to the highest bidder, under the same regulations controlling the original sale of leases. 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.

(B) 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.

18. **RIVERBED TRACTS:** In the event this lease covers a riverbed, Lessee is hereby specifically granted the right of eminent domain and condemnation as provided for in N.R.C. Sections 52.092-52.093, as a part of the consideration moving to Lessor for the covenants herein made by Lessee.

19. **DRILLING RESTRICTIONS:** In the event this lease covers land leased under the provisions of N.R.C. Chapter 52, Subchapter B, no surface location on this area may be closer than six hundred sixty (660) feet from the center of any navigable ship channel, and special permission from the Commissioner of the General Land Office will be necessary to make any surface location between six hundred sixty (660) feet and two thousand one hundred sixty (2,160) feet from the center of any such navigable ship channel. Also in such event this lease shall be subject to all rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and amendments thereto, governing drilling and producing operations on permanent free school lands.

20. **REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT:** Upon the termination of this lease for any cause, Lessee shall not, in any event, be permitted to remove the casing or any part of the equipment from any producing, dry, or abandoned well or wells without the written consent of the Commissioner of the General Land Office or his authorized representative; nor shall Lessee, without the written consent of said Commissioner or his authorized representative remove from the leased premises the casing or any other equipment, material, machinery, appliances or property owned by Lessee and used by Lessee in the development and production of oil or gas therefrom until all dry or abandoned wells have been plugged and until all slush or refuse pits have been properly filled and all broken or discarded lumber, machinery, or debris shall have been removed from the premises to the satisfaction of the said Commissioner or his authorized representative.

21. **FORCE MAJEURE:** Should Lessee be prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this lease, from conducting drilling operations thereon, or from producing oil and/or gas therefrom, after effort made in good faith, by reason of war, rebellion, riots, strikes, acts of God or any order, rule or regulation of governmental authority, then while so prevented, Lessee's obligation to comply with such covenant shall be suspended upon proper and satisfactory proof presented to the Commissioner of the General Land Office in support of Lessee's contention and Lessee shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply therewith (except in the event of lease operations suspended as provided in the rules and regulations adopted by the School Land Board); and this lease shall be extended while and so long as Lessee is prevented, by any such cause, from drilling, reworking operations or producing oil and/or gas from the leased premises; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to suspend the payment of rentals during the primary or extended term, nor to abridge Lessee's right to a suspension under any applicable statute of this state.

22. **RAILROAD COMMISSION HEARINGS ON GAS:** No natural gas or casinghead gas, including both associated and nonassociated gas, produced from the mineral estate subject to this lease may be sold or contracted for sale to any person for ultimate use outside the State of Texas unless the Railroad Commission of Texas, after notice and hearing as provided in Title 3 of the N.R.C., finds that:

- (a) the person, agency, or entity that executed the lease in question does not require the natural gas or casinghead gas to meet its own existing needs for fuel;
 - (b) no private or public hospital, nursing home, or other similar health-care facility in this state requires the natural gas or casinghead gas to meet its existing needs for fuel;
 - (c) no public or private school in this state that provides elementary, secondary, or higher education requires the natural gas or casinghead gas to meet its existing needs for fuel;
 - (d) no facility of the state or of any county, municipality, or other political subdivision in this state requires the natural gas or casinghead gas to meet its existing needs for fuel;
 - (e) no producer of food and fiber requires the natural gas or casinghead gas necessary to meet the existing needs of irrigation pumps and other machinery directly related to this production; and
 - (f) no person who resides in this state and who relies on natural gas or casinghead gas to provide in whole or part his existing needs for fuel or raw material requires the natural gas or casinghead gas to meet those needs;
- provided, however, the Railroad Commission of Texas may grant exceptions to these provisions as set forth in N.R.C. Section 52.296.

23. **LEASE SECURITY:** Lessee shall take the highest degree of care and all proper safeguards to protect said premises and to prevent theft of oil, gas, and other hydrocarbons produced from said lease. This includes, but is not limited to, the installation of all necessary equipment, seals, locks, or other appropriate protective devices on or at all access points at the lease's production, gathering and storage systems where theft of hydrocarbons can occur. Lessee shall be liable for the loss of any hydrocarbons resulting from theft and shall pay the State of Texas royalties thereon as provided in Paragraph 3 above on all oil, gas or other hydrocarbons lost by reason of theft.

24. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS:**