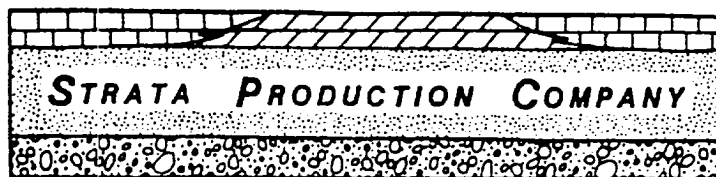


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**STATEMENT ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATIONS**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The undersigned, on behalf of Strata Production Company, accepts all applicable terms, conditions, stipulations and restrictions concerning the operations conducted on the leased land or portion thereof as described below:

West Loving Unit #1-J  
Federal Lease Number NM-86112  
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Section 23: NW/4SE/4  
Lea County, New Mexico  
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Bond Number: OGB-233

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