### STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

## NMOCD - ACOI- <u>135</u>

#### IN THE MATTER OF FOREST OIL CORPORATION,

**Respondent.** 

#### AGREED COMPLIANCE ORDER

Pursuant to the New Mexico Oil and Gas Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 70-2-1 through 70-2-38, as amended ("Act"), the Director of the Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") and Forest Oil Corporation ("Operator") enter into this Agreed Compliance Order ("Order") under which Operator agrees to bring wells identified herein into compliance with the Act and OCD Rule 201 [19.15.4.201 NMAC] in accordance with the following agreed schedule and procedures, and agrees to pay penalties as set out below if it fails to meet the schedule set out in this Order.

#### **FINDINGS**

- 1. The OCD is the state division charged with administration and enforcement of the Act, and rules and orders adopted pursuant to the Act.
- 2. Operator is a corporation doing business in the state of New Mexico.
- 3. Operator is the operator of record under OGRID 8041 for the wells identified in Exhibit "A," attached.
- 4. OCD Rule 201 [19.15.4.201 NMAC] states, in relevant part:

"A. The operator of any of the following wells, whether cased or uncased, shall be responsible for the plugging thereof: wells drilled for oil or gas; or service wells including but not limited to seismic, core, exploration or injection wells.

B. A well shall be either properly plugged and abandoned or placed in approved temporary abandonment in accordance with these rules within 90 days after:

(3) a period of one year in which a well has been continuously inactive."

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- 5. The wells identified in Exhibit "A" are currently out of compliance with Rule 201 or will fall out of compliance with Rule 201 in the next several months if no action is taken on the wells.
- 6. NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-31(A) authorizes the assessment of civil penalties of up to one thousand dollars per day per violation against any person who knowingly or willfully violates any provision of the Oil and Gas Act or any rule or order adopted pursuant to the Act.
- 7. NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-3(A) defines "person" in relevant part as

"any individual, estate, trust, receiver, cooperative association, club, corporation, company, firm, partnership, joint venture, syndicate or other entity..."

### **CONCLUSIONS**

- 1. The OCD has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter in this proceeding.
- 2. The wells identified in Exhibit "A" are either out of compliance with Rule 201 or will fall out of compliance with Rule 201 in the next several months if they are not returned to production or other beneficial use, plugged and abandoned, or placed on approved temporary abandonment status.
- 3. As operator of the wells identified in Exhibit "A," Operator is responsible for bringing those wells into compliance with Rule 201.
- 4. Operator is a "person" as defined by OCD Rule 7.P(2) and may be subject to civil penalties for knowing and willful violations of the Oil and Gas Act or rules or orders adopted pursuant to the Act.

### <u>ORDER</u>

- 1. Operator agrees to bring at least 5 of the wells identified in Exhibit "A" into compliance with OCD Rule 201 by December 31, 2006 by
  - (a) restoring the well to production or other OCD-approved beneficial use and filing a C-115 documenting such production or use;
  - (b) causing the wellbore to be plugged in accordance with OCD Rule 202.B(2) and filing a C-103 describing the completed work; or
  - (c) placing the well on approved temporary abandonment status pursuant to OCD Rule 203.

Transfer of a well identified on Exhibit "A" to another operator does not count towards Operator's obligation to return wells to compliance under the terms of

ACOI Forest Oil Corporation Page 2 of 5 this Order, but does reduce the total number of wells for which Operator is responsible under the terms of this Order.

- 2. Operator shall file a compliance report by December 31, 2006 using the OCD's web-based on-line application, identifying each well returned to compliance, stating the date it was returned to compliance, and describing how the well was returned to compliance (restored to production or other approved beneficial use, plugged wellbore, approved temporary abandonment status).
- 3. When the OCD receives a timely compliance report indicating that Operator has returned at least 5 wells to compliance and verifies the accuracy of that report, the OCD shall issue an amendment to this Order extending its terms for an additional six-month period. OCD shall provide a copy of that amendment to Operator at Operator's address of record provided pursuant to OCD Rule 100.C. If, in any six-month period, Operator returns more than 5 wells to compliance, the wells in excess of the number required will count towards the Operator's requirements for the next six-month period.
- 4. If Operator continues to return wells to compliance at a rate of at least 5 wells each six-month period, OCD shall continue to issue amendments to this Order extending its term for an additional six-month period. The total length of this Agreed Compliance Order, including the initial six-month period and any amendments, shall not exceed two years. At the end of two years, Operator and the OCD may negotiate a new agreed compliance order.
- 5. If Operator fails to bring at least 5 wells into compliance in any six-month period covered by this Order or amendments issued to this Order, Operator agrees to pay a penalty of \$1000 times the number of wells it failed to bring into compliance under its schedule during the applicable six month period. In the event the Operator encounters unanticipated circumstances that prevent it from meeting its 5-well goal, Operator may file an administrative application with the OCD to request a waiver or reduction of the penalty, and serve the OCD's Enforcement and Compliance Manager with a copy of the application. If the Enforcement and Compliance Manager concurs with the Operator's request, the application may be granted administratively. If the Enforcement and Compliance Manager does not concur with the Operator's request, the application to request a waiver or reduction of the penalty, the OCD may, in its discretion, issue an amendment to this Order extending its terms for an additional six-month period.

Example A: Operator X enters into an agreed compliance order under which it agrees to bring 5 wells into compliance in a six-month period. At the end of the six-month period, Operator X has brought only 3 wells into compliance. Operator X pays the \$2000 penalty. The OCD exercises its discretion to issue an amendment extending the term of the agreed compliance order for an additional six-month period, again requiring Operator X to bring at least 5 wells into

ACOI Forest Oil Corporation Page 3 of 5 compliance. During this additional six-month period, Operator brings only one well into compliance. Operator X pays a \$4000 penalty. Although Operator X pays the \$4000 penalty, the OCD exercises its discretion and declines to issue an amendment to extend the terms of the agreed compliance order for an additional six-month period.

Example B: Operator Y enters into an agreed compliance order under which it agrees to bring 10 wells into compliance in a six-month period. Although Y has made arrangements for plugging the 10 wells, due to adverse weather conditions and mechanical difficulties with the available plugging rig, Y is able to plug only 3 wells. Y files an administrative application for hearing seeking to waive the\$7000 penalty, and serves the Enforcement and Compliance Manager with a copy of the application. The Enforcement and Compliance Manager does not concur with the application's request to waive the full amount of the penalty, so the application is set for hearing. The OCD exercises its discretion and issues an amendment to extend the terms of the agreed compliance order for an additional six-month period.

- 6. Thirty days after the expiration of the term of this Order and any amendments to this Order, any wells on Exhibit "A" not in compliance with OCD Rule 201 will appear on the inactive well list kept pursuant to OCD Rule 40.F.
- 7. By signing this Order, Operator expressly:
  - (a) acknowledges the correctness of the Findings and Conclusions set forth in this Order;
  - (b) agrees to return to compliance 5 of the wells identified in Exhibit "A" by December 31, 2006, and agrees to comply with the compliance deadlines set by any amendments to this Order;
  - (c) agrees to submit a compliance report as required in Ordering Paragraph 2 and the deadline set by any amendments to this Order;
  - (d) agrees to pay penalties as set out in Ordering Paragraph 5 if it fails to return 5 wells to compliance under the deadlines set by this Order or any amendments to this Order;
  - (e) waives any right, pursuant to the Oil and Gas Act or otherwise, to a hearing either prior to or subsequent to the entry of this Order or to an appeal from this Order; and
  - (f) agrees that the Order and amendments to the Order may be enforced by OCD or Oil Conservation Commission Order, by suit or otherwise to the same extent and with the same effect as a final Order of the OCD or Oil Conservation Commission entered after notice and hearing in accordance with all terms and provisions of the Oil and Gas Act.
- 8. This Order applies only to those wells identified in Exhibit "A." Other wells operated by Operator out of compliance with Rule 201 may be subject to immediate enforcement action under the Oil and Gas Act.

ACOI Forest Oil Corporation Page 4 of 5 9. The Oil Conservation Division reserves the right to file an application for hearing to obtain authority to plug any well identified in Exhibit "A" and forfeit the applicable financial assurance if the well poses an immediate environmental threat.

Done at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 2 day of June, 2006 By: Dimes ( A/Mark Fesmire, P.E. Director, Oil Conservation Division

#### **ACCEPTANCE**

Forest Oil Corporation hereby accepts the foregoing Order, and agrees to all of the terms and provisions set forth in that Order.

Forest Oil Corporation By: (Please print name) R. SCOT WOODALL Title: Date: FOREST CORPORATION June 28, 2006

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## Exhibit "A"

## Forest Oil Corporation New Mexico Agreement Compliance Well List

New Mexico Agreement Compliance Well List											
Well Name	Well No.		Status	Gas	Oil	INJ	ТА	SI	State List of Inactive	Product	State/ BLM/F ee
BARCLAY FEDERAL	1	30-015-24954	TA				1			0	BLM
BARCLAY FEDERAL	15	30-015-30066	TA		1					0	BLM
BARCLAY STATE	1	30-015-25534	TA				1	<u> </u>	1	0	STATE
СМО	10	30-025-01444	SI					1		INJ	STATE
СМО	12	30-025-01446	SI					1	·····-	INJ	STATE
CMU	26	30-025-01466	SI					1		INJ	STATE
CMU	32	30-025-01451	SI			<u> </u>		1		INJ	STATE
СМО	49	30-025-00662	SI			<u> </u>			<u> </u>	INJ	BLM
CMU	56	30-025-01506				L		1		INJ	STATE
СМО	57	30-025-01501	SI			L		1	1	G	STATE
CMU	60	30-025-00676				ļ		1	1	0	STATE
СМU	70	30-025-01490	SI					1	<u> </u>	INJ	STATE
СМU	84	30-025-01494	SI			L		1	1	INJ	STATE
СМО	89	30-025-01529						1	1	0	STATE
СМИ	92	30-025-01535					1			INJ	STATE
CMU	96	30-025-01536					1			INJ	STATE
CMU	97	30-025-01523					1			INJ	STATE
СМО	102	30-025-01388						1	1	INJ	BLM
СМО	140	30-025-32923						1	1	0	STATE
СМИ	143	30-025-32924					1		1	0	STATE
CMU	153	30-025-32422					1			0	STATE
CMU	154	30-025-32893					1			0	STATE
CMU	165	30-025-32425					1		1	0	STATE
CMU	166	30-025-32043	TA				1		1	0	STATE
CMU	175	30-025-33083	TA				1			0	STATE
CMU	178	30-025-32549	TA				1			0	STATE
СМО	192	30-025-32427	SI					1	1	0	STATE
CMU	195	30-025-32841	TA				1			0	STATE
CMU	210	30-025-33281	TA				1			0	STATE
CMU	266	30-025-33821	SI					1	1	0	BLM
CMU	400	30-025-34224	TA				1			0	STATE
CROSSROADS SILU DEV UN 27	302	30-025-03608	SI					1	1	0	Fee
CROSSROADS SILU DEV UN 27	307	30-025-24100	TA				1		1	0	Fee
CROSSROADS SILU DEV UN 27	202Y	30-025-24188	TA				1		1	0	Fee
CROSSROADS SILU DEV UN 34	101	30-025-03629	TA				1			0	Fee
CROSSROADS SILU DEV UN 34	104	30-025-03632	SI					1		SWD	Fee
CROSSROADS SILU DEV UN 34	105	30-025-23472	TA				1			0	Fee
CROSSROADS SILU DEV UN 34	106	30-025-24143					1			0	Fee
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LEA D	20	30-015-29704	TA			<u> </u>	1			TA	BLM
LEA D	20	30-015-29702	SI			<u> </u>	·	1	1		BLM
MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT	4	30-025-20762	SI							INJ	BLM
MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT	5	30-025-00450				<u> </u>		$\frac{1}{1}$		INJ	BLM
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MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT	12	30-025-00445						1		INJ	STATE
MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT	13	30-025-00444	SI	<u> </u>		<u> </u>		1	1	INJ	BLM
MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT	15	30-025-00467	SI	<u> </u>				1	<u> </u>	INJ	Fee
MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT	25	30-025-00459						1		INJ	BLM
MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT	27	30-025-00453		<u> </u>				$\frac{1}{1}$	1	INJ	BLM
MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT	28	30-025-00462				<u> </u>				INJ	Fee
MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT	30	30-025-20279				<u> </u>			1	0	BLM
MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT	51	30-025-00499		<u> </u>	<u> </u>				<u> </u>		BLM
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ALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT	89	30-025-33048							1	0	BLM
ALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT	90	30-025-33380					1	<u>                                     </u>	<u> </u>	0	BLM
MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT	95	30-025-32039					1		<u> </u>	ō	BLM
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SKELLY	1	30-015-05152				1			1	INJ	BLM
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SKELLY	22	30-015-05141	P						1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	24	30-015-05144	   P						1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	25	30-015-05160				1		<u> </u>	1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	(26)	30-015-05460				1			1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	27	30-015-05159				1			1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	28	30-015-05156	P		<u> </u>	1			1	INJ	BLM
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	Well								State List of		State/ BLM/F
Well Name	No.		Status	Gas	Oil	INJ	TA	SI	Inactive	Product	ee
SKELLY	41	30-015-05343	Р			1			1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	54	30-015-05351	SI					1	1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	55	30-015-05349	Р			1			1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	59	30-015-05320	Р			1			1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	61	30-015-05315	Р			1			1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	62	30-015-05316	Р			1			1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	67	30-015-05339	Р			1			1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	68	30-015-05338	Р			1			1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	74	30-015-05331	SI					1	1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	79	30-015-05369	Р			1			1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	82	30-015-05417	Р		]	1			1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	83	30-015-05418	Р			1			1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	84	30-015-05423	Р			1			1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	86	30-015-05421	Р			1			1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	87	30-015-05420	SI					1	1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	90	30-015-05428	Р			1			1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	96	30-015-05424	Р			1			1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	101	30-015-05358	Р			1			1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	104	30-015-05146	Р			1			1	INJ	BLM
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SKELLY	108	30-015-20406	SI					1	1	INJ	BLM
SKELLY	109	30-015-20468	Р			1			1	INJ	BLM
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Date: June 28, 2006

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