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Mr. David Catanach, Hearing Examiner
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CASE 13728: APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION, THROUGH THE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER, FOR AN ORDER REQUIRING PLATINUM EXPLORATION INC. TO PROPERLY PLUG ONE WELL, ASSESSING A CIVIL PENALTY, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG SAID WELL AND ORDERING A FORFEITURE OF APPLICABLE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE; LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Dear Mr. Catanach:

The above-captioned matter is currently scheduled for hearing on the June 22, 2006 docket. The Applicant Oil Conservation Division respectfully requests a continuance until the July 6, 2006 docket.

After this matter was set on the June 22 docket, undersigned counsel learned that the OCD's principal witness, OCD Enforcement and Compliance Manager Daniel Sanchez, would not be available to testify on that date. Because this case involves review of documents from the enforcement file, it is necessary for Mr. Sanchez to testify.

This request is being sent to Platinum Exploration, Inc. and its surety. Neither has yet entered an appearance in the case.

Very truly yours,

Gail MacQuesten

Assistant General Counsel

CC: Mr. Hal J. Rasmussen, President, Platinum Exploration, Inc.

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EC: Daniel Sanchez, Enforcement and Compliance Manager

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