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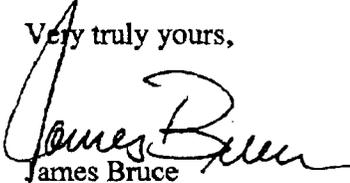
Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Case 13945 *de novo* (Occidental Petroleum Ltd.)  
Case 13912 *de novo* (EOG Resources, Inc.)

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

The parties to these cases have been working on a stipulation of dismissal without prejudice, due to a quiet title action pending in state District Court. Occidental's attorney has not yet received final approval of the stipulation from his client. However, in anticipation of such approval, the parties do not plan on filing pre-hearing statements tomorrow. Please let us know if this is not acceptable. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
James Bruce

Attorney for EOG Resources, Inc.

cc: Counsel of record