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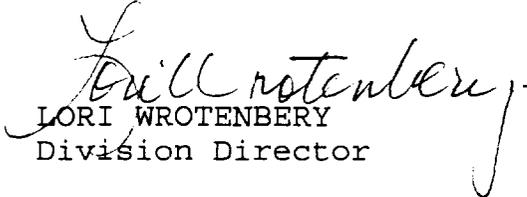
December 19, 2001

Mr. James Bruce
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Dear Mr. Bruce:

Based upon the reasons stated in your letter of December 18, 2001, and in accordance with the provisions of Division Order No. R-11683, Leonard Resource Investment Corporation is hereby granted an extension of time until March 31, 2002, in which to commence drilling the well pooled by this order.

Sincerely,


LORI WROTENBERY
Division Director

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cc: ✓ Case No. 12729
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Re: Order No. R-1168³
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Leonard Resource Investment Corporation

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

Leonard Resource Investment Corporation ("Leonard Resource") requests that the well commencement deadline be extended for 60 days. The reason for this request is as follows:

1. The above order grants Leonard Resource until January 31, 2002 to commence the well.
2. At the time of hearing, Leonard Resource thought that all parties were either pooled or had voluntarily agreed to join in the well. However, a title defect arose after the hearing (regarding an interest Leonard Resource thought it had leased), and the dispute will not be finally resolved until the end of this month.

As a result of the foregoing, Leonard Resource has lost approximately two months of the allotted commencement period, and requests that the commencement deadline be extended to March 31, 2002.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,


James Bruce

Attorney for Leonard Resource Investment Corporation