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Mr. Geoffrey Leking NMOCD District 1 1625 French Drive Hobbs, NM 88240 VIA EMAIL

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RE:

Murchison – Mogi 9 State Com 3H Temporary Pit

Extension Request for Closure

Unit N, Section 9, T24S, R33E, API #30-025-41070

Dear Mr. Leking:

On behalf of Murchison Oil and Gas, R.T. Hicks Consultants respectfully requests a 3-month extension for the closure of the above-referenced temporary pit. The rig was released from the Mogi 9 St. Com 3H well on 10/30/2013. As described in an email from Hicks Consultants to NMOCD on 1/28/2014, this pit was also used for the storage of cuttings from the Mogi 9 St. Com 5H well which was drilled on the same location. The Mogi 9 St. Com 5H spudded on 3/3/2014 and the rig was released on 4/4/2014; hydraulic fracturing commenced soon after.

We request this extension because changes in the drilling schedule caused the Mogi 9 St. Com 5H to be spudded at a date later than initially anticipated. We sampled the pit contents for closure criteria yesterday on 4/23/2014 and plan to proceed with the closure process without delay.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

R.T. Hicks Consultants

Kristin Pope

**Project Geologist** 

Environmental Specialist

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