

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE
HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL
CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR
THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 11640
ORDER NO. R-10700

**APPLICATION OF MERRION OIL & GAS CORPORATION FOR A UNIT
AGREEMENT, SANDOVAL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on November 7, 1996, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 15th day of November, 1996, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises.

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) The applicant, Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation, seeks approval of its Hakuna Matata Unit Agreement and Area for all oil and gas in any and all formations underlying 1,000.00 acres, more or less, of State (280.00 acres or 28.00%), Federal (640.00 acres or 64.00%), and Indian Allotted (80.00 acres or 8.00%) lands in Sandoval County, New Mexico, as further described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(3) No interested party appeared and objected to the proposed unit.

(4) All plans of development and operation, and creations, expansions or contractions of participating areas, or expansions or contractions of the unit area should be submitted to the Director of the Division for approval.

(5) Approval of the proposed unit agreement should promote the prevention of waste and protection of correlative rights within the unit area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Hakuna Matata Unit Agreement, executed by Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation, is hereby approved for all oil and gas in any and all formations underlying an area comprising 1,000.00 acres, more or less, of State (280.00 acres or 28.00%), Federal (640.00 acres or 64.00%), and Indian Allotted (80.00 acres or 8.00%) lands in Sandoval County, New Mexico, as further described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(2) The plan contained in said unit agreement for the development and operation of the unit area is hereby approved in principle as a proper conservation measure; provided however, notwithstanding any of the provisions contained in said unit agreement, this approval shall not be considered as waiving or relinquishing, in any manner, any right, duty or obligation which is now, or may hereafter be, vested in the Division to supervise and control operations for the unit and production of oil and gas therefrom.

(3) The unit operator shall file with the Division an executed original or executed counterpart of the unit agreement within 30 days after the effective date thereof; in the event of subsequent joinder by any other party or expansion or contraction of the unit area, the unit operator shall file with the Division, within 30 days thereafter, counterparts of the unit agreement reflecting the subscription of those interests having joined or ratified.

(4) All plans of development and operation, all unit participating areas and expansions or contractions of the unit area, shall be submitted to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division for approval.

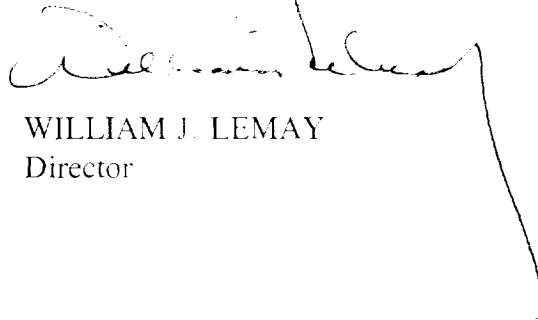
(5) This order shall become effective upon the approval of said unit agreement by the appropriate agency of the United States Department of Interior and the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico, the Director of the appropriate agency of the United States Department of the Interior, and any applicable approval by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This order shall terminate upon the termination of said unit agreement and the last unit operator shall notify the Division immediately in writing of such termination.

(6) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

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WILLIAM J. LEMAY
Director

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EXHIBIT "A"
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HAKUNA MATATA UNIT AGREEMENT
MERRION OIL & GAS CORPORATION
SANDOVAL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, NMPM

Section 8:	E/2 E/2
Section 9:	W/2
Section 16:	W/2 NE/4, NW 4, and NW/4 SW/4
Section 17:	NE 4 and N/2 SE 4