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# ONLINE Version COMMUNITIZATION AGREEMENT

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THIS AGREEMENT, entered into as of the date shown in Section 10 hereof by and between the parties subscribing, ratifying, or consenting hereto, such parties being hereinafter referred to as "parties hereto,"

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Act of February 25, 1920, 41 Stat. 437, as amended and supplemented, authorizes communitization or drilling agreements communitizing or pooling a federal oil and gas lease, or any portions thereof, with other lands, whether or not owned by the United States, when separate tracts under such federal lease cannot be independently developed and operated in conformity with an established well-spacing program for the field or area, and such communitization or pooling is determined to be in the public interest; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico, herein called "the Commissioner", is authorized to consent to and approve agreements pooling state oil and gas leases or any portion thereof, when separate tracts under such state leases cannot be independently developed and operated economically in conformity with well-spacing and gas proration rules and regulations established for the field or area and such pooling is determined to be in the public interest; and,

WHEREAS, the parties hereto own working, royalty, or other leasehold interests, or operating rights under the oil and gas leases and land subject to this agreement which cannot be independently developed and operated in conformity with the well-spacing program established for the field or area in which said lands are located; and,

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to communitize and pool their respective mineral interests in lands subject to this agreement for the purpose of developing and producing communitized substances in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual advantages to the parties hereto, it is mutually covenanted and agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. The lands covered by this agreement (hereinafter referred to as "communitized area") are described as follows:

Township 23 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M. E/2 of Section 33, Eddy County, New Mexico

Township 24 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M.

Lots 1, 2, S/2 NE/4, SE/4 of Section 4, Eddy County, New Mexico

containing <u>640.48</u> acres, more or less, and this agreement shall include only the <u>Bone Spring</u> Formation underlying said lands and the <u>oil</u>, <u>natural gas and associated liquid hydrocarbons</u> (hereinafter referred to as "communitized substances") producible from such formation.

- 2. Attached hereto, and made a part of this agreement for all purposes, is Exhibit "B" designating the operator of the communitized area and showing the acreage, percentage, and ownership of oil and gas interests in all lands within the communitized area, and the authorization, if any, for communitizing or pooling any patented or fee lands within the communitized area. 5
- 3. All matters of operation shall be governed by the operator under and pursuant to the terms and provisions of this agreement. A successor operator may be designated by the owners of the working interest in the communitized area and three (3) executed copies of a designation of successor operator shall be filed with the Authorized Officer and three (3) additional executed copies thereof shall be filed with the Commissioner.
- 4. Operator shall furnish the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representative, and the Commissioner, or his authorized representative, with a log and history of any well drilled on the communitized area, monthly reports of operations, statements of oil and gas sales and royalties, and such other reports as are deemed necessary to compute monthly the royalty due the United States and the State of New Mexico, as specified in the applicable oil and gas operating regulations.
- 5. The communitized area shall be developed and operated as an entirety with the understanding and agreement between the parties hereto that all communitized substances produced therefrom shall be allocated among the leaseholds comprising said area in the proportion that the acreage interest of leasehold bears to the entire acreage interest committed to this agreement.
- 6. The royalties payable on communitized substances allocated to the individual leases comprising the communitized area and the rentals provided for in said leases shall be determined and paid on the basis prescribed in each of the individual leases. Payments of rentals under the terms of leases subject to this agreement shall not be affected by this agreement except as provided for under the terms and provisions of said leases or as may herein be otherwise provided. Except as herein modified and changed, the oil and gas leases subject to this agreement shall remain in full force and effect as originally made and issued. It is agreed that for any federal lease bearing a sliding-or step-scale rate of royalty, such rate shall be determined separately as to production from each communitization agreement to which such lease may be committed, and separately as to any noncommunitized lease production, provided, however, as to leases where the rate of royalty for gas is based on total lease production per day such rate shall be determined by the sum of all communitized production allocated to such a lease plus any noncommunitized lease production.
- 7. There shall be no obligation on the lessees to offset any well or wells completed in the same formation as covered by this agreement on separate component tracts into which the communitized area is now or may hereafter be divided, nor shall any lessee be required to measure separately communitized substances by reason of the diverse ownership thereof, but the lessees hereto shall not be released from their obligation to protect said communitized area from drainage of communitized substances by a well or wells which may be drilled offsetting said area.

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- 8. The commencement, completion, continued operation or production of a well or wells for communitized substances on the communitized area shall be construed and considered as the commencement, completion, continued operation or production on each and all of the lands within and comprising said communitized area, and operations of production \$\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{
- 9. Production of communitized substances and disposal thereof shall be in conformity with allocation, allotments, and quotas made or fixed by any duly authorized person or regulatory body under applicable Federal or State statutes. This agreement shall be subject to all applicable Federal and State laws or executive orders, rules, and regulations, and no party hereto shall suffer a forfeiture or be liable in damages for failure to comply with any of the provisions of this agreement if such compliance is prevented by, or is such failure results from, compliance with any such laws, orders, rules or regulations.
- 10. The date of this agreement is February 1, 2019 and it shall become effective as of this date or from the onset of production of communitized substances, whichever is earlier upon execution of the necessary parties, notwithstanding the date of execution, and upon approval by the Secretary of Interior, or his duly authorized representative, and by the Commissioner or his duly authorized representative, and shall remain in force and effect for a period of two (2) years and so long thereafter as communitized substances are produced or can be produced from the communitized area in paying quantities; provided, that the two-year term of this agreement will not in itself serve to extend the term of any Federal lease which would otherwise expire during said period; provided further that prior to production in paying quantities from the communitized area and upon fulfillment of all requirements of the Secretary of Interior, or his duly authorized representative, and all requirements of the Commissioner, with respect to any dry hole or abandoned well, this agreement may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement of the parties hereto. This agreement shall not terminate upon cessation of the capability of production if, within sixty (60) days thereafter, reworking or drilling operations on the communitized area are commenced and are thereafter conducted and prosecuted with reasonable diligence. As to lands owned by the State of New Mexico, written notice of intention to commence such operations shall be filed with the Commissioner within thirty (30) days after the cessation of such capability of production, and a report of the status of such operations shall be made by the Operator to the Commissioner every thirty (30) days, and the cessation of such operations for more than twenty (20) consecutive days shall be considered as an abandonment of such operations as to any lease from the State of New Mexico included in this agreement.
- 11. The covenants herein shall be construed to be covenants running with the land with respect to the communitized interests of the parties hereto and their successors in interest until this agreement terminates, and any grant, transfer, or conveyance of any such land or interest subject hereto, whether voluntary or not, shall be and hereby is conditioned upon the assumption of all obligations hereunder by the grantee, transferee, or other successor in interest, and as to Federal lands shall be subject to approval by the Secretary of the Interior, and as to State of New Mexico lands shall be subject to approval by the Commissioner.

- 12. It is agreed by the parties hereto that the Secretary of the Interior, or his duly authorized representative, shall have the right of supervision over all operations within the communitized area to the same extent and degree as provided in the oil and gas leases under which the United States of America is lessor, and in the applicable oil and gas operating regulations of the Department of the Interior. It is further agreed between the parties hereto that the Commissioner shall have the right of supervision over all operations to the same extent and degree as provided in the oil and gas leases under which the State of New Mexico is lessor and in the applicable oil and gas statutes and regulations of the State of New Mexico.
- 13. The agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto and shall extend to and be binding upon their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.
- 14. This agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, no one of which needs to be executed by all parties, or may be ratified or consented to by separate instrument, in writing, specifically referring hereto and shall be binding upon all parties who have executed such a counterpart, ratification or consent hereto with the same force and effect as if all parties had signed the same document.
- 15. <u>Nondiscrimination:</u> In connection with the performance of work under this agreement, the Operator agrees to comply with all of the provisions of Section 202 (1) to (7) inclusive, of Executive Order 11246 (30 F. R. 12319), as amended which are hereby incorporated by reference in this agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the day and year first written and have set opposite their respective names the date of execution.

OPERATOR:	OXY USA INC.
DATE: 2/13/19	BY:  Bradley S. Dusek  Attorney-in-Fact
	ACKNOWLEDGMENT
STATE OF TEXAS	
COUNTY OF HARRIS	)
	cknowledged before me on February 13, 2019, by BRADLEY S.
DUSEK, ATTORNEY-IN-F	ACT of OXY USA INC., a Delaware corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

DELEENA D. LANG
Notary Public, State of Texas
Comm. Expires 02-18-2022
Notary ID 128179978

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

# LESSEE & OPERATING RIGHTS OF RECORD VB-0520-0002, NMNM-045236, & NMNM-104730

	OXY USA INC.
DATE: 2/13/19	Bradley S. Dusek Attorney-in-Fact
	ACKNOWLEDGMENT
STATE OF TEXAS ) COUNTY OF HARRIS )	
This instrument was acknowled DUSEK, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT of C	dged before me on February 3, 2014, by BRADLEY S. DXY USA INC., a Delaware corporation, on behalf of said corporation.
DELEENA D. LANG Notary Public, State of Texas Comm. Expires 02-18-2022 Notary ID 128179978	Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
OPERATING RIGHTS OF RECOR	D NMNM - 104730
DATE: 2/13/19	OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP By Occidental Permian Manager LLC, Its General Partner  BY:  Bradley S. Dusek Attorney-in/Fact  ACKNOWLEDGMENT
STATE OF TEXAS )	
COUNTY OF HARRIS )	
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# **LESSEE OF RECORD NMNM - 045236**

**EOG RESOURCES INC.** 

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DATE: 3-15-19

BY: Attorney-in-Fact

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF

COUNTY OF

This instrument was acknowledged before me on \_

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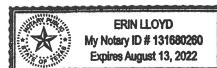
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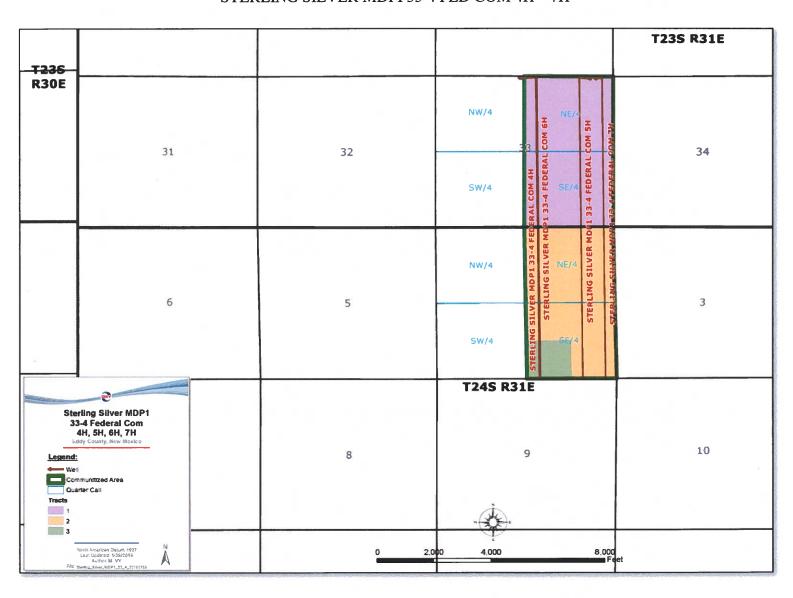
Notary's commission expires:

# **EXHIBIT "A"**

Attached to and made a part of that Communitization Agreement dated 02/01/2019.

Plat of communitized area covering 640.48 acres in the E/2 of Section 33, of Township 23S, Range 31E, and Lots 1, 2, S/2 NE/4, SE/4 of Section 4, of Township 24S, Range 31E,N.M.P.M., Eddy County, NM, as written in Section 1 above.

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### **EXHIBIT "B"**

To Communitization Agreement Dated <u>02/01/2019</u> embracing the following described land in the E/2 of Section 33, of Township 23S, Range 31E and Lots 1, 2, S/2 NE/4, SE/4 of Section 4, Township 24S, Range 55 31E, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, NM.

**Operator of Communitized Area:** OXY USA Inc.

## **DESCRIPTION OF LEASES COMMITTED**

#### **TRACT NO. 1**

Lease Serial No.: NMNM 045236

Lease Date: <u>08/01/1981</u>

Lease Term: 5 year

Lessor: United States of America

Original Lessee: Coquina Oil Corporation, et al

Present Lessee: EOG Resources (8.333%) & OXY USA Inc (91.667%)

Description of Lands Committed: Township 23 South, Range 31 East,

Section 33: E/2, NMPM, Eddy County, NM

Number of Acres: 320.00

Royalty Rate: 1/8

Name and Percent of WI Owners: OXY USA Inc. - 100.00%

#### **TRACT NO. 2**

Lease Serial No.: NMNM 104730

Lease Date: <u>01/01/1958</u>

Lease Term: <u>5 years</u>

Lessor: <u>United States of America</u>
Original Lessee: <u>Mona M. Stewart</u>

Present Lessee: OXY USA Inc.

Description of Lands Committed: Township 24 South, Range 31 East,

Section 4: Lots 1, 2, S/2NE/4, E/2SE/4, NW/4SE/4, NMPM, Eddy

County, NM

Number of Acres: 280.48

Royalty Rate: 1/8

Name and Percent of WI Owners: OXY USA Inc. – 97.103%

Occidental Permian Limited Partnership – 2.897%

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TRACT NO. 3

Lease Serial No.: <u>VB 0520 002</u>
Lease Date: <u>State of New Mexico</u>

Lease Term: <u>5 year</u> Lessor: <u>OXY USA</u>

Original Lessee: <u>KHL Inc.</u> Present Lessee: <u>OXY USA Inc</u>

Description of Lands Committed: Township 24 South, Range 31 East,

Section 4: SW/4 SE/4, NMPM, Eddy County, NM

Number of Acres: 40.00

Royalty Rate: 1/8

Name and Percent of WI Owners: OXY USA Inc. – 100%

# **RECAPITULATION**

Tract Number	Number of Acres Committed	Percentage of Interest in Communitized Area
No. 1	320.00	49.97%
No. 2	280.48	43.79%
No. 3	40.00	06.24%
TOTAL	640.48	100.00%

#### NEW MEXICO STATE LAND OFFICE

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

#### COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS, STATE OF NEW MEXICO

OXY USA Inc
Sterling Silver MDP1 33-4 Fed Com #4H-7H
Vertical Extent: Bone Spring
Township: 23 South, Range: 31 East, NMPM
Section 33: E2
Township 24 South, Range 31 East NMPM
Section 4: E2
Eddy County, New Mexico

There having been presented to the undersigned Commissioner of Public Lands of the State on New Mexico for examination, a Communitization Agreement for the development and operation of acreage which is described within the referenced Agreement dated **February 1, 2019**, which has been executed, or is to be executed by parties owning and holding oil and gas leases and royalty interests in and under the property described, and upon examination of said Agreement, the Commissioner finds:

- (a) That such agreement will tend to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the better utilization of reservoir energy in said area.
- (b) That under the proposed agreement, the State of New Mexico will receive its fair share of the recoverable oil or gas in place under its lands in the area.
- (c) That each beneficiary Institution of the State of New Mexico will receive its fair and equitable share of the recoverable oil and gas under its lands within the area.
- (d) That such agreement is in other respects for the best interests of the State, with respect to state lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me under Sections 19-10-45, 19-10-46, 19-10-47, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978 Compilation, I, the undersigned Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico, for the purpose of more properly conserving the oil and gas resources of the State, do hereby consent to and approve the said Agreement, and any leases embracing lands of the State of New Mexico within the area shall be and the same are hereby amended to conform with the terms thereof, and shall remain in full force and effect according to the terms and conditions of said Agreement. This approval is subject to all of the provisions of the aforesaid statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certificate of Approval is executed, with seal affixed, this 26th Day of July, 2019.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

of the State of New Mexico