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May 22, 2015

<u>Certified Mail</u> Return Receipt Requested

V-F Petroleum Inc. 500 W. Texas, Suite 350 Midland, Texas 79701

ATTN: Sandra K. Lawlis

RE: Oil and Gas Leases on NM State Trust Lands

Dear Ms. Lawlis:

V-F Petroleum has invoked Paragraph 14 of Lease No. V0-8723-1 for the Mid-Vac 8 State #1 well. After further consideration, we have found that:

1. Paragraph 14 requires that the lessee conduct "bona fide drilling or reworking operations" on the wellbore.

2. Such operations must be "diligently prosecuted".

3. Use of a "spudder" rig and the intermittent rate of it's associated drilling, does not constitute diligent progress.

Therefore, absent any additional information showing an indication of lease operations which are required by Paragraph 14 of the leases, the following lease will be terminated on August 22, 2015:

V0-8723-1 Mid-Vac 8 State #1

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ed Martin at 505-827-5746 or emartin@slo.state.nm.us

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cc: Bureau of Land Management, ATTN: Ed Fernandez, Carlsbad District New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, Hobbs and Artesia Districts Lease File