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October 13, 2014

Dr. Tomáš Oberding  
NMOCD District 1  
1625 French Drive  
Hobbs, NM 88240  
*VIA EMAIL*

RE: Murchison – Jackson Unit #17H Temporary Pit  
Extension Request for Closure  
Unit A, Section 15, T24S, R33E, API #30-025-41087

Dear Dr. Oberding:

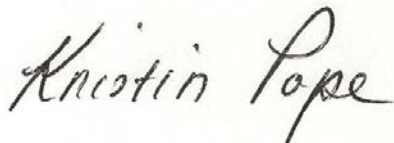
On behalf of Murchison Oil and Gas, R.T. Hicks Consultants respectfully requests a 3-month extension for the closure of the above-referenced temporary pit. The rig was released from the Jackson Unit #17H well on April 14, 2014 and these cuttings were sampled on June 19, 2014. After sampling, a decision was made to use the surplus volume in the pit to store cuttings from the nearby Brininstool 4 St. #4H well. This transfer was described in an emailed variance request from Hicks Consultants to NMOCD on August 11, 2014 and was approved the next day. The rig was released from the Brininstool 4 St. #4H on September 21, 2014.

The original deadline for closure is October 14, 2014. We request this extension because this area experienced record rainfall and flooding during the month of September and we have not been able to sample the entire pit contents yet. Since the rains stopped, rainwater removal has been ongoing. We plan to sample the pit contents within the next two weeks.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

R.T. Hicks Consultants



Kristin Pope  
Project Geologist

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