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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST PLATINUM EXPLORATION, INC. FINDING THAT THE OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF 19.15.25.8 NMAC AS TO ONE WELL, REQUIRING OPERATOR TO BRING SAID WELL INTO COMPLIANCE WITH 19.15.25.8 NMAC BY A DATE CERTAIN, AND IN THE EVENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE, DECLARING THE WELL ABANDONED AND AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG THE WELL IN LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 15138**

**PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

Applicant Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") is seeking an order declaring:

1. The subject well, Rose Eaves #1, API No. 30-025-07920, in Lea County, New Mexico, is out of compliance with 19.15.25.8 NMAC.
2. That operator, Platinum Exploration, Inc., ("Platinum") plug and abandon the well by July 12, 2014, and pay a fine of \$1,000 in accordance with NMSA 1978 § 70-2-31.
3. If Platinum does not plug and abandon the well, authorizing the OCD to plug and abandon the well and seek costs from Platinum.
4. That operator is out of compliance with 19.15.5.9 (A)(1) NMAC by not meeting financial assurance requirements, and 19.15.5.9 (A)(4) by having 1 out of 1 well(s) out of compliance with 19.15.25.8.

The OCD supports the approval because of the following:

1. Notice of Hearing was properly served as required by 19.15.4.9 NMAC and 19.15.4.10 NMAC.
2. Platinum Exploration, Inc. status as a foreign profit corporation was cancelled by the Secretary of State.
3. Platinum forfeited their financial assurance, Letter of Credit 06-2004, to the division on 8/28/2012.
4. The officers of record of Platinum are Harold James Rasmussen (President) and Gregory J. Rasmussen (Vice President).
5. No correspondence regarding the subject well has been received since 6/20/2006.
6. The subject well operated by Platinum in New Mexico has been inactive for a continuous period exceeding one year plus 90 days, and are neither plugged and abandoned in accord with Division Rules 19.15.25.9 to -11 NMAC nor on approved temporary abandonment status in accord with Division Rule 19.15.25.12 NMAC.

## RESPONDENT'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE

WITNESS:

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 minutes

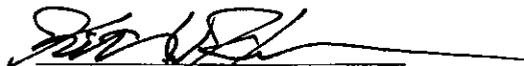
Daniel Sanchez, NMOCD Compliance & Enforcement Manager

Testimony on compliance with OCD Rules.

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None.

Respectfully submitted  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014 by



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading was electronically mailed to the following party on June \_\_\_\_, 2014:

No opposing party has entered an appearance

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Keith Herrmann