

November 5, 2015 letter to COG Operating LLC requesting amendment to
1/20/2012 JOA to delete Article XVI.E, or waiver thereof

Oil Conservation Division

Case No. 15404 & 15405

Exhibit No. 9



November 5, 2015

COG Operating LLC
600 West Illinois Avenue
Midland, Texas 79701

Attention Ms. Rita Buress

RE: Letter dated September 30, 2015 – AMENDMENT TO JOINT OPERATING AGREEMENT
Article XVI, Paragraph “E” of that certain Joint Operating Agreement dated January 20, 2012, between Burnett Oil Co., Inc. as Operator, and Burnett Oil Company, et al., as Non-operator covering the W/2 and W/2 E/2 of Section 12, W/2 of Section 13, and all of Section 24, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, except for the wellbore for the Knockabout Fed #1 Well (the “JOA”).

Dear Rita,

Reference is made to our letter dated September 30, 2015, wherein Burnett requested that all parties to the JOA amend the same to delete Article XVI, Paragraph “E” thereof. A copy of the September 30, 2015, letter is included herewith.

All parties to the JOA have agreed to delete the provision with the exception of Ard Oil Ltd., Ard Energy Group, Ltd. (collectively “Ard”) and COG. Ard has suggested to us that the provision is not enforceable as to it and we would tend to agree. Pursuant to the provision, Burnett and the other parties to the JOA are contractually precluded from attempting to obtain an assignment of Ard’s working interest in the contract area in which such interest has lapsed. As you are aware, when the JOA was signed the Ard interest was subject to a term assignment in favor of COG. The term assignment has lapsed as to certain lands covered thereby; and Burnett has now proposed the drilling of two wells on the contract area.

In May of this year, Burnett was furnished a reassignment(s) dated effective October 13, 2013, from COG to Ard of the lapsed interest. Further, COG has elected to go non-consent in the drilling of the recently proposed Burnett Nosler 12 DB4H well (the only well of the two COG has an interest in). Insofar as this is evidence that COG does not desire the Ard interest, nor want to take a new assignment of the Ard interest in the lapsed acreage, we would ask that COG allow Burnett, or another party to the JOA, to try and negotiate with Ard for its interest. Burnett has proposed both the Nosler 12 DB4H and EG6H wells to Ard and proposed that it join the JOA. To date, Ard has declined to participate on these terms. We would like to negotiate with Ard on different terms, but are precluded from doing so by the referenced provision in the JOA.

If amending the JOA to delete Article XVI, Paragraph "E" in its entirety as we originally proposed is problematic for COG, Burnett would alternatively propose that COG waive the provision in writing as to the Ard interest only as to the Nosler 12 DB4H and EG6H wells, or even the first of the two wells drilled.

In a phone conversation with Mr. Joseph Scott of COG on October 16, COG suggested that it would consider agreeing to the amendment if Burnett would agree to move the surface location for the Nosler 12 DB4H well out of Section 11 (or perhaps both well locations out of Section 11). Please understand that Burnett has received approved APD's for the wells, the same filed with the BLM June 22, 2015, and at this point feels this request is unreasonably burdensome. Nonetheless, Burnett stands ready to provide any reasonable accommodation to COG with regard to surface locations. We have initiated multiple lines of communication with COG to see if we can come to a solution whereby both parties will have adequate surface locations to develop their respective leaseholds.

We greatly appreciate your prompt attention to this request. If you have questions or would like to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Coley Means", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Coley Means

enclosure

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September 30, 2015

COG Operating LLC
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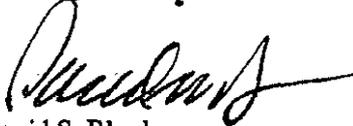
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W/2 of Section 13, and all of Section 24, Township 17 South, Range 31 East,
NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, except for the wellbore for the Knockabout
Fed #1 Well.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to Article XVI, Paragraph "E" of the captioned operating agreement. We have included herewith a copy of the provision for your convenience. By this letter, Burnett Oil Co., Inc. is requesting your agreement to delete Article XVI, Paragraph "E" in its entirety. The captioned operating agreement shall otherwise remain unchanged. This is a request to amend the captioned joint operating agreement, and if executed by you, shall constitute your agreement to amend said operating agreement as set forth herein.

If you are agreeable to this request, please sign and return one duplicate original of this letter to the undersigned at the address below. Burnett will circulate evidence of the amendment to you if all of the parties to the operating agreement agree to amend the same as provided herein. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



David S. Rhodes
Vice President of Land

COG Operating, LLC agrees to delete in its entirety Article XVI, Paragraph "E" of that certain Joint Operating Agreement dated January 20, 2012, between Burnett Oil Co., Inc. as Operator, and Burnett Oil Company, et al., as Non-operator, covering the W/2 and W/2 E/2 of Section 12, W/2 of Section 13, and all of Section 24, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, except for the wellbore for the Knockabout Fed #1 Well.

Agreed to this ____ day of _____, 2015.

By:
Name:
Title:

Coley Means

From: Coley Means
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2015 5:09 PM
To: jscott@concho.com; 'rburess@concho.com'; 'rita.buress@concho.com'
Cc: David Rhodes
Subject: 1-20-2012 JOA amendment
Attachments: LA - Delete XVI.E 1-20-12 JOA.pdf; Letter - COG req.2 XVI.E 11.5.15.pdf

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Rita and Joseph,

Please see the attached letter. The original is being sent to Rita via FedEx. Feel free to call with any questions.

Thanks,

PS. Joseph, I am not sure I have Rita's correct email address. Will you please ensure she receives this email? Thank you.

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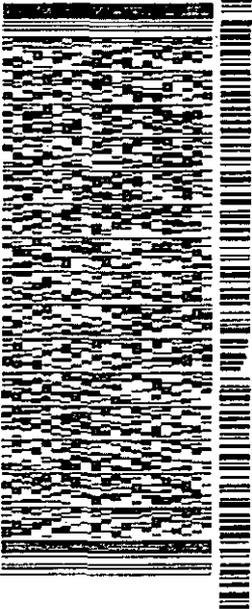
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Here is a draft of a JOA between Burnett and Ard Oil / Ard Energy. We can discuss when you get back.

Thanks,

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From: Coley Means
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4. PERCENTAGES OR FRACTIONAL INTERESTS OF THE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Working Interest</u>
Burnett Oil Company	89.1656250%
Ard Oil, Ltd.	10.5010416%
Ard Energy Group, Ltd.	0.3333334%

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