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Dear Florene:

Enclosed are an original and two copies of an Entry of Appearance in Case 11689, filed on behalf of Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc.

Very truly yours,

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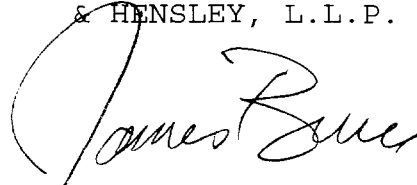
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POOLING AND AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION,
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CASE NO. 11689

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Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc. hereby enters its appearance
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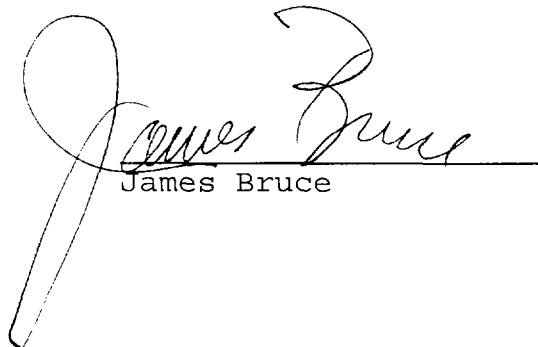
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