

# MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY

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**Certified Mail-Return Receipt Requested P 268 434 173**

Devon Energy Corporation  
20 North Broadway, Suite 1500  
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Attn: Mr. Ken Gray

Re: Carlsbad "15" Prospect  
Carlsbad "15" Federal Com. #1 Well  
S/2 of Section 15-21S-26E  
Eddy County, New Mexico

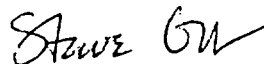
Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your review and execution is our Original Joint Operating Agreement dated July 30, 1997 covering the captioned well.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely yours,

MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY



Steve Cobb  
District Landman

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