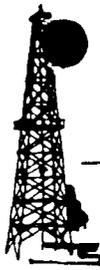


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Via Telefax and Overnight Delivery

October 9, 2001

Mewbourne Oil Company
500 West Texas, Suite 1020
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Attention: D. Paul Haden
Senior Landman

Re: Esperanza 15 State Com #1
T-21S, R-27E, N.M.P.M.
2232' FSL & 1980' FEL
Section 15: E/2
Eddy County, New Mexico
Farmout Terms

Dear Paul:

Harvey E. Yates Company (HEYCO) is in receipt of your letter dated October 2, 2001, concerning the captioned well. Your letter states that you rescind all previous offers prior to October 2, 2001. In the same letter, you make a new offer for a farmout of HEYCO's operating rights below the base of the Yates formation through the Morrow formation delivering Mewbourne Oil Company (MOC) an 80% NRI and, upon 150% payout of the initial or substitute well, HEYCO would have the option to exchange its retained ORI for a 30% WI, subject to proportionate reduction, on a well by well basis.

The above terms are not standard terms within the industry and are not acceptable to HEYCO. HEYCO is willing, as you stated in the "spirit of cooperation," to recommend to management the following: a) HEYCO to farmout its rights from the base of the Yates formation through the Morrow formation delivering an 80% NRI to MOC and, at 100% payout of the initial well, HEYCO will have the option to exchange its retained ORI for a 33.33% WI, subject to proportionate reduction, or b) HEYCO to farmout its rights from the base of the Yates formation through the Morrow formation delivering a 75% NRI to MOC and, at 100% payout of the initial well, HEYCO will have the option to exchange its retained ORI for a 30% WI, subject to proportionate reduction.

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
Case No. 12698 de novo Exhibit No. 8
Submitted by:
Harvey E. Yates Company
Hearing Date: October 12 2001

As you have been advised previously, there needs to be some correction assignments placed of record concerning Shinnery Investment Company and HEYCO is working toward a correction assignment indicating Shinnery Investment Company is an owner of a share of the operating rights in this property. Therefore, HEYCO will continue to negotiate any terms with MOC on behalf of HEYCO and Shinnery Investment Company.

Please advise of MOC's willingness to accept one of HEYCO's farmout options described above by October 11, 2001 and we will request HEYCO's management to dismiss its Application for Hearing De Novo in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Melissa Randle
Landman

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