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CUSTOMS BROKERS AND FORWARDING AGENTS

510 BATTERY STREET

SAN FRANCISCO

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April 13th.1945

CABLE ADDRESS  
"HBTHOMASCO"

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission,  
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:-

Please accept this as a supplemental petition for approval of the eight hundred twenty-six feet drilled in an un-orthodox location in Grant County, Section 31, Township 20 S, Range 11 W, N.W.1/4, covered by State Lease B-10181, Assignment No. 1.

This location was the result of many months of geophysical research and no other place would be of advantage for the initial start.

It was agreed between the contracting driller, my lawyer and myself that all details, permits, applications and the like would be cared for by, either Mr. Colgrove the driller or Mr. Gleason the lawyer.

It was not until December 1944 that I was advised of this un-orthodox location, and steps were taken immediately to adjust same.

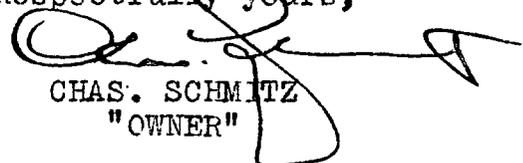
It so happens that the forty acres north and west of this location are under lease to me, a plat of same and affidavit in connection therewith I have transmitted under separate cover.

Will you be good enough to authorize the completion of this well?

By reason of you granting this request and should a commercial well result; and should the Commission deem it necessary, I agree to cap same in accord with your regulations.

Thanking you for whatever relief you may be in a position to extend, I am,

Respectfully yours,

  
CHAS. SCHMITZ  
"OWNER"

CS/ob

- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

This application and notice are filed in order to permit the resumption of drilling operations on a wildcat well, the drilling of which was commenced on February 6th. 1944 and which was prosecuted thereafter to a depth of Eight hundred twenty-six (826) feet, which is the present depth of the well. The history of this project is as follows:

Messrs. Durfee and Scales, lessees under State Lease B-10181, assigned said lease, insofar as it covered the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of S 31 - T 20 S - R 11 W., which is the drill site mentioned in the attached Notice. This assignment to Schmitz was duly recorded in the State Land Office of New Mexico on June 19th. 1944 as assignment No. 1-

Thereafter, Mr. Schmitz entered into a contract with Mr. C.W. Colgrove whereunder the latter was to drill this well to a depth of twelve hundred fifty (1250) feet. Mr. Colgrove filed a notice of intention to drill and a bond, but unfortunately a mistake was made in connection with the location and survey and Mr. Colgrove's said Notice did not properly describe the location of the well.

Thereafter, Mr. Colgrove proceeded to carry on drilling operations. These operations were quite difficult and costly because of geological and other conditions encountered in drilling this well. After much difficulty, the well was carried to its present depth of eight hundred twenty-six feet at which time operations were suspended. It was then discovered that the location had not been properly within the Regulations.

A substantial sum of money has heretofore been spent on this wildcat operation. The area in which this well is located is desert land not fit for cultivation or other development, except occasional cattle grazing. No harm will be done to anyone in permitting the continuance of this drilling operation. The owners of the leases on the adjacent land are interested in this drilling venture and fully consent to and approve of this present location.

Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that, if possible, the Honorable New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission give this matter early attention to the end that this wildcat venture may be resumed and completed as soon as possible. The parties are under considerable expense during this period of suspense and it is to the advantage of all concerned to consummate this matter at the earliest possible moment.

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Santa Fe, New Mexico

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DRILL

Notice must be given to the Oil Conservation Commission or its proper agent and approval obtained before drilling begins. If changes in the proposed plan are considered advisable, a copy of this notice showing such changes will be returned to the sender. Submit this notice in triplicate. One copy will be returned following approval. See additional instructions in Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

San Francisco, California - March 7th, 1945 -

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION, Santa Fe, New Mexico,

PLACE

DATE

Gentlemen:

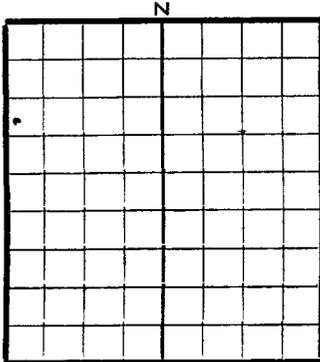
You are hereby notified that it is our intention to commence the drilling of a well to be known as.....

C. W. Colgrove - Lease, B-10181 Well No. 1 in N.W. 1/4

COMPANY OR OPERATOR

LEASE

of Sec. 31, T. 20 S, R. 11 W., N. M. P. M. "Wildcat" Field, Grant County.



The well is 1450 feet (S.) of the N. Section and 50 feet (E.) of the W. Section line of Section 32

(Give location from section or other legal subdivision lines. Cross out wrong directions.)

If state land the oil and gas lease is No. B - 10181 Assignment No. 1

If patented land the owner is .....

Address .....

If government land the permittee is .....

Address #510 Battery Street, San Francisco, California

The lessee is Edward M. Durfee - #1701 Vallejo St. S.F. Calif.

and John H. Scales - #1324 Broadway - San Francisco, Cal

We propose to drill well with drilling equipment as follows:.....

Cable Tools

The status of a bond for this well in conformance with Rule 39 of the General Rules and Regulations of the Commission is as follows: Furnished by C.W. Colgrove, thru - Maryland Casualty Co., LA, Calif.

We propose to use the following strings of casing and to land or cement them as indicated:

Table with 7 columns: SIZE OF HOLE, SIZE OF CASING, WEIGHT PER FOOT, NEW OR SECOND HAND, DEPTH, LANDED OR CEMENTED, SACKS CEMENT. Row 1: 12 1/2", None, 26#, Used, 785', None. Row 2: 10", 8 1/4", 26#, Used, 826', (If needed, depends on conditions -)

If changes in the above plan become advisable we will notify you before cementing or landing casing. We estimate that the first productive oil or gas sand should occur at a depth of about 1500' or less.

Additional information: See attached-

Approved....., 19..... Except as follows:

Sincerely yours,

[Signature of C.W. Colgrove]

C.W. Colgrove - COMPANY OR OPERATOR

No. 1507 North Wilcox Avenue, Los Angeles,

Position "Sole Owner"

Send communications regarding well to

Name Charles Schmitz, #510 Battery St.

Address San Francisco, California -

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION,

By.....

Title.....

