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POWER OF ATTORNEY

STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Dallas } ss

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY
(Corporate Officer)

On this 13TH day of DECEMBER, 19 84, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared J. CAMPBELL, Asst. Vice President personally known to me, who being by me duly sworn, did say that he is the aforesaid officer of the WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, that the said instrument was signed, sealed and executed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and further acknowledge that the said instrument and the execution thereof to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal at Dallas, Texas, the day and year last above written.

My commission expires

3-20, 19 89

Notary Public

other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The Chairman of the Board, President, Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys in Fact or Agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or other obligations on the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, or other obligations of the corporation."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Western Surety Company has caused these presents to be executed by its President with its corporate seal affixed this 13TH day of DECEMBER, 19 84.

ATTEST

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

C. Schmidt

Assistant Secretary

By Joe Kirby
President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }
County of Minnehaha } ss

On this 13TH day of DECEMBER, 19 84, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Joe P. Kirby, President, and C. Schmidt, Assistant Secretary, who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said Western Surety Company, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

My commission expires November 10, 1991.

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Notary Public

duly sworn, did say that he is _____ of _____ and that the foregoing instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its board of directors, and acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Notary Public

My Commission expires

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM FOR CORPORATE SURETY

STATE OF _____)
COUNTY OF _____) ss.

On this _____ day of _____, 19 _____, before me appeared _____, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is _____ of _____ and that the foregoing instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its board of directors, and acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Notary Public

My Commission expires

(Note: Corporate surety attach power of attorney.)

APPROVED BY:

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

By _____

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ONE-WELL PLUGGING BOND

FOR CHAVES, EDDY, LEA, MCKINLEY, RIO ARRIBA, ROOSEVELT,
SANDOVAL, AND SAN JUAN COUNTIES ONLY

BOND NO. 18112294
(For Use of Surety Company)
AMOUNT OF BOND 7,500.00
COUNTY SANTA FE

NOTE: For wells less than 5,000 feet deep, the minimum bond is \$5,000.00*
For wells 5,000 feet to 10,000 feet deep, the minimum bond is \$7,500.00*
For wells more than 10,000 feet deep, the minimum bond is \$10,000.00

*The oil conservation commission well bond shall not exceed \$5,000.00 or \$7,500.00 bond may be permitted to be drilled as much as 200 feet deeper than the normal maximum depth of a well is drilled and a \$7,500.00 bond may be permitted to be drilled as much as 200 feet and a well bond to be drilled as a \$7,500.00 bond may be permitted to go to 200 feet. See Rule 101.

File with Oil Conservation Commission, P. O. Box 2088, Santa Fe 87501

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That MIDAS MINERALS CORPORATION, (An individual) (a partnership)
a corporation organized in the State of _____, with its principal office in the city of
SANTA FE, State of NEW MEXICO, and authorized to do business
in the State of New Mexico, as PRINCIPAL, and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a
corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of SOUTH DAKOTA,
and authorized to do business in the State of New Mexico, as SURETY, are held firmly bound unto the State of New
Mexico, for the use and benefit of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico pursuant to Section 65-3-11, New
Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1953 Compilation, as amended, in the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100
Dollars, lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, said PRINCIPAL and
SURETY hereby bind themselves, their successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

The conditions of this obligation are such that:

WHEREAS, The above principal has heretofore or may hereafter enter into oil and gas leases, or carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas leases, or
helium gas leases with the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, The above principal has heretofore or may hereafter enter into oil and gas leases, or carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas leases, or
helium gas leases on lands patented by the United States of America to private individuals, and on lands otherwise owned by private
individuals; and

WHEREAS, The above principal, individually, or in association with one or more other parties, has commenced or
may commence the drilling of one well not to exceed a depth of 2000 feet, to prospect for and produce oil
or gas, or carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas or helium gas, or does own or may acquire, own or operate such well, or such well
started by others on land embraced in said State oil and gas leases, or carbon dioxide (CO₂) leases, or helium gas leases,
and on land patented by the United States of America to private individuals, and on land otherwise owned by private
individuals, the identification and location of said well being LETTER K The Northeast Quarter of the South West

Here state exact legal subdivision by 40 acre tract of 160
QUARTER OF Section 3 Township 13 (North) (~~South~~), Range 15 (East) (~~West~~), N.M.P.M.
SAN MIGUEL County, New Mexico.

NOW, THEREFORE, If the above bounden principal and surety or either of them or their successors or assigns, or any of them, shall
plug said well when dry or when abandoned in accordance with the rules, regulations, and orders of the Oil Conservation Commission of New
Mexico in such way as to confine the oil, gas, and water in the strata in which they are found, and to prevent them from escaping into other
strata;

THEN, THEREFORE, This obligation shall be null and void, otherwise and in default of complete compliance with any and all of said
obligations, the same shall remain in full force and effect.