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P. O. Drawer 1857 Roswell, New Maxico 88201

Continental Oil Company Post Office Box 460 Bobbs, New Mexico 88240

Gentlemen:

Your Application for Permit to Drill well No. 8-James Ranch Unit in the HW45W4 sec. 31, T. 22 S., R. 34 E., H.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, lease New Mexico 02953-C, to a depth of 14,625 feet to test the Morrow formation in the Potash Area, is hereby approved.

Drilling of the well must be in compliance with the enclosed "Drilling Well Control Requirements for Deep Wells Drilled on Federal Oil and Gas Leases in the Artesia District" dated June 22, 1973.

One copy of the Application is returned herewith. Please notify the District Engineer, Geological Survey, Post Office Drawer U, Artesia, New Mexico, 88210, in sufficient time for a representative to witness all cementing operations. The office phone number is Area Code 505-746-9838.

## Sincerely yours.

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(ORIG. SCOL) MATES W. SUTHERLAND

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C. C. C. ARTKB'A, OFFICE Attachment

cc: Regional Manager, Denver Mining Branch (2) MMDCC-Artesia (2) (w/2 cys Notice) Artesia (w/cy Notice) Roswell (2) (w/cy Notice) Roswell (Chrono.)