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November 17, 1965

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C. C. C. ARTESIA, OFFICE

ATTENTION: Mr. Jim Kenauf

RE: Jake L. Hamon No. 1 Owl Draw Unit. T-26-5, R-27-E, Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your instructions in your letter of November 16, 1965, regarding the above captioned well, this is to advise that the well was spudded at 2:00 P. M. November 14, 1965. As of November 17 it was drilling at 550' and later in the day drill pipe stuck.

In order to comply with federal regulations we authorize you to eliminate Russell Maguire's name from the Application for Permit to Drill, Form No. 9-331C. It was not Mr. Hamon's intent to spud this well prematurely before approval of your office. We had assumed that your office had been notified by the U.S.G.S. in Washington as soon as the unit had been approved, but learned that you did not receive your notification until November 16. It was our error in not notifying you as soon as this information was received in this office that the unit had been approved in Washington. As you requested, our records indicate that you were furnished with Application for Permit to Drill, which was mailed from this office November 1, 1965. You indicated that U. S. G. S. policy directed that only one operator's name could be shown as operator on a federal unit, that being one of the reasons for non-approval of the application to drill. As mentioned above, we have advised you to eliminate Russell Maguire's name from the application.

In summary, we want to reiterate that it was not Mr. Hamon's intention to spud this well prematurely before approval by your office. We had made assumptions that the Application for Permit to Drill had been approved and that everything was in order. We will keep your office advised as to the progress of this well.

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Yours very truly,

cc: Mr. Russell Maguire Mr. Don 0. Chapel1 Mr. N. T. LaGrone Mr. C. W. Phillips Mr. H. W. Shaw

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