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MR. EMERY C. ARNOLD  
SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT # 3  
NEW MEXICO OIL COMMISSION  
1000 RIO BRAZOS ROAD  
AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

RE: DON TRADERS, INC.  
No. 1 MCCOY  
28-30N-12W

DEAR MR. ARNOLD:

IN REGARD TO THE ABOVE WELL I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY MR. TRUJILLO IN YOUR SANTA FE OFFICE THAT THE PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE NAME OF DON TRADERS, INC. WAS RELEASED SEVERAL YEARS AGO. HOWEVER, HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT SINCE AN AFFIDAVIT HAD BEEN FILED BY DON TRADERS, INC. ATTESTING TO THE PROPER PLUGGING OF ALL WELLS, THEY WOULD STILL BE DEEMED RESPONSIBLE.

AS I STATED IN MY LETTER OF JANUARY 28TH, THIS WORK WAS TO HAVE BEEN DONE BY MR. H. L. DUFF OF ALBUQUERQUE UNDER AN AGREEMENT WITH DON TRADERS. I SPOKE TO MR. DUFF IN ALBUQUERQUE LAST WEEK AND HE AGREED IT WAS HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO PROPERLY COMPLETE THIS. HE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION IT HAD ALREADY BEEN CARRIED OUT. MR. DUFF FURTHER AGREED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT SOME ONE IN THE PLUGGING BUSINESS AND DIRECT THEM TO COMPLETE THE JOB UNDER THE DIRECTION OF YOUR OFFICE.

WE ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO RELIEVE DON TRADERS FROM ANY FURTHER RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THEIR ORIGINAL BOND. WILL YOU PLEASE INFORM ME IN WRITING AS SOON AS MR. DUFF HAS COMPLETED PLUGGING THE # 1 MCCOY WELL TO YOUR SATISFACTION. WILL YOU ALSO SEND A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO MR. TRUJILLO FOR HIS BOND FILE HERE.

CC: DON TRADERS, INC.  
DES PLAINES, ILL.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

  
FRANK C. BARNES