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August 26, 2011

Mr. David Evan COG Operating LLC 550 West Texas Avenue, Suite 100 Midland, Texas 79701

> Re: Case Nos. 14725 and 14726: COG's Proposed Arabian "6" Fee Well Nos. 7H and 8H, SE/4 of Section 6, T-19-S, R-26-E, Eddy County, NM

Dear Mr. Evans:

We appreciate you coming to Artesia to discuss your development plans for this area. The purpose of this letter to express Yates Petroleum Corporation's, Myco Industries, Inc.'s and Abo Petroleum Corporation's support for COG's proposal to drill the two referenced horizontal wells in the Glorieta-Yeso formation underlying the E/2 of Section 6. We believe that COG's horizontal well proposals provide a more efficient and effective means of recovering the reserves in this formation underling the E/2 of Section 6, including those reserves in the SE/4 of Section 6. Accordingly, please be advised that we have authorized Michael Feldewert of Holland & Hart to enter an appearance in the cases involving Cimarex's competing vertical well proposals [Case Nos. 14703, 14704, 14705 and 14698] to express our support for COG's horizontal well proposal.

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Very truly yours,

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION ABO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION Santa Fe, New Mexico Exhibit No. 9 Submitted by: <u>COG OPERATING, LLC</u> Hearing Date: <u>September 1, 2011</u>

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Arrington Oil & Gas LLC owns oil and gas leases in the proposed spacing units of the referenced Case Numbers. The purpose of this letter to express our support for COG's proposal to drill the two referenced north/south oriented horizontal wells in the Glorieta-Yeso formation underlying the E/2 of Section 6. We believe that COG's horizontal wells proposals provide a more efficient and effective means of recovering the reserves in this formation underling the E/2 of Section 6, including those reserves in the SE/4 of Section 6. We support COG's proposed horizontal development over Cimarex's competing vertical 40 acre well proposals identified in Case Nos. 14703, 14704, 14705 and 14698.

Sincerely,

Monty W. Kastner Vice President, Land & Legal