

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST HAL J RASMUSSEN OPERATING INC., DIRECTORS, AND OFFICERS, HAROLD JAMES RASMUSSEN, AND GREGORY J. RASMUSSEN, JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY, FINDING THAT THE OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF OCD RULES 19.15.15.9, 19.15.15.10, 19.15.25.8, 19.15.25.11, 19.15.16.8, AND 19.15.29.8 NMAC, REQUIRING OPERATOR TO SHUT IN ALL WELLS AND REVOKING ALL AUTHORITY TO TRANSPORT UNTIL COMPLIANCE WITH ALL DIVISION RULES IS ACHIEVED BY A DATE CERTAIN, AND IN THE EVENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE, ADDITIONAL SANCTIONS WILL BE ASSESSED.

CASE NO. 15187

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

Applicant Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") is seeking an order declaring:

1. That operator, Hal J Rasmussen Operating Inc., ("Rasmussen") is in violation of OCD Rules 19.15.15.9, 19.15.15.10, 19.15.25.8, 19.15.25.11, 19.15.16.8, and 19.15.29.8 NMAC.
2. That all Rasmussen's wells be shut in until operator complies with all division regulations by a date certain.
3. If Rasmussen does not comply with division order, the division will declare all wells abandoned, and authorize the OCD to plug and abandon the operators wells and recover costs from Rasmussen in accordance with OCD Rule 19.15.8.13 NMAC.
4. That operator is out of compliance with 19.15.5.9 (A)(4) by having 4 out of 12 well(s) out of compliance with 19.15.25.8.

The OCD supports the approval because of the following:

1. Notice of Hearing was properly served as required by 19.15.4.9 NMAC and 19.15.4.10 NMAC.
2. Rasmussen has posted financial assurance in the form of a \$50,000 blanket bond, bond no. RLB0012533, from RLI Insurance Co., for the amount of \$50,000 to secure its obligation to plug and abandon the well.
3. The officers of record of Platinum are Harold James Rasmussen (President) and Gregory J. Rasmussen (Vice President).
4. Operator has made no effort to contact the OCD regarding several compliance issues, and its officers are currently subject to division order R-13866.
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PETITIONERS'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE

WITNESS:

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 minutes

Daniel Sanchez, NMOCD Compliance & Enforcement Manager

Testimony on compliance with OCD Rules.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None.

Respectfully submitted
this 13 day of August 2014 by



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading was electronically mailed to the following party on August 13, 2014:

No opposing party has entered an appearance


Keith Herrmann