

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

**APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT BUREAU FOR A COMPLIANCE  
ORDER AGAINST MINEL, INC FOR WELLS OPERATED IN RIO ARRIBA  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

CASE NO 15682

**APPLICATION**

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Compliance and Enforcement Bureau ( Bureau ) through its undersigned attorney hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division ( OCD or Division ) pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978 §70 2-12 for a compliance order (1) determining operator Minel Inc ( Operator ) is out of compliance with 19 15 8 NMAC and NMSA 1978 § 70 2-14 (2) requiring Operator to return to compliance with 19 15 8 NMAC and (3) in the event of non compliance finding the Operator in violation of a Division order for each day after the deadline established in the sought order to obtain acceptable financial assurance This application deals specifically with Operator s violations of OCD rules regarding financial assurance and does not include all violations that may exist The OCD retains its right to bring a compliance action for any other existing and future violations In support of this application, the OCD states

1 Operator is a New Mexico corporation that operates 6 wells in Rio Arriba County New Mexico under OGRID No 14948

2 Operator s address of record with OCD is 15 Vista Cliff Place  
Richardson TX 75080

3        The New Mexico Secretary of State has Operator registered under corporation number 864686 and identifies S Laemmle Director J Cayias and Vice President Director and President K Roth Director Secretary and Treasurrer as officers of record

4        NMSA 1978 § 70 2-14 requires that each person firm corporation or association who operates any oil gas or service well within the state as a condition precedent to drilling or producing the well furnish financial assurance in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit or a cash or surety bond or a well specific plugging insurance policy to the OCD running to the benefit of the state and conditioned that the well be plugged and abandoned and the location restored and remediated in compliance with OCD rules

5        19 15 8 9 C NMAC states that an operator shall cover a well that has been in temporary abandonment for more than two years by either a one-well financial assurance or a blanket plugging financial assurance for wells in temporarily abandoned status

6        Operator currently is in need of acceptable financial assurance for the following wells

a    Leonard L Johnston #001 API 30 039 06049 \$8 725 required bond


**WHEREFORE** the Bureau by and through its compliance and enforcement manager hereby applies to the Director to enter an Order

A        Determining that Operator is in violation of 19 15 8 NMAC

B        Determining that Operator is in violation of NMSA 1978 § 70-2 14

- C Requiring Operator to provide the OCD with acceptable financial assurance within 30 days of the issuance of an order
- D In the event of non-compliance with the sought Division order by the dates established by the OCD finding the Operator in violation of a Division order
- E For such other and further relief as the Director deems just and proper under the circumstances

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
this 28 day of March 2017 by

  
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