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

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APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION, THROUGH THE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER, FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST SALADO OPERATING, LLC FINDING THAT THE OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF 19.15.4.201 NMAC AS TO SIX WELLS, REQUIRING OPERATOR TO BRING SAID WELLS INTO COMPLIANCE WITH 19.15.4.201 NMAC BY A DATE CERTAIN AND, IN THE EVENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE, DECLARING THE WELLS ABANDONED AND AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG THE WELLS LOCATED IN EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

APPLICATION FOR COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST SALADO OPERATING LLC

- 1. Salado Operating, LLC ("Operator") is a limited liability corporation operating the following wells in New Mexico under OGRID 149084:
 - East Henshaw Unit #001Y, 12-1-16S-30E, 30-015-05939
 - East Henshaw Unit #002, 15-1-16S-30E, 30-015-03813
 - East Henshaw Unit #002K, 11-1-16S-30E, 30-015-03808
 - East Henshaw Unit #004N, 14-1-16S-30E, 30-015-03815
 - East Henshaw Unit #004S, K-1-16S-30E, 30-015-03810
 - East Henshaw Unit #006M, M-1-16S-30E, 30-015-03816.

Exhibit 1, Well List.

2. Operator's wells in New Mexico are federal wells; therefore, Operator is not required to post, and has not posted, financial assurances to secure its obligation to plug and abandon the wells. *Exhibit 2, Affidavit of Dorothy Phillips*.

- 3. Division Rule 19.15.4.201 NMAC requires an operator to plug and abandon or temporarily abandon a well, in accordance with Division rules, within 90 days after a period of one year of continuous inactivity.
- 4. The following wells ("subject wells") operated by Salado Operating, LLC in New Mexico have been inactive for a continuous period exceeding one year plus 90 days (*Exhibit 3, Affidavit of Jane Prouty*), and are neither plugged and abandoned in accord with 19.15.4.202 NMAC nor on approved temporary abandonment status in accord with 19.15.4.203 NMAC:
 - East Henshaw Unit #001Y, 12-1-16S-30E, 30-015-05939
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- 5. Division Rule 19.15.3.101(H) NMAC authorizes the Director to order the Operator to plug and abandon any well not in compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC and restore and remediate the location by a date certain.
- 6. NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-12(B)(18) and NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-38 authorize the Division to plug and abandon wells, and restore and remediate the location of abandoned wells.

WHEREFORE, the Supervisor of District I of the Division hereby applies to the Director to enter an Order:

- A. Determining that the subject wells are not in compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC;
- B. Requiring Salado Operating, LLC to plug and abandon each of the subject wells by a date certain;

- C. If the subject wells are not brought into compliance with 19.15.4.201

 NMAC by the date set in the Order, declaring the wells abandoned and authorizing the Division to plug the subject wells in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program and restore and remediate the locations; and
- D. For such other and further relief as the Director deems just and proper under the circumstances.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, this <u>/3</u> day of February 12, 2007 by

Cheryl Ø'Connor

Assistant General Counsel

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department of the State of

New Mexico

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Attorney for The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division

• Case No. _________. Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for a Compliance Order against Salado Operating LLC. The Applicant seeks an Order finding that operator is in violation of 19.15.4.201 NMAC as to six wells, requiring operator to bring the six wells into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC by a date certain and authorizing the Division to plug said wells in the event of non-compliance. The affected wells are: East Henshaw Unit #001Y, 12-1-16S-30E, 30-015-05939; East Henshaw Unit #002, 15-1-16S-30E, 30-015-03813; East Henshaw Unit #002K, 11-1-16S-30E, 30-015-03808; East Henshaw Unit #004N, 14-1-16S-30E, 30-015-03815; East Henshaw Unit #004S, K-1-16S-30E, 30-015-03810; East Henshaw Unit #006M, M-1-16S-30E, 30-015-03816. The wells are located west of _______ in Eddy County, New Mexico.

Well List

149084 SALADO OPERATING LLC TOTAL WELL COUNT:6

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Property	Well Name	Lease Type	ULSTR	OCD UL	API	Well Type	Pool		Last Prod/Inj	Oil POD	(F
17782	EAST HENSHAW UNIT #001Y	F	12-1 -16S-30E	L	30-015-05939	I	30599	HENSHAW;GRAYBURG, WEST	9/1996		
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Well List OCD Exhibit No. 1

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CASE NO. | 13887

Affidavit of Dorothy Phillips

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)	
) ss	S
COUNTY OF SANTA FE)	

Dorothy Phillips, being first duly sworn on oath, states as follows:

- 1. I have been employed as the bond administrator at the Santa Fe, New Mexico office of the Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") for the past four years.
- 2. My duties include maintaining records of financial assurance documents filed by operators pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-14.
- 3. I researched OCD's financial assurance records to determine if financial assurance documents were filed for the wells at issue in the above-captioned case:
 - East Henshaw Unit #001Y, 12-1-16S-30E, 30-015-05939
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all the wells are located in Eddy County, New Mexico.

4. OCD's electronic permitting database, "E-Permitting," identifies the wells associated with a particular operator that have not been plugged. Attachment "A" to this

affidavit is a printout of the E-Permitting screen showing Salado Operating, LLC as operator of the East Henshaw Unit #001Y, East Henshaw Unit #002, East Henshaw Unit #002K, East Henshaw, East Henshaw Unit #004S, and East Henshaw Unit #006M.

5. A Division data base, ONGARD (oil and natural gas administration and revenue data base), maintains data on the financial assurances posted by operators. I have researched ONGARD records to determine if Salado Operating, LLC has posted a bond on these wells. According to ONGARD, Salado Operating, LLC has not posted any bonds on these wells as they are all located on Federal land.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Dorothy Phillips

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN before me this <u>13</u> day of February 2007.

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My Commission Expires:

3-24-2010

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Attachment to
Dorothy Phillips' Affidavit
OCD Exhibit No.A

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ONGARD CAPTURE BLANKET BONDS 02/12/07 09:25:52 OGODLP -TQQO

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Operator Name, Address : SALADO OPERATING LLC

1533 CORDOVA HOBBS, NM 88240

Bond Details- Type (Cash/Surety - C/S): Bond Co Idn: Amount:

Company OGRID Identifier: Company Name, Address :

Limited as to future Liability (Y/N): If Limited, End Date:

Effective Date : Cancellation Date :

Issuer Bond No :

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CASE NO.	13887

Affidavit of Jane Prouty

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss
COUNTY OF SANTA FE) .

I, Jane Prouty, being first duly sworn on oath, states as follows:

- 1. I am employed as the Supervisor of Production and Permitting at the Santa Fe, New Mexico office of the Oil Conservation Division ("OCD").
- 2. My duties include maintaining records of oil and gas production and injection on wells located in New Mexico.
- 3. The OCD's information on production and injection comes from monthly production reports filed by the well operators.
- 4. In 1993 the OCD began using the ONGARD (Oil and Natural Gas Administration and Revenue Database) to record oil and gas production and injection by well. Since 1993, production and injection data from the monthly production reports filed by operators has been entered into ONGARD.
- 5. When the OCD began using the ONGARD system in 1993, it converted existing production and injection data into ONGARD for those wells that were not shown as "plugged" according to the OCD records available at that time. The pre-1993 production and injection information for each such well was totaled and appears in ONGARD under the last month of production or injection for that well.

Jane Prouty's Affidavit OCD Exhibit No. 3

6. I have researched the ONGARD records for production and injection information regarding the East Henshaw Unit #001Y, 12-1-16S-30E, API # 30-015-05939; East Henshaw Unit #002, 15-1-16S-30E, API # 30-015-03813; East Henshaw Unit #002K, 11-1-16S-30E, API # 30-015-03808; East Henshaw Unit #004N, 14-1-16S-30E, API # 30-015-03815; East Henshaw Unit #004S, K-1-16S-30E, API # 30-015-03810; and East Henshaw Unit #006M, M-1-16S-30E, API # 30-015-03816.

ONGARD contains no production or injection records for the East Henshaw Unit #001Y and East Henshaw Unit #002 wells since September 1996; from the East Henshaw Unit #002K since August 1996; from the East Henshaw Unit #004N since April 1981; from the East Henshaw Unit #004S since February 1980; and from the East Henshaw Unit #006M since September 1996.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN before me this $\frac{12^{4}}{4}$ day of February 2007.

Notary Public Dorothy Ph. 11. ps

My Commission Expires: