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

**CASE NO: 14340** 

**EXHIBIT** 

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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 14340

APPLICATION OF CHESAPEAKE EXPLORATION, L.L.C. TO REINSTATE DIVISION ORDER R-11993-A (FOR COMPULSORY POOLING), LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

AFFIDAVIT OF ED BIRDSHEAD Before the Oil Conservation Division Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Chesapeake Energy Corp OCD CASE 14340 Hearing: July 23, 2009

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA

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Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Ed Birdshead, who being fully sworn stated:

A. Name and qualifications as an expert are as follows:

Ed Birdshead

Education:

BBA University of Oklahoma, 1982 in

Petroleum Land Management

Experience:

Practicing Landman for 26 years in Texas, Oklahoma and

New Mexico,

I am over the age of majority and competent to make this Affidavit.

I am both responsible for and involved in preparing the necessary documents for submittal to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for this case.

I am personally knowledgeable and familiar with the facts and circumstances of this case and the following factual statements.

This affidavit has been prepared in accordance with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Rule 1207.A(1)(b).

#### CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- B. My expert opinions are based on the following facts and events:
  - 1. Chesapeake Exploration, L.L.C. ("Chesapeake") has a working interest ownership in the oil and gas minerals underlying the NE/4NE/4 of Section 19, T20S, R39E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
  - 2. Chesapeake has the right to drill and develop the oil and gas minerals from the surface to the base of the Abo formation underlying the NE/4NE/4 of Section 19, T20S, R39E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
  - 3. Effective May 7, 2004, Chesapeake Operating, Inc., on behalf of Chesapeake Exploration Company, L.L.C., succeeded Xeric Oil & Gas Corporation as the operator of this spacing unit and this wellbore.
  - 4. This spacing unit is subject to the Division's Order R-11993, dated August 1, 2003, compulsory pooling this 40-acre spacing unit.
  - 5. An amendment of this order is required because Division Rule 36 does not provide the necessary subsequent operations procedure for this situation.
  - 6. On June 12, 2008, Chesapeake proposed to all parties subject to this compulsory pooling order that the Duncan 19 Well No. 1 be recompleted in the Tubb and Drinkard formations, commingled with the existing Abo production and dedicated as a standard 40-acre oil spacing unit consisting of the NE/4NE/4 of this section for production from the DK-Drinkard Pool, DK-Abo Pool and East Warren-Tubb Pool. Form C-l02 is attached as Exhibit "A".
  - 7. Chesapeake has had the following additional contact:
  - (a) Telephone discussion with David A. Lynch of Dalport Petroleum, LLC
  - (b) Letters from/to: Concord Oil Co.; Newton Financial Corp; Dalco Petroleum, LLC; Robert Burns c/o Todd Burns; Bruce Burns c/o Todd Burns; Kari Burns Radar c/o Todd Burns; and Todd Burns.
  - 8. Chesapeake has continued its attempts to contact the pool parties and has sent additional notices to certain parties.
  - 9. Previously in Case 14165, the Division entered Order R-11993-A, dated October 8, 2008. This order was required because Division Rule 36 does not provide the necessary subsequent operations procedure for this situation.

- 10. Order R-11993-A expired on December 31, 2008 because, as a result of a clerical oversight, Chesapeake failed to request an extension of the commencement date for the work-over of this well.
- 11. With the exception of the circumstances involved with the expiration of the order, the estimated work-over well costs and other facts for this pooling order remain the same as on October 2, 2008, the date of the original hearing for Order R-11993-A.
- 12. At this point, Chesapeake still has not been able to obtain a written voluntary agreement from all the parties listed on Exhibit "A."
- 13. Despite its good faith efforts, Chesapeake has been unable to obtain a voluntary agreement with the parties referenced herein.
- 14. Pursuant to Section 70-2-17(c) NMSA (1978) and in order to obtain its just and equitable share of potential production underlying this spacing unit, Chesapeake needs an order of the Division pooling the identified and described mineral interests involved in order to protect correlative rights and prevent waste.

#### **EXHIBITS:**

- C. In accordance with Division Rule 1207.A(1)(b), attached are the following statements and exhibits in support of this case:
  - 1. No opposition for the hearing is expected because Chesapeake has received no notice of opposition.
  - 2. Exhibit (1): (a) outlining the spacing unit to be pooled which is the NE/4NE/4 of Section 19, T29S, R39E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and (b) showing the well location and (c) the percentage of ownership interest.
  - 3. Exhibit (2): The name and last known address of the parties to be pooled with the nature and percentage of their interest. I attest that a diligent search has been conducted of all public records in the county where the well is located and the party has been contacted on our behalf on several occasions.
  - 4. The names of the formations and pools to be pooled are as follows:

    DK-Abo Pool, DK-Drinkard Pool and the East Warren-Tubb Pool, all on 40-acre spacing units. 15300 63280
  - 5. The pooled unit is for oil.
  - 6. Exhibit (3): Written evidence of attempts to reach voluntary agreement, including letters and summaries of telephone calls, are included herein.

- 7. Exhibit (4) Geologic displays no longer required for risk charge.
- 8. Exhibit (5) The well costs overhead rates of \$6,000.00/month drilling and \$600.00/month producing well rates which were the rates approved by Order R-11993-A
- 9. Exhibit (6) Copy of Division form C-102 showing the well location and the proposed depth of the well.
- 10. Exhibit (7) Copy of the AFE in the amount of \$348,100.00 to re-complete this well, which we conclude, is fair, reasonable and current for wells of this type in this area.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- D. I recommend that a compulsory pooling order be entered which provides that:
  - 1. Chesapeake Operating, Inc. be named Operator;
  - 2. Provisions for applicant and all working interest owners to participate in the costs of drilling, completing, equipping, and operating the well;
  - 3. In the event a working interest owner fails to elect to participate, then provisions be made to recover out of production the costs of the drilling, completing, equipping and operating the well, including a risk factor penalty; and
  - 4. Provisions for overhead rates of \$6,000.00 per month drilling and \$600.00 per month operating and a provision for an adjustment method of the overhead rates as provided by COPAS;

### **OPINIONS:**

- E. I have formed the following opinions based upon my expertise and upon the foregoing chronology of events:
  - 1. That Chesapeake has been able to locate the owners of the interest to be pooled and the application is not expected to be opposed by those owners.
  - 2. That the approval of Chesapeake's application in this case is necessary in order to consolidate the interest ownership within this spacing unit for the drilling, completing, and producing of the subject well and such approval will not violate correlative rights and will help prevent waste and promote the conservation of natural resources.
  - 3. That the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division should enter an order pooling all mineral interests as described including the costs of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of costs thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a 200% charge for risk involved in recompleting said well.

**FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT:** 

Ed Birdshead

## Acknowledgement

BEFORE me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this 24 day of July, 2009, personally appeared Ed Birdshead known to me to be the identical person who subscribed the name of the maker thereof to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and seal the day and year last above written.

My Commission expires:

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# State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department OIL CONSERVATIONDIVISION 1220 South St. Francis Dr.

Form C-102 Revised October 12, 2005 Submit to Appropriate District Office State Lease - 4 Copies Fee Lease - 3 Copies

Santa Fe, NM 87505

☐ AMENDED REPORT

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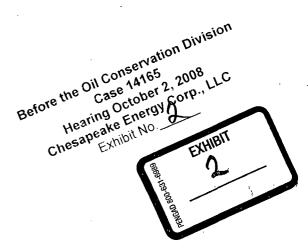
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# EXHIBIT "B" to that certain Application of Xeric Oil & Gas Corporation for Compulsory Pooling Lea County, New Mexico dated June 13, 2003

MINERAL OWNER/ ADDRESS	FRACTIONAL INTEREST	TYPE INTEREST
Alice T. Bannatyne Address: Unknown	9/320	Mineral/Royalty
The Heirs or Devisees of Harald Muller, dec'd and Helen Muller, dec'd Address: Unknown	9/320	Mineral/Royalty
William J. Foster Address: Unknown	9/640	Mineral/Royalty
Mary C. Foster Geddes Address: Unknown	9/640.	Mineral/Royalty
Concord Oil Company Alamo National Building 105 South St. Mary's Street, Suite 1500 San Antonio, TX 78205	1/192	Mineral/Royalty



# CHESAPEAKE OCD CASE 14340

**EXHIBIT 3** 

NO FURTHER CONTACTS

**EXHIBIT 4** 

NO GEOLOGIC EXHIBITS

**EXHIBIT 5** 

NONE

**EXHIBIT 6** 

SAME AS EXHIBIT 1

### CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.

	<del></del>	AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE	
Operator. AFE #:	CBP Duncan 19-1 Chesapeake Operating, Inc. 303504 Section 19-20S-39E	County, State: Date: Total Depth: Formation:	Lea, New Mexico 4/28/08 7,750' Abo
opading brile	GCGGGT 10-20G-08L	Property #:  DRINKARD AND TUBB RECOMPLETION	891142
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CODE 234400	CAPITAL COSTS Location:	WORK DESCRIPTION Location Expense	ESTIMATED COSTS \$0.00
234401	Ecoditori.	Damages	\$0.00
234402		Governmental Filings	\$0.00
234405		Reclamation	\$0.00
234408		Pipeline Construction	\$0.00
234414 234416		Contract Labor and Services Supplies and Utilities	\$4,500.00 \$14,500.00
234417		Cement Casing	\$0.00
234419		Chemicals and Injectants	\$0.00
234427		Fishing	\$0.00
234428		Downhole Rental Equipment	\$8,500.00
234430		Workover/Completion Unit	\$65,000.00
234431 234433		Cased Hole Services/Perforating Jetting	\$19,700.00
234434		Formation Treatment	\$0,00 \$133,500.00
234437		Surface Equipment Rental	\$15,000.00
234438		Transportation	\$5,000.00
234440		Flowback Hauloff	\$3,000,00
234443 234439		Supervision Technical Labor	\$13,000.00
234435		Direct Labor	\$0.00 \$0.00
234444		Consultants	\$9,100.00
234446		Overhead	\$0.00
234447		Insurance	\$0.00
234450		Plug to Abandon Contingency	\$0.00
			\$43,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL WORK	OVER	Total Capital Workover Costs	\$333,800.00
CODE	TANGIBLE COSTS	WORK DESCRIPTION	
230109		Production Liner.	00.0\$
230104		Float Equipment	\$0.00
230105 230106	Lease Equipment:	Tubing: Wellhead Equipment:	\$2,200.00 \$3,000.00
230107	Lease Equipment.	Downhole Equipment	\$7,800.00 \$7,800.00
230111		Artificial Lift - Pumping Unit	\$0.00
230113		Production Equipment	\$0.00
230115		Compressor/Compression	\$0.00
230116		Pipeline Equipment	\$0.00
230120		Non-Controlleble Equipment Contingency	\$0.00 \$1,300.00
TOTAL TANGIBLES		Total Tangible Costs	\$14,300.00
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The costs on this AFE are estimates only and may not be construed as ceilings on any specific item or the total cost of the project. In executing this AFE, the participant agrees to pay its proportionate share of actual costs incurred, including legal, curative, regulatory, brokerage and well costs under the terms of the applicable joint operating agreement, regulatory order or other agreement covering this well, as modified by any Accounting Procedure Exception attached to this AFE. The operator may contract with an affiliated entity to drill the well at prevailing rates in the area. Participant shall be covered by and billed proportionately for Operator's well control and general liability insurance unless participant provides operator a certificate evidencing its own insurance in amounts acceptable to the operator by the date of spud.