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

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION THROUGH THE SUPORVISOR OF DISTRICT III FOR AN ORDER REQUIRING GEO ENGINEERING INC. TO PROPERLY PLUG FORTY-FIVE WELLS LOCATED IN TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, , AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG SAID WELLS, AND ORDERING A FORFEITURE OF THE PLUGGING BOND.

**CASE NO. 11799** 

#### **AFFIDAVIT REGARDING NOTICE**

- 1. I am over the age of eighteen and have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.
  - 2. I am the attorney of record for Applicant.
- 3. Applicant has conducted a good faith, diligent effort to find the correct addresses of interest owners entitled to receive notice of the Application herein.
- 4. Notice of the Application was provided to the interest owners at their correct addresses by mailing them, by certified mail, a copy of the Application. Copies of the notice letter and certified return receipts are attached hereto.

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certified return receipts are a	ttached hereto.
5. Applicant has com	aplied with the notice provisions of Rule 1207.
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I also wish to receive the ■Complete items 1 and/or 2 for additional services. following services (for an Complete items 3, 4a, and 4b. =Print your name and address on the reverse of this form so that we can return this extra fee): Service card to you. =Attach this form to the front of the mailpiece, or on the back if space does not Addressee's Address 2. Restricted Delivery ■Write "Return Receipt Requested" on the mailpiece below the article number. ■The Return Receipt will show to whom the article was delivered and the date Receipt Consult postmaster for fee. 4a. Article Number 3. Article Addressed to: P 614 928 442 Return AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS MUTUAL 4b. Service Type INSURANCE Certified ☐ Registered Bulsn 1 KEMPER DRIVE ☐ insured ☐ Express Mail 60049-0001 LONG GROVE, IL ☐ Return Receipt for Merchandise ☐ COD ٥ 7. Date of Delivery 202 8. Addressee's Address (Only if requested 5. Received By: (Print Name) and fee is paid) 6. Signature: (Addressee or Agent) **Domestic Return Receipt** 102595-97-B-0179 PS Ferm 3611, December 1994 P 634 928 442 P 614 928 441 **US Postal Service US Postal Service** Receipt for Certified Mail 11813 No Insurance Coverage Provided. No Insurance Coverage Provided. Do not use for International Mail (See reverse) Do not use for International Mail (See reverse) Sent to AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS MUTHAL GEO ENGINEERING INC. 1 KEMPER DRIVE Street & Number PO BOX 2966 Post Office, State, & ZIP Code

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June 20, 1997

### Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested

Geo Engineering, Inc. P.O. Box 2966 Santa Fe, NM 87504

American Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Co. 1 Kemper Drive Long Grove, IL 60049-0001

RE: Case No. 11813

Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for a Show Cause Hearing requiring Geo Engineering, Inc. and American Manufacturers Insurance Co. and other interested parties to appear and show cause why forty-five wells located in Sections 20, 21, 22, 28 and 29, Township 20 North, Range 9 West, McKinley County, NM should not be plugged and abandoned

#### Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is to advise you that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division has filed the enclosed application seeking a Show Cause Hearing requiring Geo Engineering, Inc. and American Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Co. and other interested parties to appear and show cause why the above-referenced well should not be ordered plugged and abandoned.

This application has been set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on July 10, 1997. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by an order issued in this case, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date.

Parties appearing in cases have been requested by the Division (Memorandum 2-90--- Enclosed) to file a Prehearing Statement substantially in the form prescribed by the Division. Prehearing statements should be filed by 4:00 o'clock p.m. on the Friday before a scheduled hearing.

Very truly yours,

RAND CARROLL

ATTORNEY FOR THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION Enclosures

cc: Frank Chavez, OCD Aztec Johnny Robinson, OCD Aztec

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#### APPLICATION FOR PLUGGING AND FORFEITURE OF BOND

- 1. Geo Engineering Inc. (the "Operator") is the operator of the forty-five wells located in Township 20 North, Range 9 West, McKinley County, New Mexico, listed on the attached Exhibit "A" to this application.
- 2. Operator has posted a surety bond in the amount of \$50,000 for said wells in compliance with Section 70-2-14 NMSA 1978 and Rule 101 of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil Conservation Division, which bond is conditioned upon compliance with the statutes of the State of New Mexico and the Rules and Regulations of the Division with respect to the proper plugging and abandonment of the wells operated by Operator. American Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Co. is surety on the bond, Bond No.3SE 438 800 00.
- 3. The subject wells have not produced hydrocarbon or carbon dioxide substance or have otherwise been inactive for more than one year or are no longer usable for beneficial purposes and no permit for temporary abandonment has been requested by the Operator and approved by the Division.

- 4. By virtue of the failure to use the wells for beneficial purposes or to have approved current temporary abandonment permits, the subject wells are presumed to have been abandoned and are required to be plugged.
- 5. By authority of Section 70-2-14 NMSA 1978, the Rules and Regulations of the Division require wells which are inactive for more than one year or are no longer usable for beneficial purposes to be properly plugged.
- 6. Demand has been made or attempted to be made upon the Operator to either place the subject wells to beneficial use, obtain approval for temporary abandonment or properly plug and abandon the same and the Operator has failed to do so.

WHEREFORE, the Supervisor of District III of the Oil Conservation Division applies to the Director to enter an order:

- A. Determining whether or not the wells should be plugged in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.
- B. Upon a determination that said wells should be plugged, directing Operator to plug said wells.
- C. Further ordering that if Operator fails to plug and abandon said wells as ordered by the Director, that the Division be authorized:
  - i. to plug said wells;
  - ii. to declare forfeit on said bond, if any, and to take such action to foreclose on said bond, and
  - iii. to recover from the Operator any costs of plugging said wells in excess

### of the amount of the bond, if any.

D. For such other and further relief as the Division seems just and proper.

ESPECTFOLLY SUBMITTED

RAND CARROLL

Legal Counsel

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division

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