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October 6, 1999

VIA FACSIMILE (915) 687-1307 & U.S. MAIL

Glen E. Farmer 415 West Wall, Suite 705 Midland, Texas 79701-4417

Re:

Oil and Gas Lease Proposal

NW/4 Section 2, T-20-S, R-38-E, N.M.P.M.

Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Farmer

We are in receipt of your letter dated September 9, 1999, in which you set out a proposal to lease the mineral interest of Coates Energy Trust; Jenny Roberts Schimpff Trust; Catherine G. Roberts Trust; Barry Coates Roberts Trust; Lisa Stieren Hardeman Trust; George L. Stieren Trust; Wendy Stieren Wirth Trust; Kelly Stieren Daniell Trust and Amy E. Stieren Trust (collectively "Coates") under the above referenced acreage in Lea County, New Mexico. You have advised that you are leasing on behalf of Leonard Resource Investment Corp. ("Leonard") out of Midland, Texas.

Please be advised that Coates is not interested in leasing under the terms set out in your letter but would be agreeable to negotiating a lease with Leonard on the referenced acreage, subject to Leonard's acceptance of the Coates lease form, under the following basic terms:

Bonus:

\$275/net acre

Term:

2 years paid-up

Royalty:

27-1/2%

Depths:

Surface down to 7,000 feet

Acreage:

160 acres

If Leonard is interested in negotiating a lease on the basic terms and conditions set forth

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above, please advise by 4:00 p.m. on October 15, 1999. This is not, and is not intended to be, a binding agreement between the parties and none of the parties will have any liability to the other in the event a binding oil and gas lease is not executed for any reason.

Yours very truly,

COATES ENERGY TRUST; JENNY ROBERTS SCHIMPFF TRUST; CATHERINE G. ROBERTS TRUST; BARRY COATES ROBERTS TRUST; LISA STIERENHARDEMAN TRUST; GEORGEL. STIEREN TRUST; WENDY STIEREN WIRTH TRUST; KELLY STIEREN DANIELL TRUST AND AMY E. STIEREN TRUST

Sherrie Green, CPL

Land Manager