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**BOND RIDER NO. 1** 

Attaching to and forming part of Blanket Bond, Bond No. 5485, effective September 08, 1995 on behalf of Secondary Oil Corporation, Inc. as Principal, of P. O. Box 708, Marble Falls, Texas 78654 in favor of State of New Mexico as Obligee, in the amount of Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00).

It is understood and agreed that effective November 17, 1997 Sierra Blanca Operating Company has been added as additional principal.

All other conditions and terms to remain as originally written.

Signed, sealed and dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1998.

Secondary Oil Corporation, Inc. Sierra Blanca Operating Company Principal Underwriters Indemnity Company Surety ( By:\_ Greg . Chilson, Attorney-in-Fact 8 Greenway Plaza, Suite 400 Houston, Texas 77046 CORDAD PLACE CONSTOCE ER 1. COMPENSION MARKED OCD ECHERTNE. 12770 CASE NO. \_

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY NO. 18390

## GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

### **CERTIFIED COPY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That UNDERWRITERS INDEMNITY COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, and having its principal office in the City of Houston, Texas, does hereby constitute and appoint:

# Greg E. Chilson

its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf as surety, any and all bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, which are or may be allowed, required or permitted by law, statute, rule, regulation, contract or otherwise, in an amount not to exceed:

That at all times since the formation of this corporation, the President or any Vice President, Assistant Vice President, Secretary or Assistant Secretary shall have power and authority.

(1) to appoint attorneys-in-fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company; and attach the Seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and

(2) to appoint special attorneys-in-fact, who are hereby authorized to certify to copies of any power-of-attorney issued in pursuance of this section and/or any of the Bylaws of the Company, and

(3) to remove, at any time, any such attorney-in-fact or special attorney-in-fact and revoke the authority given to him.

Further, this Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile pursuant to resolution of the Board of Directors of said Company adopted by consent of which the following is a true excerpt:

"Now therefore the signatures of such officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such power of attorney or any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by facsimile signatures and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached."

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, UNDERWRITERS INDEMNITY COMPANY has caused this instrument to be signed and its corporate seal to be affixed by its authorized officer, E.H. Frank, III, on this the 30th day of April 1996.

#### STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS



On this 30th day of April 1996, before me came the individual who executed the preceding instrument, to me personally known, and, being duly sworn, said that he is the therein described and authorized officer of UNDERWRITERS INDEMNITY COMPANY: that the seal affixed to said instrument is the Corporate Seal of said Company: that the said Corporate Seal and his signature were duly affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said Company.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF. I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal, at the City of Houston. Texas, the day and year first above written.

alies N. Neuille NOTARY PUBLIC, Harris County, Texas

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned officer of UNDERWRITERS INDEMNITY COMPANY, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the Power of Attorney and affidavit, and the copy of the Section of the By-Laws of said Company as set forth in said Power of Attorney, and that the same are correct transcripts thereof, and of the whole of the said originals, and that the said Power of Attorney has not been revoked and is now in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF. I have hereunto set my hand this_	5th day of _	March	
		Hay E Chilson Greg E. Chilson	Assistant Secretary

Only a certified copy of Power of Attorney bearing the Certificate of Authority No. printed in red on the upper right corner is binding. Photocopies, carbon copies or other reproductions of this document are invalid and not binding upon the Company. ANY INSTRUMENT ISSUED IN EXCESS OF THE PENALTY AMOUNT STATED ABOVE IS TOTALLY VOID AND WITHOUT VALIDITY.

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