EXPLORATION DEPARTMENT SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION

December 17, 1973

In Re: Jornado Del Muerto Unit.

Sierra County, New Mexico No. 14-08-0001-11600

The Commissioner of Public Lands P. O. Box 1148 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attention: Mr. Ray D. Graham, Director

Oil and Gas Department

## Gentlemen:

We are this day filing application for permit to drill our Beard-Federal No. 1 well to be located 1980' FS&E lines of Section 5, T-14-S, R-1-E, Sierra County, New Mexico, with the U.S.G.S. Our Company has been designated Operator of this unit by Change in Unit Operator instrument dated December 1, 1973, from Beard Oil Company. An original executed copy of this Change in Unit Operator instrument is enclosed herewith for your files. In like manner, an original executed copy of the same instrument is being transmitted to the Oil Conservation Commission by copy of this letter.

Yours very truly,

Exxon Company, S.A.

Marvin L. Wigley, Supe: LAND-UNITIZATION

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Enclosure

cc: Oil Conservation Commission

P. O. Box 2088

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 Attn: Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr. Secretary-Director

U.S.G.S.

Roswell, New Mexico

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