

SOUTHEAST LEA UNIT LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO EXHIBIT "A"



State of New Mexico



OFFICE OF THE

#### Commissioner of Public Lands

JIM BACA COMMISSIONER

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P.O. BOX 1148 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504-1148

August 11, 1992

Graham Royalty Ltd. P. O. Box 3134 Covington, Louisiana 70434-3134

Attn: Ms. Elaine C. Bourgeois

Re: Change of Operator Southeast Lea Unit Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Bourgeois:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division has notified this office that the Southeast Lea Unit has had an operator change from Graham Royalty Ltd. to Blake Production Co., Inc.,. A copy of this report is enclosed for your review.

As per the terms of the Southeast Lea Unit, any change in unit operators must be approved by the Commissioner. Since you are the operator of record for the Southeast Lea Unit, please submit a copy of the above mentioned change to this office for approval. The change of unit operators will not be approved until Blake Production Company, Inc. submits the required \$20,000 Multiple Surface Improvement Damage Bond with this office.

If you have any questions, or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

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Very truly yours,

JIM BACA COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS BY: Joyle hau FLOYD O. PRANDO, Director Oil/Gas and Minerals Division (505) 827-5744 JB/FOP/pm encls. cc: Reader File OCD-Santa Fe



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P.O. BOX 1148 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504-1148

January 10, 1992

Graham P. O. Box 3134 Covington, Louisiana 70434-3134

Attn: Ms. Elaine C. Bourgeois

Re: Southeast Lea Unit Contraction of Unit Area Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Bourgeois:

The Commissioner of Public Lands has this date approved your application for the contraction of the Southeast Lea Unit, Lea County, New Mexico.

This contraction is in accordance with Section 9, Paragraph 4 of the Unit Agreement which amends the unit area by terminating the W/2 of Section 36, Township 20 South, Range 35 East, 320.00 acres from the unit area. The lands remaining in the unit area are the SW/4 of Section 25 and All of Section 26, Township 20 South, Range 35 East containing 800.00 acres.

The effective date of this contraction is February 9, 1989, being the date of your application. Please advise all interested parties of this action.

If you have any questions, or if we can be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

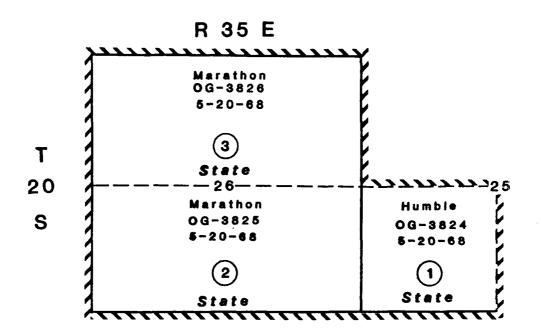
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## SOUTHEAST LEA UNIT

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO EXHIBIT "A"

( REVISED- APRIL 18,1991 )

**EXHIBIT "B"** Revised April 18, 1991 SOUTHEAST LEA UNIT LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO 3

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OG-3824 5/20/68	Serial No. and Expiration Date	LEA COUNTY, NEW MEAICO
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Humble Oil & Refining Company	Original Lessee	

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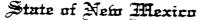
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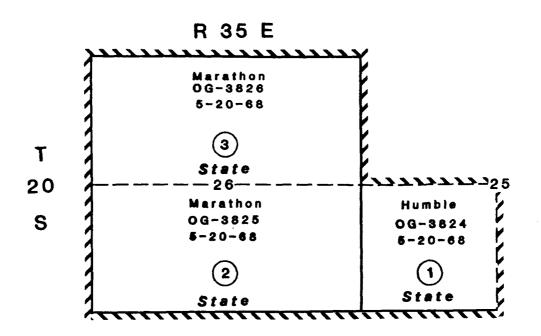
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Very truly yours,

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Petro-Lewis Tower 717 17th Street P.O. Box 2250 Denver, Colorado 80201 303/294-1000

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### PETRO LEWIS CORPORATION Central Region

October 21, 1985

Commissioner of Public Lands Oil and Gas Division 310 Old Santa Fe Road Santa Fe, NM 87501

Attn: Mr. Ray D. Graham

Re: Plan of Development Southeast Lea Unit Lea County, NM

Dear Mr. Graham:

In compliance with your request that our 1986 Plan of Development provide for the drilling of well in the W/2, Section 36, T-20-S, R-35-E, Petro-Lewis Corporation, as operator, initiated an extensive geologic evaluation of the area. After a review of this study, we determined that we could not recommend drilling this location to our working interest partners in the unit. These partners were then polled for their recommendations, and it appears that there is not sufficient interest among these parties to get the well drilled.

Our plan at this time is to attempt to jointly farmout the acreage to a third party to drill. Several companies have indicated an interest in this area in the past. A farmout package has been sent out to companies which are active in this area, and we hope to be able to put together a deal to drill this well.

I will keep you advised as to our progress and would request that the State continue to work with us if we are able to obtain a commitment by year-end to drill and complete a well on this acreage.

Sincerely,

Carlo Konopto

Carla Konopka Landman Central Region

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State of New Mexico

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JIM BACA

Commissioner of Public Lands February 20, 1985

Petro Lewis Corporation P. O. Box 2250 Denver, Colorado 80201 P.O. BOX 1148 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504-1148 Express Mail Delivery Uses 310 Old Santa Fe Trail Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Southeast Lea Unit Plan of Development September 11, 1984-September 11, 1985

ATTENTION: Mr. Wayne Wise

Gentlemen:

The Commissioner of Public Lands has this date approved your Plan of Development for the Southeast Lea Unit for the Period September 11, 1984 to September 11, 1985. Such plan calls for Petro-Lewis Corp. to initiate a seismic program calling for 2 seismic lines through the W/2 of Section 36, Township 20 South, Range 35 East. As per Article 9 of the unit agreement please file your next Plan of Development within 30 days after the expiration of this twelve-month period.

Your Plan of Development for September 11, 1985 to September 11, 1986 must provide for either drilling and completing a well in the W/2of Section 36, before December 31, 1985 or, contracting the unit to eliminate the W/2 of Section 36 on or before December 31, 1985 in order for your Plan of Development to be acceptable and approved by this office.

Enclosed is an approved copy of your plan for your files.

Very truly yours,

JIM BACA COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC, LANDS

BY: ay A

RAY D. CRAHAM, Director Oil and Gas Division AC 505/827-5744

JB/RDG/pm encls. cc: OCD-Santa Fe, New Mexico

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## State of New Mexico



JIM BACA

Commissioner of Public Lands February 8, 1985

Petro Lewis Corporation P. O. Box 2250 Denver, Colorado 80201 P.O. BOX 1148 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504-1148 Express Mail Delivery Uses 310 Old Santa Fe Trail Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Southeast Lea Unit Successor Unit Operator Lea County, New Mexico

ATTENTION: Mr. Samuel C. Moore

Gentlemen:

This office is in receipt of your letter dated January 30, 1985, together with an instrument entitled Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation, wherein Sabine Exploration Corporation has changed the name of the Corporation to Barber Oil Exploration, Inc.

The Commissioner of Public Lands has this date approved the Resignation of Barber Oil Exploration, Inc., successor to Sabine Exploration Corporation as Unit Operator to the captioned unit and approved the Designation of Petro-Lewis Corporation as successor Unit Operator of the Southeast Lea Unit Agreement effective as of January 1, 1981.

Very truly yours,

JIM BACA

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS ahan BY:

RAY D. GRAMAM, Director Oil and Gas Division AC 505/827-5744

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OCD-Santa Fe, New Mexico Attention: Mr. Michael Stogner

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Petro-Lewis Tower

717 17th Street P.O. Box 2250 Denver, Colorado 80201

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January 30, 1985

Commissioner of Public Lands P. O. Box 1148 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1148

Re: 709-NM-04A Southeast Lea Unit T20S, R35E, N.M.P.M. Section 25: SW4 Section 26: All Section 36: W<sup>1</sup>2 Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Barber 0il Exploration, Inc., "Barber", Successor to Sabine Exploration Corporation, (see attached Certificate of Amendment) has resigned as operator to the captioned unit effective January 1, 1981. Partnership Properties Co., a Colorado General Partnership, has acquired Barber's interest in the unit and has requested that Petro-Lewis Corporation "PLC" operate this unit. The "Certificate of Authority to do Business" number for Petro-Lewis Corporation is 0646075.

Barber provided its resignation to all working interest owners and nominated PLC as successor operator, pursuant to the attached letter dated December 22, 1980. PLC has been operating this property and drilled one well during this time.

Per the Southeast Lea Unit Agreement dated July 3, 1967, PLC's succession as unit operator requires approval of the Commissioner of Public Lands. Please indicate your approval of PLC as successor unit operator by signing and returning one copy of this letter

Very traly yours,

C. Moore

Landman Central Region

APPROVED	AND	ACCEPTED	this	- the	day	of	of	tebruary.
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Commissioner of Public Lands

By:

Rolf C. Waither ( Vice President-Exploration ( 'SL James Place Suite 600 , Uston, Texas 77056 (713) 961-3700

#### Barber Oil Exploration, Inc.



December 22, 1980

CERTIFIED MAIL -RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Exxon Co., U.S.A. P. O. Box 1600 Midland, Texas 79701

Phillips Petroleum Company Room 421, Frank Phillips Bldg. Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74004

Ms. Betty M. Dean P. O. Box 10140 El Paso, Texas 79992 Marathon 011 Company P. O. Box 3128 Houston, Texas 77001

American Trading & Production Corp. Capital National Bank Bldg. Houston, Texas 77002

Re: Resignation of Operator For Operating Agreement Covering Southeast Lea Unit Southeast Lea Prospect Lea County, New Mexico -

Dear Non-Operators:

This is to inform you that Barber Oil Exploration, Inc. (BOE) and several limited partnerships (Partnerships) affiliated with Petro-Lewis Corporation (PLC) have entered into an agreement whereby the Partnerships have agreed to purchase all the outstanding stock of BOE. Upon closing (anticipated within 60 days) BOE will be liquidated and the assets of BOE will be conveyed to nominees for the Partnerships.

Pursuant to the Operating Agreement covering the above-referenced property, BOE is resigning as Operator effective 7:00 A.M. on the day after closing. At that time PLC shall assume operation of the referenced property.

Yours very truly,

BARBER OIL EXPLORATION, INC.

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Rolf C. Walther

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# State of DELAWARE

I, Glenn C. Kenton, Secretary of State of the State of Delaware,

do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of

Certificate of \_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment

filed in this office on \_\_\_\_\_ December 21, 1972



Eun Glenn C Secretary of State Henton BY:

April 11, 1983

DATE:

#### CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT

OF

#### CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

SABINE EXPLORATION CORPORATION, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, DOES HEREBY CERTIFY.

FIRST: That the Board of Directors of said corporation, by the unanimous written consent of its members, filed with the minutes of the Board, adopted a resolution proposing and declaring advisable the following amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of said corporation:

> RESOLVED, that the Certificate of Incorporation of Sabine Exploration Corporation be amended by changing the Article thereof numbered "FIRST" so that, as amended, said Article shall be and read as follows:

"FIRST. The name of the Corporation is BARBER OIL EXPLORATION, INC."

SECOND: That in lieu of a meeting and vote of stockholders, the sole stockholder has given unanimous written consent. to said amendment in accordance with the provisions of section 228 of The General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

THIRD: That the aforesaid amendment was duly adopted in accordance with the applicable provisions of Sections 242 and 228 of The General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said SABINE EXPLORATION CORPORATION has caused this certificate to be signed by C. Marks Hinton

its President and attested by D. W. Johnston its Secretary , this 7th day of December, 1972.

SABINE EXPLORATION CORPORATION

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President

ATTEST: Secretary

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March 31, 1970

Sabine Exploration Corporation 2627 Tenneco Building Houston, Texas 77002

> Re: Southeast Lea Unit CONTRACTION Lea County, New Mexico

ATTENTION: Mr. T. P. McConn

Gentlemen:

The Commissioner of Public Lands has this date approved your application for the contraction of the Southeast Lea Unit, Lea County, New Mexico.

This contraction is in accordance with Section 9, Paragraph 4 of the Unit Agreement.

The effective date of this contraction is March 31, 1970.

We are returning one copy of the application, executed by the Commissioner, for your files.

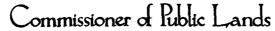
Very truly yours,

Ted Bilberry, Director Oil and Gas Department

TB/ML/s encls. cc: OCC-Santa Fe, New Mexico

## State of New Mexico





August 2, 1967

P. O. BOX 1148 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Mr. Clarence E. Hinkle Hinkle, Bondurant & Christy 600 Hinkle Building Roswell, New Mexico, 88201

> Re: Southeast Lea Unit Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Hinkle:

The Commissioner of Public Lands has this date approved the Southeast Lea Unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Agreement effective as of the date of approval.

We are enclosing nine (9) Certificates of Approval, as requested in your letter, also Official Receipt No. I 11703 in the amount of Twenty-Five (\$25.00) Dollars which covers the filing fee.

Very truly yours,

GUYTON B. HAYS COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY: Eddie Lopez, Supervisor Unit Division

GBH/TB/EL/s Enclosures cc: OCC-Santa Fe, New Mexico /

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GUYTON B. HAYS COMMISSIONER GOVERNOR DAVID F. CARGO CHAIRMAN

## State of New Mexico Bil Conservation Commission

LAND COMMISSIONER GUYTON B. HAYS MEMBER STATE GEOLOGIST A. L. PORTER, JR. SECRETARY - DIRECTOR

P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE

May 11, 1967

Mr. Clarence Hinkle Hinkle, Bondurant & Christy Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 10 Roswell, New Mexico 38201

Re:	Case No	3569
	Order No.	R-3236
	Applicant:	

American Trading & Prod. Co.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Very truly yours,

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A. L. PORTER, Jr. Secretary-Director

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Carbon copy of order also sent to:

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Other Unit Division - Land Office

LAW OFFICES

CLARENCE E. HINKLE W. E. BONDURANT, JR. S. B. CHRISTY (V LEWIS C. COX, JR. PAUL W. EATON, JR. CONRAD E. COFFIELD HAROLD L. HENSLEY, JR. MICHAEL R. WALLER

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600 HINKLE BUILDING

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO 88201

May 9, 1967

STUART D. SHANOR

TELEPHONE (505) 822-6510 Post Office Box 10

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(915) MU 3-4691

OF COUNSEL: HIRAM M. DOW

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Daniel S. Nutter, Chief Engineer

Gentlemen:

We enclose in triplicate application of American Trading and Production Corporation for approval of the Southeast Lea Unit Agreement, which has heretofore been set down on your examiner's docket for May 10. As previously discussed with Mr. Nutter, this matter is to be continued until 10:00 a.m. Thursday May 11.

You will note that Exhibit "A", being the plat of the unit area, is not attached to the unit agreement. This plat is in the process of being prepared by American Trading and Production Corporation but has not yet been received. I will bring this exhibit with me to the hearing to be inserted in the form.

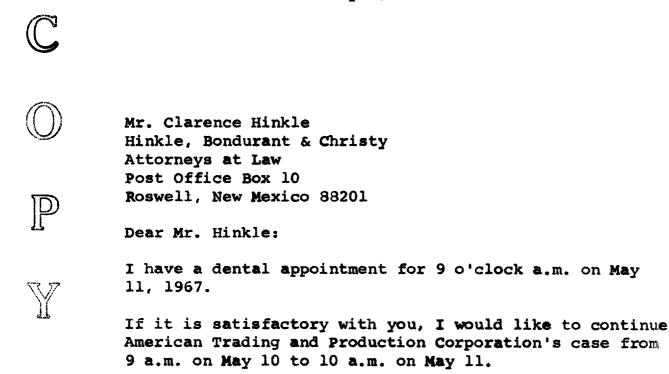
Yours sincerely,

HINKLE, BONDURANT & CHRISTY

CEH:cs Enc.

#### OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

May 4, 1967



Very truly yours,

DANIEL S. NUTTER Chief Engineer

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Commissioner of Public Lands



JIM BACA COMMISSIONER P.O. BOX 1148 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504-1148

September 30. 1986

Petro Lewis Corporation ATTENTION: Mr. William F. Aspinwall 2 O. Box 90500 Houston: Texas 77290

> Re: Southeast Lea Unit 1986 Plan of Development Lea County, New Mexico

Sentlemen:

The Commissioner of Public Lands has this date approved your 1986 Plan of Development for the Southeast Lea Unit Area. Lea Jounty. New Mexico. Your plan of development is approved contingent upon your company's agreement to contract the unit if in 11.300' Wolfcamp Formation test well is not drilled on the W-2 of Section 36-20S-38E by September 11, 1987.

Our approval is subject to like approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

Enclosed is an approved copy for your files.

If we may be of further help please do not hesitate to call on us.

Very truly yours,

JIM BACA COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

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FLOYD O. PRANDO. Director Oil and Gas Division (303) 827-3744

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ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

TONEY ANAYA GOVERNOR

October 20, 1986

POST OFFICE BOX 2088 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE. NEW MEXICO 87501 (505) 827-5800

Petro Lewis Corporation P. O. Box 90500 Houston, Texas 77290

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Attention: William F. Aspinwall

Re: Southeast Lea Unit Area Plan of Development Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

The above-referenced submittal has been approved by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division effective this date. Such approval is contingent upon like approval by the New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands and the Bureau of Land Management.

Sincerely, 107

ROY E. JOHNSON, Cenior Petroleum Geologist

REJ/dr

ec: Commissioner of Public Lands - Santa Fe Bureau of Land Management - Albuquerque

## PETRO LEWIS CORPORATION Eastern Region

Four Greenspoint Plaza 16945 Northchase Drive P.O. Box 90500 Houston, Texas 77290 713/874-8000

October 9, 1986

State of New Mexico Energy and Minerals Department Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

> Re: Southeast Lea Unit Area Plan of Development Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your review, please find a copy of our current Plan of Development for the above unit. This Plan was previously submitted to the Commissioner of Public Lands and was approved by that office on September 30, 1986. A copy of the Commissioner's approval letter is also enclosed for your reference and files.

We would appreciate your consideration and respectfully request your approval of the enclosed Plan of Development.

Very truly yours,

PETRO-LEWIS CORPORATION

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William F. Aspinwall Senior Landman

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Enclosure





#### LAND DEPARTMENT

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Commissioner of Public Lands

P.O. BOX 1148 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504-1148

September 30, 1986

Petro Lewis Corporation ATTENTION: Mr. William F. Aspinwall F. U. Box 90500 Houston, Texas 77290

> Re: Southeast Lea Unit 1986 Plan of Development Lea County, New Mexico

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BY: FLOYD O. PRANDO, Director Oil and Gas Division (505) 827-5744

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## PETRO LEWIS CORPORATION. Gulf Coast Region

Petro-Lewis Tower 16945 Northchase Drive P. O. Box 90500 Houston, Texas 77290 713 (591-8000

September 11, 1986

State of New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands P. O. Box 1148 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1148

Attention: Mr. Floyd Prando, Director Oil and Gas Division

> Re: Southeast Lea Unit Plan of Development (9/11/85 to 9/11/87) T20S-R35E, Lea County, NM Lease No. 0G-3955

Gentlemen:

Petro-Lewis Corporation, as Operator of the above-referenced unit, has been actively seeking a farmout drilling commitment for the drilling of a test well on the  $W_{2}$  of Section 36 within said unit since October, 1985. During this period, economic conditions have deteriorated to the extent that an operator cannot currently maintain a reasonable expectation of a profit in considering such a test well. Further, the geologic evaluation accepted by the State indicates that a well drilled to test the Morrow Formation under the said  $W_{2}$  of Section 36 would also not be considered economic.

A farmout commitment from TXO Production Corp. to drill an 11,800' Wolfcamp Test was recently withdrawn due to such unfavorable economics. However, the working interest owners within the Southeast Lea Unit, in consideration of their previous investments in developing the Southeast Lea Unit, request that the State of New Mexico allow an additional one year period for developing the said  $W_2$  of Section 36, prior to deleting said land from the unit.

Therefore, Petro-Lewis Corporation, as Unit Operator, submits that the Plan of Development for the Southeast Lea Unit for September 11, 1985 to September 11, 1987 will include the drilling of an 11,800' Wolfcamp Formation test well on the said  $W_2$  of Section 36. If operations to drill such test well are not commenced on or before September 11, 1987, then the unit will be contracted by the deletion of said  $W_2$  of Section 36. September 11, 1986 Page 2

Considering the current economics of the oil and gas industry, we respectfully request the State's approval of the foregoing Plan of Development.

Very truly yours,

PETRO-LEWIS CORPORATION

William F. Aspinwall Senior Landman

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Approved. COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS