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March 25, 1994

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Margaret B. Nichols 6211 W. Northwest Hwy. Suite C253E Dallas, Texas 75225

> Re: MOC's Chalk Bluff Draw Prospect MOC's Illinois Camp "20" State #1 Well N/2 Section 20, T18S, R28E Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mrs. Nichols:

As you are aware, Mewbourne Oil Company (Mewbourne) appeared at a New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Examiner's hearing on March 17, 1994 regarding Compulsory Pooling Case No. 10944 effecting the captioned land. As we discussed earlier, we had to name the Estate of Leonard Nichols, Deceased (the Estate) at the hearing as your husband's estate had not yet been probated in New Mexico. As a result of naming your husband's estate in the referenced compulsory pooling case, such action will allow us to drill the captioned well in a timely manner prior to your husband's estate being probated.

Regarding the above, this letter if executed by you shall evidence Mewbourne's and The Estate's agreement to do the following regarding the above referenced land, well and compulsory pooling case:

- 1) Upon receipt of evidence that The Estate has been properly probated in New Mexico, Mewbourne agrees to immediately dismiss The Estate from the Compulsory Pooling Order issued pursuant to the above referenced compulsory pooling case.
- 2) The Estate agrees to elect <u>not</u> to participate in the drilling and completion of the captioned well pursuant to the terms of the Compulsory Pooling Order issued regarding the referenced compulsory pooling case.
- 3) The Estate agrees to assign all of its interest to Mewbourne on the same terms provided for in that certain ASSIGNMENT OF OPERATING RIGHTS TO OIL AND GAS LEASE dated January 10, 1994

Margaret B. Nichols March 25, 1994 Page 2

> between Margaret B. Nichols, individually and as sole Devisee under the Will of Leonard Nichols, Deceased ("Assignor") and Mewbourne Oil Company ("Assignee") effecting portions of the captioned land among other lands.

If the above is agreeable to you, please indicate such acceptance by signing and returning the copy of this letter to the undersigned.

As we plan to commence drilling the captioned well in the next two (2) weeks, your earliest attention to the above and return of this agreement would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, MEWBÓURNE COMPANY

D. Paul Haden, CPL Landman

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AGREED and ACCEPTED this _7th day of _Areit_ 1994. Margaret B. Nichols

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April 19, 1994

Margaret B. Nichols 6211 W. Northwest Hwy., Suite C253E Dallas, Texas 75225

Re: MOC's Chalk Bluff Draw Prospect MOC's Illinois Camp "20" State #2 Well S/2 Section 20, T18S, R28E Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mrs. Nichols:

As you are aware, Mewbourne Oil Company (Mewbourne) will be appearing at a New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Examiner's hearing on April 28, 1994 regarding Compulsory Pooling Case No. 10961 effecting the captioned lands. As we discussed earlier, we will have to name the Estate of Leonard Nichols, Deceased (The Estate), as a title curative matter at the hearing as your husband's estate had not yet been probated in New Mexico. As a result of naming your husband's estate in the referenced compulsory pooling case, such action will allow us to drill the captioned well in a timely manner prior to your husband's estate being probated.

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Sincerely, MEWBOURNE/OIL COMPANY Paul Haden Landman

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AGREED and ACCEPTED this _____ day of _____, 1994.

Margaret B. Nichols

500 W, TEXAS, SUITE 1020 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

> (915) 682-3715 FAX (915) 685-4170

> > March 29, 1994

Margaret B. Nichols 6900 Baltimore Dallas, Texas 75205

> Re: Term Assignment <u>T18S, R28E</u> Sec. 20: SW/4NE/4 and W/2SE/4 below 3000'; Section 29: NW/4NE/4 below 3000' Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mrs. Nichols:

As discussed, we have not received the revised assignment executed by you to date regarding the captioned land.

As we plan to commence drilling our initial well in the N/2 of the captioned Section 20 in the next two (2) weeks, it is imperative for you to sign and return the revised assignment at the earliest possible date.

If you should have any questions or if you are not agreeable with the terms of the revised assignment, please call.

Sincerely, OIL COMPANY MEWBOURNE

'D. Paul Haden, CPL Landman

DPH/klc

500 W, TEXAS, SUITE 1020 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

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March 4, 1994

Margaret B. Nichols 6900 Baltimore Dallas, Texas 75205

Re: Term Assignment <u>T18S, R28E</u> Sec. 20: SW/4NE/4 and W/2 SE/4, below 3000' Sec. 29: NW/4NE/4 below 3000' Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mrs. Nichols:

In reference to our phone conversation of March 3, 1994, enclosed for your consideration and execution is a revised Assignment of Operating Rights to Oil and Gas Lease covering the captioned land.

Regarding the above, I've added your land in Section 29 described above to the assignment as we discussed. Also, I've revised paragraph eight (8) of the agreement to reflect the warranty and indemnity language you desire.

Except for the revisions referenced above, the enclosed agreement remains as originally written. At your early convenience, please execute the enclosed duplicate assignments, have them notarized, and forward one (1) of such executed agreements to me for further handling. Upon our receipt of same, I will have the agreement executed on behalf of Mewbourne Oil Company and recorded in the county records. When a recorded copy is available, I will forward you a copy for your files.

Regarding the upcoming pooling hearing on March 17, 1994, please don't be concerned with such hearing. The reason we named your husband's Estate for the hearing is because said Estate has not yet been probated in New Mexico and probably will not be by the time we are ready to drill our well. At such time as your husband's Estate is probated, we will dismiss the Estate's interest from forced pooling. Should you have nay questions regarding the above or should you need any further help in regard to probating your husband's Estate in New Mexico, please call. Your cooperation in connection with this trade is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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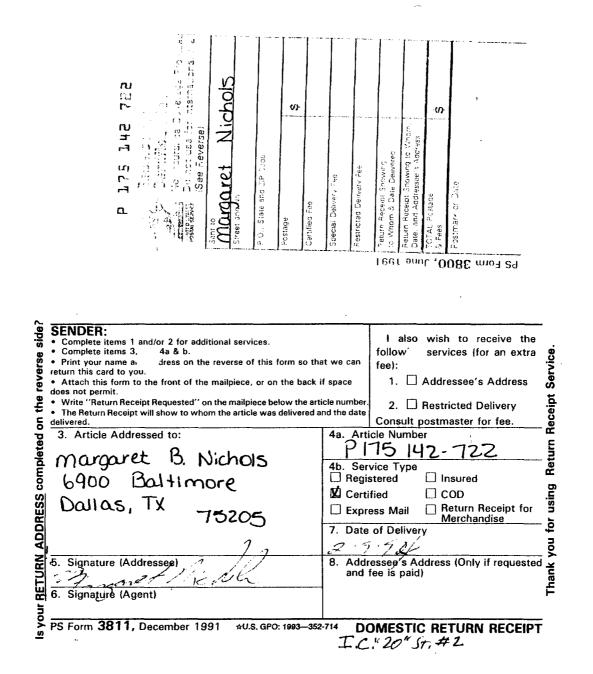
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12-7-94 follow up call. Mrs. Michals had he tooth pulled today. The said she would sign assignment in a few days. She wanted to strike the warranty provision, advised that was ok with us.



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February 7, 1994

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED - P175 142 722

Margaret B. Nichols 6900 Baltimore Dallas, Texas 75205

Re: Chalk Bluff Draw Prospect 111inois Camp "20" State #2 Well 1650' FSL and 990' FEL of Section 20, T18S, R28E Eddy County, New Mexico

Mrs. Nichols:

Mewbourne Oil Company (Mewbourne) hereby proposes the drilling of the captioned well to a depth sufficient to adequately test the Morrow formation, anticipated total depth being 10,700'. Furthermore, Mewbourne shall evaluate to its satisfaction, all other formations encountered at lesser depths in the drilling of said well. The S/2 of the captioned Section 20 will be dedicated as the proration unit for the well.

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This well will be located approximately 1650' FSL & 990' FEL of Section 20-18S-28E, Eddy County, New Mexico. Our AFE dated February 4, 1994 is enclosed for your review. Should you desire to participate to the full extent of your interest in the drilling, testing and completion of this proposed well, please return an executed copy of the AFE to the undersigned at your earliest convenience.

Upon receipt of your executed AFE or by prior written request we will forward our Joint Operating Agreement for your review and execution.

In the event you do not wish to participate, we would welcome the opportunity to acquire your interest under mutually acceptable terms.

Your earliest response to this proposal would be greatly appreciated.

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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D. Paul Haden Landman

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1-27-94 Follow up call to Mrs. Michals. She haven't had time to review the proposed assignment as she says she has a tooth acke. 1.46.

500 W, TEXAS, SUITE 1020 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

> (915) 682-3715 FAX (915) 685-4170

> > January 19, 1994

Margaret B. Nichols 6900 Baltimore Dallas, Texas 75205

> Re: Chalk Bluff Draw Prospect Illinois Camp "20" State #1 Section 20, T18S, R28E Eddy County, New Mexico

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Dear Mrs. Nichols:

As discussed, our attorney estimates that it will cost \$600.00 for a Ancillary Probate Proceeding for your husband's Estate in New Mexico. This is if the Estate has already been probated in Texas.

In the event your husband's Estate is not probated in Texas first, it will cost you approximately \$2,500.00 for a Probate Proceeding in New Mexico.

Regarding the above, you requested some names of New Mexico licensed attorneys who could handle your husband's Estate in New Mexico. In this regard, I recommend that you use Allen G. Harvey, our attorney, as he is already familiar with the title to your husband's Estate under the captioned land notwithstanding the fact that he is an excellent attorney and will get the job done quickly. He also is licensed in Texas. You can reach him at the following address and phone number:

> Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin & Browder, Inc. P. O. Box 1540 Midland, Texas 79702 (915)688-0290

Regarding the above, it obviously will be more cost effective for you to have your husband's Estate probated in Texas first. As we plan to drill our well in the subject Section 20 at the earliest possible date, we request that you have your husband's Estate probated as soon as possible. Margaret B. Nichols January 19, 1994 Page 2

If I can be of further assistance regarding the above matter, please do not hesitate to call me. Your cooperation in connection with our trade is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Oil company Mewbourne

D. Paul Haden, CPL Landman

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UZII W. NOLLIWCSL HWY. Suite C253E Dallas TX 75225

January 11, 1994

Mewbourne Oil Company D. Paul Haden, Landman 500 W. Texas, Suite 1020 Midland, Texas 79701

Chalk Bluff Draw Prospect RE: Illinois Camp "20" State #1 Well Section 20, T18S, R28E Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

In view of the prevailing agreement by which the U.S. Government receives 12.50% royalties on all land in New Mexico, I am restating my previous farmout agreement to you with the following change:

You agree to pay me a royalty interest of 14.50% of 1. 100% of the lease, free of any and all burdens and claims.

All other terms remain the same, to wit:

- 2. I bear no responsibility as to other interests or claims.
- 3. I will not warranty any title expressed or implied.
- I will grant a three year lease, unless it is held by 4. commercial production of either oil or gas, or both.
- Under no circumstances will I be responsible for the 5. operating expenses of Mewbourne, expenses of a dry hole, or title search expenses.

Sincerely,

В. MARGARET

AGREED to and accepted this 11th day of JANNARY, 1994. BY: COMPANY

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BY:

MARGARET B. NICHOLS

MARGARET D. MICHOLS 6211 W. Northwest Hwy. Suite C253E Dallas TX 75225

JAN 1 7 1994

January 13, 1994

Paul Haden, Landman Mewbourne Oil Company 500 W. Texas, Suite 1020 Midland, Texas 79701

Dear Paul:

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Enclosed please find your copy of the letter from Mrs. Nichols in which you agree to the terms of her farmout agreement with Mewbourne Oil Company.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Cardinal

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Carolyn Cardinal Accountant

120ac. Sec. 20. Re: Margaret Nichols Met with Mrs. Nichols this date regarding our proposed term assignment. Discussed the terms of the assignment with her the's to review it along with her attanney. If approved She'll sign and return -2.46.

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December 1, 1993

Mrs. Margaret B. Nichols 6900 Baltimore Dallas, Texas 75205

> Re: Chalk Bluff Draw Prospect Illinois Camp "20" State #1 Well Section 20, T18S, R28E Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mrs. Nichols:

Mewbourne Oil Company (Mewbourne) previously proposed the drilling of the captioned well on October 22, 1993 and invited you to either participate in the drilling of the well or sell or farmout your interest to Mewbourne.

It has become evident through our communications with the interest owners in the proposed proration unit that we will be unable to reach a voluntary agreement with all of the parties involved. In order to drill the well in a timely manner and to honor various commitments we have made, please be advised we intend to file an application for pooling before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division in approximately two (2) weeks.

Mewbourne desires to avoid the necessity of a pooling hearing, therefore we will continue with our efforts to reach a voluntary agreement with all interest owners. We respectfully request that you reconsider your position and assist us in avoiding the pooling of this unit. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to call. We would be happy to arrange a meeting between our companies to discuss this issue at your convenience in the near future.

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Sincerely,

Mewbourne Øil Company D. Paul Haden

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500 W, TEXAS, SUITE 1020 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

> (915) 682-3715 FAX (915) 685-4170

> > November 19, 1993

Via Federal Express

Mrs. Margaret B. Nichols 6900 Baltimore Dallas, Texas 75205

> Re: Chalk Bluff Draw Prospect Illinois Camp "20" State #1 Well N/2 Section 20-18S-R28E Eddy County, New Mexico

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Dear Mrs. Nichols,

Thank you for your letter of November 17, 1993 covering the captioned.

After careful review, we would be willing to accept the terms of your offer subject to the following amendments thereto:

- As the lease is currently burdened by a 1/8th royalty or 12.50%, that leaves you with an 87.50% net revenue interest to begin with. We would request that you deliver an 81.25% net revenue interest to Mewbourne thereby retaining a 6.25% overriding royalty interest, which would equal a 3/16ths interest as stated in your letter.
- 2. Our offer is contingent upon approval of title.
- 3. Our agreement would provide for a 180 day continuous drilling option.
- 4. The bonus will be \$200.00 per acre.

Our Mr. Paul Haden will be in contact with you in the near future to discuss this proposal and answer any questions you may have. Mrs. Margaret B. Nichols November 19, 1993 Page 2

We appreciate your efforts to reach an agreement in this matter and are looking forward to finalizing this trade in the near future.

Sincerely,

Mewbourne Oil Company

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Steve Cobb District Landman

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MARGARET B. NICHOLS 6900 Baltimore Drive Dallas, Texas 75205

November 17, 1993

Mewbourne Oil Company D. Paul Haden, Landman 500 W. Texas, Suite 1020 Midland, Texas 79701

Re: Chalk Bluff Draw Prospect Illinois Camp "20" State #1 Well Section 20, T18S, R28E Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of November 8, 1993, I have stated that I would propose a farmout agreement that would be consistent with what the average person would expect and that I would ask for the going rate which a royalty interest owner could expect to receive.

With respect to the acreage and title, I believe I hold between 120 and 160 acres, but will not be sure until you run the title. The title expenses will be your responsibility, not mine. I will not warranty a title expressed or implied.

I will grant a three year lease, unless it is held by commercial production of oil and gas, or both. I will not be responsible for the expenses of a dry hole or for any expenses in connection with your operation.

I am asking 3/16ths of 100% of this lease, which is what the average royalty holder gets. This 3/16ths will be given to me with no other burden or claim. Any and all claims on the production from this lease shall be your responsibility and none shall be held against the 3/16ths overriding royalty due to me.

Upon acceptance of the terms of this farmout, you will agree to pay me a lease bonus of \$250 per acre, to be paid in cash upon my signing this agreement.

Under no conditions will I accept responsibility for drilling expenses or for the expenses of a dry hole. That risk is all yours. The terms as described above and which are agreeable to me are as follows:

- 1. I bear no responsibility as to other interests or claims.
- 2. You agree to pay me a royalty interest of 3/16ths of 100% of this lease.
- 3. In consideration of my granting this lease, you agree to pay me, in cash, a lease bonus of \$250 per acre.
- 4. I will not warranty any title expressed or implied.

Please indicate your acceptance of the above terms by signing in the space provided and returning a duly executed copy of this letter to me. Upon receipt of said document, together with payment of the lease bonus, I will sign the agreement.

Sincerely,

B. NICHOLS

AGREED to and accepted this _____ day of _____, 1993.

By:

MARGARET B. NICHOLS

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MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY

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6900 Baltimore Drive Dallas, Texas 75205

November 17, 1993

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Mewbourne Oil Company D. Paul Haden, Landman 500 W. Texas, Suite 1020 Midland, Texas 79701

Re: Chalk Bluff Draw Prospect Illinois Camp "20" State #1 Well Section 20, T185, R28E Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of November 8, 1993, I have stated that I would propose a farmout agreement that would be consistent with what the average person would expect and that I would ask for the going rate which a royalty interest owner could expect to receive.

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Sincerely,

MARGANET B. NICHOLS

AGREED to and accepted this _____ day of _____, 1993.

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500 W, TEXAS, SUITE 1020 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

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> > November 8, 1993

Margaret B. Nichols 6900 Baltimore Dallas, Texas 75205

> Re: Chalk Bluff Draw Prospect Illinois Camp "20" State #1 Well <u>T18S, R28E</u> Section 20: SW/4NE/4 and W/2SE/4 below a depth of 3000' Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mrs. Nichols:

This is in follow up of our recent phone conversation regarding your interest in the captioned land and our proposed Morrow test well to be drilled to a depth of approximately 10,600'. For reference, Mewbourne Oil Company previously offered to purchase your interest in the captioned 120 acre tract of land or alternatively we offered to acquire your interest by farmout or if you desired, you could join Mewbourne in drilling Mewbourne's proposed well to the extent of your interest in the spacing unit dedicated to the well (the N/2 of the captioned Section 20).

You advised me that you were not interested in selling your interest to Mewbourne, nor were you interested in farming your interest out to Mewbourne nor were you interested in participating with Mewbourne in the drilling of the proposed well.

As we discussed, in the event you do not elect to choose any of the above offered three (3) options, your interest in the spacing unit of the proposed well would be subject to forced pooling under the rules and regulations administered by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the "Division") in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

In the event your interest is forced pooled, you would not receive any monetary benefit until such time as Mewbourne recovered its total investment in the drilling and completion of the well and operation charges. Furthermore, the Division would allow us to recover an additional 200% of such well and operations costs as a risk penalty against you as to your proportionate interest in the drilling unit associated with the well. At such time as we recover the 300% of the well and operational costs associated with the proposed well, you will become a working interest owner. When Margaret B. Nichols November 8, 1993 Page 2

and if such event occurs, you will be obligated to pay your proportionate part of the expenses associated with such well including plugging and abandonment costs when the well is no longer economical to continue to produce. Generally speaking, all we hope to get out of a well is a 3 to 1 return on investment which corresponds with the 300% penalty assessed against you as to your proportionate interest in the well.

Regarding the above, I am requesting you to reconsider your position regarding our well proposal. In light of the fact that you have indicated that you do not wish to participate in this well, we ask that you either sell or farmout your interest to Mewbourne as previously offered.

Time is of the essence in this matter as we will be filing an application for compulsory pooling within the next thirty (30) days. As we would like to avoid the necessity of having to compulsory pool the above land, we would appreciate receiving a written commitment from you prior to December 1, 1993. As I have discussed with you previously, I would be glad to meet with you anytime to discuss our proposal.

Your kind consideration regarding this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely Mewbourge Oi/1 Q'_{Omp}

Ø. Paul Haden, CPL Landman

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> > October 22, 1993

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Leonard and Margaret Nichols 6900 Baltimore Dallas, Texas 75205

Re: Chalk Bluff Draw Prospect Illinois Camp "20" State #1 Well Section 20, T18S, R28E Eddy County, New Mexico

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

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Subject to final management approval, Mewbourne Oil Company (Mewbourne) hereby proposes the drilling of a well to a depth sufficient to adequately test the Morrow formation, anticipated total depth being 10,600'. Furthermore, Mewbourne shall evaluate to its satisfaction, all other formations encountered at lesser depths in the drilling of said well. The N/2 of the captioned Section 20 will be dedicated as the proration unit for the well.

This well will be located approximately 660' FNL & 1115' FWL of Section 20, T18S, R28E, Eddy County, New Mexico. Our AFE dated October 20, 1993 is enclosed for your review. Should you desire to participate to the full extent of your interest in the drilling, testing and completion of this proposed well, please return an executed copy of the AFE to the undersigned at your earliest convenience.

Upon receipt of your executed AFE or by prior written request we will forward our Joint Operating Agreement for your review and execution.

In the event you do not wish to participate, Mewbourne respectfully requests you elect one of the following options as to your interest:

1) Farmout all of your interest in Section 20 for a period of 180 days to Mewbourne under the following general terms:

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- (A) If any well drilled, deepened, completed or recompleted under the terms of our farmout agreement results in oil and/or gas production on a proration unit that includes your acreage, Mewbourne will earn an assignment of 100% of your rights and interest, free of any liens or encumbrances, in the proration unit assigned to each well to a depth of 100' below the total depth drilled for each well.
- (B) Upon completion of the initial test well as a producer or dry hole, Mewbourne would have the recurring option, but not the obligation, to commence additional wells on New Mexico Oil Conservation Division approved proration units that include your acreage to establish oil and/or gas production under the captioned lands. If any such option is exercised by Mewbourne, Mewbourne agrees to allow not more than 180 days to elapse between the completion of one well and the commencement of operations for any next well.
- (C) You will retain an overriding royalty interest equal to the difference, if any, between 25% of all oil and gas produced and the total of all royalty interests, overriding royalty interests and other burdens or lawful claims upon production to which your leases may be currently subject, so that Mewbourne will be assigned a 75% net revenue interest in your lease(s). Such overriding royalty interest retained by you shall be subject to proportionate reduction.
- (D) Upon acceptance of our farmout proposal you agree to furnish at no cost to Mewbourne, title information such as copies of the leases covering the captioned lands, title opinions currently in your possession, title curative, letter agreements and any contracts currently in effect, etc.

Should the above general terms be acceptable to you our formal Farmout Agreement will be provided under separate cover.

2) Sell all of your right, title and interest in this Section subject to title approval, for \$250.00 per net acre delivering an 87.5% net revenue interest to Mewbourne.

As we anticipate drilling the captioned well in the first quarter of 1994 your earliest response to this proposal would be greatly appreciated. Leonard and Margaret Nichols October 22, 1993 Page 3

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely, MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY Cla

Paul Haden, CPL Landman

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Leonard and Margaret Nichols 6900 Baltimore Dallas, Texas 75205

> Re: State Lease 647 Chalk Bluff Draw Prospect <u>T18S, R28E</u> Section 20: SW/4NE/4 and W/2SE/4 below the base of the San Andres formation Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Nichols:

To date, we have not received a response from you regarding our offer to purchase your interest under the captioned land as referenced in our letter dated September 23, 1993 (see copy enclosed).

In the event you are not interested in selling your interest under the terms offered by Mewbourne, please advise the undersigned as to the terms that would be acceptable to you. Alternatively, Mewbourne would be interested in acquiring a farmout of your rights on mutually acceptable terms wherein you would deliver Mewbourne a 75% net revenue interest in your lease.

Regarding the above, please call the undersigned at your early convenience. Your cooperation in connection with the above land will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Mewbourne bil, Company

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> > September 23, 1993

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> Re: State Lease 647 Chalk Bluff Draw Prospect <u>T18S, R28E</u> Section 20: SW/4NE/4 and W/2SE/4 below the base of the San Andres formation Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Nichols:

Mewbourne Oil Company (Mewbourne) desires to consolidate its interest in those areas in which it conducts operations.

Records available to us indicate you own 120 net acres under the captioned lands with a 87.5% net revenue interest.

Mewbourne hereby offers you \$150.00 per acre for all of your right, title and interest in the captioned lands and depths subject to the following general terms:

- 1. Leonard Nichols and wife, Margaret B. Nichols (Nichols) to deliver a 100% working interest and a 87.5% net revenue interest to Mewbourne.
- 2. Nichols agrees to furnish to Mewbourne free of any cost whatsoever, copies of all records and files in their possession covering the captioned lands.
- 3. This offer is contingent upon Mewbourne's approval of title and form of Assignment.
- 4. The effective date of this sale will be October 1, 1993.
- 5. Nichols agrees to convey its interest in the captioned lands to Mewbourne free and clear of all liens, mortgages or encumbrances whatsoever.

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Leonard and Margaret B. Nichols September 23, 1993 Page 2

Should the above terms meet with your approval, please so signify by signing in the space provided and return an executed copy of this letter to the undersigned within thirty days from receipt.

Failure to respond within thirty days shall render this offer voidable at Mewbourne's sole discretion.

Sincerely, ne/Qil Company Mewbou Paul Haden, CPL

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AGREED to and accepted this _____ day of _____, 1993.

By:_____

Leonard Nichols

Margaret B. Nichols

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