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May 11, 2015

<u>Certified Mail</u> <u>Return Receipt Requested</u>

Maverick Operating, LLC/ Maverick Oil and Gas Corporation 1004 N. Big Spring, Suite 121 Midland, TX 79701

ATTN: Mr. Ben Kimbrough

RE: Oil and Gas Leases on NM State Trust Lands

Dear Mr. Kimbrough:

NM OIL CONSERVATION
ARTESIA DISTRICT
MAY 1 5 2015

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Maverick has invoked Paragraph 14 of Lease No. V0-8724-0 for the State 12 #1 well. After further consideration, we have found that:

- 1. Paragraph 14 requires that the lessee conduct "bona fide drilling or reworking operations" on the wellbore.
- 2. Such operations must be "diligently prosecuted".
- 3. Use of a "spudder" rig and the intermittent rate of it's associated drilling, does not constitute diligent progress.

Therefore, absent any additional information showing an indication of lease operations which are required by Paragraph 14 of the leases, the following lease will be terminated on November 11, 2015:

V0-8724-0 State 12 #1

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ed Martin at 505-827-5746 or emartin@slo.state.nm.us

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cc: Teresa Mitchell, Maverick Operating, LLC

Jackie Lathan, Maverick Operating, LLC, P.O. Box 5270, Hobbs, NM 88241 Bureau of Land Management, ATTN: Ed Fernandez, Carlsbad District New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, Hobbs and Artesia Districts