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December 18, 2014

Dr. Tomáš Oberding
NMOCD District 1
1625 French Drive
Hobbs, NM 88240
VIA EMAIL

RE: Murchison – Bettis 20 State Com #4H Temporary Pit
Extension Request for Closure
Unit N, Section 20, T24S, R33E, API #30-025-41438

Dear Dr. Oberding:

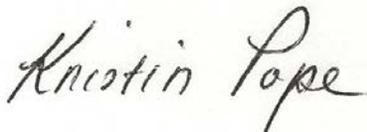
On behalf of Murchison Oil and Gas, R.T. Hicks Consultants respectfully requests a 3-month extension for the closure of the above-referenced temporary pit. The rig was released from the well on June 25, 2014 and the pit was then used to contain flow-back fluids to complete the well. Although fluid was regularly removed from the pit, extraordinary rains in the area in August and September did not allow the cuttings to dry sufficiently and prohibited sampling during that time. The pit contents were sampled for closure on 12/4/2014 and we are awaiting results.

The original deadline for closure is December 25, 2014. We request this extension to allow the return of the laboratory analyses and if necessary, re-sample and/or investigate treatment options to allow in-place closure.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

R.T. Hicks Consultants



Kristin Pope
Project Geologist

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