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May 21, 2015

Ms. Kellie Jones NMOCD District 1 1625 French Drive Hobbs, NM 88240 VIA EMAIL

## RECEIVED

By OCD District 1 at 2:10 pm, May 22, 2015

## **APPROVED**

By OCD District 1 at 2:10 pm, May 22, 2015

RE: Murchison – Mogi 9 State Com #11H Temporary Pit

Extension Request for Closure, Permit #P1-06562 Unit P, Section 9, T24S, R33E, API #30-025-41787

Dear Ms. Jones:

On behalf of Murchison Oil and Gas, R.T. Hicks Consultants respectfully requests a 45-day extension for the closure of the above-referenced temporary pit. The rig was released from the well on November 21, 2014 and the pit was then used to contain flow-back fluids to complete the well. The pit was constructed to contain solids for the drilling of two wells and a second well at the same location was staked; thus, the pit contents were not sampled. Market conditions, however, caused the release of the rig and the second well was not drilled as originally planned.

Fluids were promptly removed and the pit is fenced. The liner has been inspected regularly and demonstrates sufficient integrity. The pit contents will be sampled for closure next week and laboratory analyses require up to 3 weeks to return. The original deadline for closure is May 21, 2015. We request this extension to allow time to sample the cuttings and for the return of the laboratory analyses.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

R.T. Hicks Consultants

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Current liner condition on 5/20/2015; rainwater in pit from previous day

Kristin Pope Project Geologist

Copy: Murchison Oil and Gas, NM State Land Office (Ed Martin)