

V. A. Proposed Mud Program

<u>DEPTH</u>	<u>MUD PROPERTIES</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
0 – 400'	Weight: 8.6 – 9.2 ppg Viscosity: 32 – 40 sec/qt Plastic Viscosity: 2-10 cps Yield Point: 6-15 lbs/100' pH: 9-10 Filtrate: NC Solids: <4 % volume Chloride: <4,000 mg/L	Spud with Fresh Water AQUAGEL EZ-Mud, LCM, Lime. Add AQUAGEL and LIME to Fresh Water to build desired viscosity for hole cleaning, restricting system to steel pits. Additions of Fresh Water at the flowline will aid in controlling viscosity. HY-SEAL "sweeps" as needed for extra hole cleaning, seepage and severe losses. Should total circulation loss be encountered, add up to 20 ppb. LCM (BARO-SEAL = Maxiseal); (HY-SEAL = Drilling Paper); (PLUG-GIT = Cedar Fiber) and spot in loss zone. If returns cannot be established, then "dry-drill" to set surface casing.
400' – 3800'	Weight: 9.2 ppg Viscosity: 30 – 32 sec/qt Plastic Viscosity: 0-1 cps Yield Point: 0-1 lbs/100' pH: 9-10 Filtrate: NC Solids: <1 % volume Chloride: < 30K mg/L	Drill out from under the intermediate casing with Fresh Water. HY-SEAL should be added at 2 bags after every 100' drilled, if you have and drag or torque on connections. Begin adding 10# Brine 100' before drilling the salt section of the Rustler Formation for 9.7 + weight. LIME applications should be continued during this interval for a pH of 9.0-10.0, in addition, to flocculate solids and to minimize corrosion. Additions of CAUSTIC SODA may be needed to maintain pH at 9-10.
3800' – 4450'	Weight: 9.1 – 10.3 ppg Viscosity: 30 – 32 sec/qt Plastic Viscosity: 3-10 cps Yield Point: 4-6 lbs/100' pH: 9-10 Filtrate: 10-15 cm/30 min Solids: <2-4 % volume Chloride: < 170K mg/L	From 3800' to Total Depth, it is recommended the system be restricted to the steel pits, and, with Brine, mud up as follows: while circulating through the steel pits, add 3-4 #/bbl IMPERMX (starch) to lower fluid loss below 15 cc. If lost circulation is encountered, mix a viscous pit of mud and add 15 ppb LCM (Add 5#/bbl of the following: BARASEAL, HYSEAL & PLUG-GIT) and continue to drill. Sweep the hole with a viscous pill prior to coming out of the hole to log