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OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASE *W. L. Bunnins* COUNTY CLERK
SUBLETTE COUNTY, PINEDALE, WYOMING

THIS AGREEMENT made this 6th day of July, 1956, between
Albert H. Beecher, Big Piney, Wyoming

Lessor (whether one or more), and Stanolind Oil and Gas Company, P.O. Box 2212, Casper, Wyoming
Lessee, WITNESSETH:

1. Lessor in consideration of Ten and other consideration Dollars

(\$ 10.00), in hand paid, of the royalties herein provided, and of the agreement of Lessee herein contained, hereby grants, leases and lets exclusively unto Lessee for the purpose of investigating, exploring, prospecting, drilling and mining for and producing oil, gas, other hydrocarbons and, without restriction to such enumerated minerals, all other minerals whether similar or dissimilar to those particularly specified herein, laying pipe lines, building tanks, power stations, telephone lines and other structures thereon to produce, save, take care of, treat, transport and own said products, and housing its employees, the following described land in Sublette County, Wyoming, to-wit:

An undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in

Township 32 North, Range 114 West, 6th P. M.

Section 23: W/2 SE/4, SE/4 SE/4

Section 24: SW/4

Section 25: N/2 NW/4, SW/4 NW/4

Section 26: NE/4



It being intended hereby to include herein all lands and interests therein contiguous to or appurtenant to said described lands owned or claimed by Lessor. *For payment purpose* and *for all other purposes* *for* *1/2* *years*

2. Subject to the other provisions herein contained, this lease shall be for a term of $\frac{1}{2}$ years from this date (called "primary term") and as long thereafter as oil, gas, other hydrocarbons, or other mineral is produced from said land hereunder, or drilling or reworking operations are conducted thereon.

3. The royalties to be paid by Lessee are: (a) on oil, ~~obligation~~ that produced and saved from said land, the same to be delivered at the wells or to the credit of Lessor into the pipe line to which the wells may be connected; Lessee may from time to time purchase any royalty oil in its possession, paying the market price therefor prevailing for the field where produced on the date of purchase; (b) on gas, including casinghead gas or other hydrocarbon substance, produced from said land and sold or used off the premises or in the manufacture of gasoline or other products therefrom, the market value at the well or ~~obligation~~ of the gas so sold or used, provided that on gas sold at the wells the royalty shall be ~~one-half of the amount realized from such sale~~; where gas from a well producing gas only is not sold or used, Lessee may pay as royalty \$100.00 per well per year and if such payment is made, it shall be considered that gas is being produced under all the terms and provisions hereof; (c) on all other minerals mined and marketed, ~~one-half of the amount realized from such sale~~ either in kind or value at the well or mine, at Lessee's election, except that on sulphur the royalty shall be ~~one-half of the amount realized from such sale~~ per long ton. Lessee shall have free use of oil, gas, coal, wood and water from said land, except water from Lessor's wells, for all operations hereunder, and the royalty on oil and gas shall be computed after deducting any so used. Lessor shall have the privilege at his risk and expense of using gas from any gas well on said land for stoves and inside lights in the principal dwelling thereon out of any surplus gas not needed for operations hereunder.

4. If operations for drilling are not commenced on said land or on acreage pooled therewith as hereinafter provided, on or before one year from this date, the lease shall then terminate as to both parties, unless on or before such anniversary date Lessee shall pay or tender to Lessor or to the credit of

Lessor in *North Dakota State* Bank at *Rock Springs, Wyoming*, Wyoming, (which bank and its successors are Lessor's agent and shall continue as the depository for all rentals payable hereunder regardless of changes in ownership of said land or the rentals either by conveyance or by the death or incapacity of Lessor) the sum of *Two Hundred Eighty* and *No/100* Dollars (\$ 280.00), (herein called rental), which shall cover the privilege of deferring commencement of operations for drilling for a period of twelve (12) months. In like manner and upon like payments or tenders annually the commencement of operations for drilling may be further deferred for successive periods of twelve (12) months each during the primary term. The payment or tender of rental herein referred to may be made in currency, draft or check at the option of the lessee; and the depositing of such currency, draft or check in any post office, properly addressed to the Lessor, or said bank, on or before the rental paying date, shall be deemed payment as herein provided. If such bank (or any successor bank) should fail, liquidate or be succeeded by another bank, or for any reason fail or refuse to accept rental, Lessee shall not be held in default for failure to make such payment or tender of rental until (30) days after Lessor shall deliver to Lessee a proper recordable instrument, naming another bank as agent to receive such payments or tenders. The down cash payment is consideration for this lease according to its terms and shall not be allocated as mere rental for a period. Lessee may at any time execute and deliver to Lessor or to the depository above named or place of record a release or releases covering any portion or portions of the above described premises and thereby surrender this lease as to such portion or portions and be relieved of all obligations as to the acreage surrendered, and thereafter the rentals payable hereunder shall be reduced in the proportion that the acreage covered hereby is reduced by said release or releases.

5. Should any well drilled on the above described land or on acreage pooled therewith during the primary term before production is obtained be a dry hole, or should production be obtained during the primary term and thereafter cease, then and in either event, if operations for drilling an additional well are not commenced or operations for reworking an old well are not pursued on said land on or before the first rental paying date next succeeding the cessation of production or drilling or reworking on said well or wells, then this lease shall terminate unless Lessee, on or before said date, shall resume the payment of rentals. Upon resumption of the payment of rentals, Section 4 governing the payment of rentals, shall continue in force just as though there had been no interruption in the rental payments. If during the last year of the primary term and prior to the discovery of oil, gas, or other hydrocarbons on said land Lessee should drill a dry hole thereon, or if after discovery of oil, gas, or other hydrocarbons before or during the last year of the primary term the production thereof should cease during the last year of said term from any cause, no rental payment or operations are necessary in order to keep the lease in force during the remainder of the primary term. If, at the expiration of the primary term, Lessee is conducting operations for drilling a new well or reworking an old well, or if, after the expiration of the primary term, production on this lease shall cease, this lease nevertheless shall continue as long as said operations continue or additional operations are had which additional operations shall be deemed to be had where not more than sixty days elapse between abandonment of operations on one well and commencement of operations on another well, and if production is discovered, this lease shall continue as long thereafter as oil, gas, other hydrocarbons, or other mineral is produced and as long as additional operations are had.

6. Lessee, at its option, is hereby given the right and power to pool or combine the land covered by this lease, or any portion thereof, as to oil and gas, or either of them, with any other land, lease or leases when in Lessee's judgment it is necessary or advisable to do so in order to properly develop and operate said premises, such pooling to be into a well unit or units not exceeding forty (40) acres, plus an acreage tolerance of ten per cent (10%) of forty (40) acres, for oil, and not exceeding six hundred and forty (640) acres, plus an acreage tolerance of (10%) of six hundred and forty (640) acres, for gas, except that larger units may be created to conform to any spacing or well unit pattern that may be prescribed by governmental authorities having jurisdiction. Lessee may pool or combine acreage covered by this lease, or any portion thereof, as above provided, as to oil or gas in any one or more strata, and units so formed need not conform in size or area with the unit or units into which the lease is pooled or combined as to any other stratum or strata, and oil units need not conform as to area with gas units. The pooling in one or more instances shall not exhaust the rights of the Lessee hereunder to pool this lease or portions thereof into other units. Lessee shall execute in writing and place of record an instrument or instruments identifying and describing the pooled acreage. The entire acreage so pooled into a unit shall be treated for all purposes, except the payment of royalties, as if it were included in this lease, and drilling or reworking operations thereon or production of oil or gas therefrom, or the completion thereon of a well as a shut-in gas well, shall be considered for all purposes, except the payment of royalties, as if such operations were on or such production were on the land covered by this lease, whether or not the well or wells be located on the premises covered by this lease. In lieu of the royalties elsewhere herein specified, Lessor shall receive from a unit so formed, only such portion of the royalty stipulated herein as the amount of his acreage placed in the unit or his royalty interest therein bears to the total acreage so pooled in the particular unit involved. Should any unit as originally created hereunder contain less than the maximum number of acres hereinabove specified, then lessee may at any time thereafter, whether before or after production is obtained on the unit, enlarge such unit by adding additional acreage thereto, but the enlarged unit shall in no event exceed the acreage content hereinabove specified. In the event an existing unit is so enlarged, Lessee shall execute and place of record a supplemental declaration of unitization identifying and describing the land added to the existing unit; provided, that if such supplemental declaration of unitization is not filed until after production is obtained on the unit as originally created, then and in such event the supplemental declaration of unitization shall not become effective until the first day of the calendar month next following the filing thereof. In the absence of production Lessee may terminate any unitized area by filing of record notice of termination.

7. Lessee shall have the right at any time without Lessor's consent to surrender all oil, gas, or other hydrocarbons of the leased premises and be relieved of all obligations as to the acreage surrendered. Lessee shall have the right at any time during or after the expiration of this lease to remove all property and fixtures placed by Lessee on said land, including the right to draw and remove all casing. When required by Lessor, Lessee will bury all pipe lines below ordinary plow depth, and no well shall be drilled within two hundred (200) feet of any residence or barn now on said land without Lessor's consent. The Lessee agrees to promptly pay to the owner thereof any damages to crops, or improvements, caused by or resulting from any operations of Lessee.

8. The rights of either party hereunder may be assigned, in whole or in part, and the provisions hereof shall extend to the heirs, successors and assigns of the parties hereto, but no change or division in ownership of the land, rentals, or royalties, however accomplished, shall operate to enlarge the obligations or diminish the rights of Lessee. No change in the ownership of the land, or any interest therein, shall be binding on Lessee until Lessee shall be furnished with a certified copy of all recorded instruments, all court proceedings and all other necessary evidence of any transfer, inheritance, or sale of said rights. In event of the assignment of this lease as to a segregated portion of said land, the rentals payable hereunder shall be apportionable among the several leasehold owners ratably according to the surface area of each, and default in rental payment by one shall not affect the rights of other leasehold owners hereunder. In case Lessee assigns this lease, in whole or in part, Lessee shall be relieved of all obligations with respect to the assigned portion or portions arising subsequent to the date of assignment.

9. All express or implied covenants of this lease shall be subject to all Federal and State Laws, Executive Orders, Rules or Regulations, and this lease shall not be terminated, in whole or in part, nor Lessee held liable in damages, for failure to comply therewith, if compliance is prevented by, or if such failure is the result of, any such Law, Order, Rule or Regulation, or if prevented by an act of God, of the public enemy, labor disputes, inability to obtain material, failure of transportation, or other cause beyond the control of Lessee.

If, during the term of this lease, oil or gas or other hydrocarbons or other mineral is discovered upon the leased premises, but Lessee is prevented from producing the same by reason of any of the causes set out in Section 9, this lease shall nevertheless be considered as producing and shall continue in full force and effect until Lessee is permitted to produce the oil, gas, other hydrocarbons, or other mineral and as long thereafter as such production continues in paying quantities or drilling or reworking operations are continued as elsewhere herein provided.

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