

Kathleen Sebelius, Governor Thomas E. Wright, Chairman Michael C. Moffet, Commissioner Joseph F. Harkins, Commissioner

March 20, 2009

WELDA BATES ARES ENERGY LTD 303 W WALL STE 900 MIDLAND TEXAS 79701

RE: LEASE: BEHNKE 3-29

LEGAL: 2310'FNL-1650'FEL 29-18S-09W

COUNTY: RICE

API NO: 15159225080000

Dear Ms. Bates:

This letter is to inform you that **you have been granted a <u>brief</u> extension** of time in which to close the drilling pits associated with the drilling of the Behnke 3-29 well. The well was inspected by district staff, March 19, and a small amount of water was found in the pit.

The original 365 days for closure expired October 30, 2007. This extension will expire April 20, 2009. We urge you to make every effort to close these pits within this time frame. Since there is water standing in these pits, please dewater and dispose of fluids in an authorized disposal facility to expedite closure. Extension of this time frame automatically extends the time period for filing the Closure of Surface Pit form.

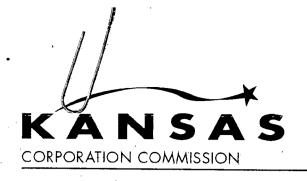
Failure to close the pit or request an additional extension prior to the expiration date may result in a fine in accordance with K.A.R. 82-3-602(a). An additional extension will only be granted for good cause and after K.C.C. field staff has made an inspection of the site. Should field staff discover that said pit has been closed before the date of extension request, an administrative penalty may be assessed to you through K.C.C. invoice.

If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact Jonelle Rains at (316) 337-6226.

Very sincerely yours,

Doug Louis Director

cc: Jonelle Rains District # 2



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MEMORANDUM

District 2

From: Sammy K. Flaharty

Date: March 17, 2009

Re:

Pit Extensions

The following operators have requested additional extensions of time in which to fill the pits associated with the given lease. Please inspect the lease and let me know what your recommendations are. Your time and work are appreciated.

Both wells belong to Ares Energy LTD

Schroeder Maes Huff 1-34 SWD 2287'FSL-1177'FEL 34-17S-10W

Ellsworth County 15053211930000

Spud 12/14/06 pit extension expires 4/6/09

Behnke 3-29

2310'FNL-1650'FEL 29-18S-09W

Rice County

15159225080000

Spud 10/31/06 pit extension expires 3/21/09

CONSERVATION DIVISION



March 16, 2009

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Kansas Corporation Commission Attention: Sammy Flaharty 130 South Market, Room – 2078 Wichita, Kansas 67202

Re:

Closure of Drilling Pit

Behnke Lease Well No. 3-29

SESWNE 29-18S-9W Rice County, Kansas API No. 15159225080000

Yelda & Bates

Dear Ms. Flaharty:

Pursuant to letter dated January 23, 2009, pertaining to the captioned well, we hereby request an extension of time for pit closure due to weather related issues.

Thank you for your understanding of our situation in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at ARES Energy, Ltd. at the telephone number shown on the letterhead.

Very truly yours,

ARES ENERGY, LTD.

Welda J. Bates Land Administrator

Enclosures

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