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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 brief 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Louis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Doug Louis  
Director

cc: Jonelle Rains  
District # 2

MEMORANDUM

To: 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

*load of water in pit to pink operators called 3/19/09*  
*Weged (teacher) remove water*  
*close pits in 30 days for work*  
*give till 4/20/09*

3/24/09

# ARES ENERGY LTD.

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

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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