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January 23, 2009

JOHN NIERNBERGER  
RITCHIE EXPLORATION INC  
P O BOX 783188  
8100 E 22<sup>ND</sup> ST N BLDG 700  
WICHITA KS 67278-3188

RE: LEASE: SHARP 2  
LEGAL: 1146'FSL-1376'FEL 06-17S-30W  
COUNTY: LANE  
API NO: 15101220280000

Dear Mr. Niernberger:

This letter is to inform you that you have been granted an extension of time in which to close the drilling pits associated with the drilling of the Sharp 2 well.

The original 365 days for closure expired July 9, 2008. This extension will expire April 15, 2009.

We urge you to make every effort to close these pits within this time frame. In the event 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 # 1

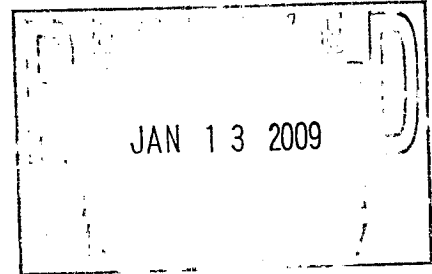
MEMORANDUM

*FROM:* ~~RE:~~ District 1

*TO* ~~FROM:~~ Sammy K. Flaharty *SKF*

**Date:** January 12, 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.

Ritchie Exploration Inc.  
Sharp 2  
1146'FSL-1376'FEL 06-17S-30W  
Lane County  
15101220280000  
Spud 7/9/07 pit extension expired 1/9/09

*4 month Extension  
S. Dumont 1-15-09*

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January 8, 2009

Re: Sharp #2 – drilling pits  
1146' FSL & 1376' FEL  
Sec 6-17S-30W  
Lane county, KS.  
API # 15-101-22028-00-00

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TO: Sammy Flaharty  
Kansas Corporation Commission  
Conservation Division – Finney State Office Building  
130 S. Market, Room 2078  
Wichita, KS. 67202-3802

Sammy Flaharty,

Ritchie Exploration, Inc. requests a 90-day pit closure extension, from the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 expiration date, to April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009; due to extremely wet weather conditions in this area over the last year.

The well was spud July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007, and Dry & Abandoned on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Partial backfills of the drilling pits were performed on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, and again on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008. On December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008, rain water was removed from the pits, and partially backfilled down to an area of only 30' x 50' remaining. We have been in contact with the landowner throughout the process, and is supportive of our efforts.

Please feel free to call me at the office at (316) 691-9520 if you have questions or concerns. Thanks for your time and help with this matter.

Sincerely,

John Niernberger  
Production Manager