

STATE OF NEVADA §
 §
COUNTY OF EUREKA §

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**RELEASE OF
OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASES**

ORYX ENERGY COMPANY (formerly named Sun Exploration and Production Company), P.O. Box 2880, Dallas, Texas 75221-2880, does hereby release, relinquish and surrender all of its right, title and interest in and to the oil, gas and mineral leases identified and described on Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof, as to all lands covered thereby, said oil, gas and mineral leases being recorded in the records of and covering lands situated in the County of Eureka, State of Nevada.,

EXECUTED as of the 5th day of June, 1996.

ORYX ENERGY COMPANY

By: *Kurt P. McCaslin*
Attorney-in-Fact

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF DALLAS §

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, on this day personally appeared *Kurt P. McCaslin*, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument as Attorney-in-Fact of ORYX ENERGY COMPANY, and acknowledged to me that he subscribed the name of such corporation as principal and his own name as Attorney-in-Fact, and that such corporation executed said instrument by and through him for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 6 day of June, 1996.

Judy K. Moss
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



EXHIBIT "A"
EUREKA COUNTY, NEVADA

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724455
SPL LEASE NO.: 5873
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
LEASE DATE: 12/28/83
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 124 PAGE 072
DESCRIPTION: Township 31 North, Range 46 East
Section 27: All
Section 29: All
Section 31: All
Section 33: All
Section 35: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724456
SPL LEASE NO.: 5874
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 590
DESCRIPTION: Township 34 North, Range 48 East
Section 5: N/2 & SW/4
Section 5: SE/4
Section 9: NE/4 & SW/4
Section 9: NW/4
Section 17: SE/4 NW/4
Section 17: W/2 NW/4
Section 23: All
Section 27: All
Township 35 North, Range 48 East
Section 33: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724457
SPL LEASE NO.: 5875
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 569
DESCRIPTION: Township 35 North, Range 48 East
Section 1: All
Section 21: All
Section 29: All
Township 35 North, Range 49 East
Section 1: All
Section 13: All, except entry through the upper 250' of sub-surface

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724458
SPL LEASE NO.: 5876
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 562
DESCRIPTION: Township 33 North, Range 49 East
Section 3: Lots 1 & 2, S/2 NE/4 & SE/4
Section 11: All, except entry through the upper 250' of sub-surface
Township 34 North, Range 49 East

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724459
SPL LEASE NO.: 5877
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 583
DESCRIPTION: Township 34 North, Range 49 East
Section 1: All, except entry through the upper 250' of sub-surface
Section 12: All, except entry through the upper 250' of sub-surface
Section 13: All, except entry through the upper 250' of sub-surface
Township 35 North, Range 49 East
Section 25: All, except entry through the upper 250' of sub-surface
Section 36: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724462
SPL LEASE NO.: 5880
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
LEASE DATE: 12/28/83
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 124 PAGE 072
DESCRIPTION: Township 29 North, Range 47 East
Section 1: All
Section 11: All
Section 13: All
Section 23: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724463
SPL LEASE NO.: 5881
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
and Reading & Bates Petroleum Co.
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 429
DESCRIPTION: Township 29 North, Range 48 East
Section 1: All
Section 5: All
Township 30 North, Range 47 East
Section 25: All
Township 30 North, Range 48 East
Section 31: All
Section 33: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724464
SPL LEASE NO.: 5882
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
and Reading & Bates Petroleum Co.
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 422
DESCRIPTION: Township 29 North, Range 48 East
Section 7: All
Section 9: All
Section 11: All
Section 13: All
Section 15: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724465
SPL LEASE NO.: 5883

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724466
SPL LEASE NO.: 5884
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
and Reading & Bates Petroleum Co.
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 112 PAGE 181
DESCRIPTION: Township 29 North, Range 48 East
Section 27: All
Section 29: All
Section 31: All
Section 33: All
Section 35: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724467
SPL LEASE NO.: 5885
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 213
DESCRIPTION: Township 30 North, Range 48 East
Section 1: All
Township 31 North, Range 48 East
Section 23: All
Section 25: All
Section 35: All
Township 30 North, Range 49 East
Section 5: Lots 3, 4, S/2 NW, S/2
Section 5: NE

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724468
SPL LEASE NO.: 5886
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 111 PAGE 060
DESCRIPTION: Township 30 North, Range 48 East
Section 3: All
Section 5: All
Section 7: All
Section 9: All
Section 11: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724469
SPL LEASE NO.: 5887
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 111 PAGE 052
DESCRIPTION: Township 30 North, Range 48 East
Section 13: All
Section 15: All
Section 17: All
Section 19: All
Section 21: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724470
SPL LEASE NO.: 5888

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724471
SPL LEASE NO.: 5889
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 548
DESCRIPTION: Township 28 North, Range 49 East
Section 5: All
Section 9: All
Section 17: All
Township 29 North, Range 49 East
Section 31: All
Section 35: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724472
SPL LEASE NO.: 5890
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
and Reading & Bates Petroleum Co.
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 576
DESCRIPTION: Township 29 North, Range 49 East
Section 1: All
Township 29 North, Range 50 East
Section 1: All
Section 3: All
Section 5: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724473
SPL LEASE NO.: 5891
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 185
DESCRIPTION: Township 29 North, Range 49 East
Section 3: All
Section 5: Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 11 & 12
Section 5: NE, S/2
Section 7: All
Section 9: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724474
SPL LEASE NO.: 5892
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
and Reading & Bates Petroleum Co.
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 206
DESCRIPTION: Township 29 North, Range 49 East
Section 11: All
Section 13: All
Section 15: All
Section 17: All
Section 19: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724475
SPL LEASE NO.: 5893
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724476
SPL LEASE NO.: 5894
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
and Reading & Bates Petroleum Co.
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 164
DESCRIPTION: Township 30 North, Range 49 East

Section 7: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 (All)
Section 9: All
Township 31 North, Range 49 East
Section 29: E 1/2
Section 29: W 1/2
Section 31: E 1/2 of W 1/2, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 &
SE 1/4
Section 31: NE 1/4
Section 33: All
Section 35: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724477
SPL LEASE NO.: 5895
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
and Reading & Bates Petroleum Co.
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 157
DESCRIPTION: Township 30 North, Range 49 East

Section 17: All
Section 19: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 (All)
Section 21: All
Section 29: All
Section 31: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 (All)
Section 33: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724478
SPL LEASE NO.: 5896
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 150
DESCRIPTION: Township 31 North, Range 49 East

Section 3: NW
Section 7: E/2 W/2, Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4
Section 7: E/2
Section 13: All
Section 15: All
Section 17: E/2
Section 17: W/2

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724479
SPL LEASE NO.: 5897
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 171
DESCRIPTION: Township 31 North, Range 49 East

Section 19: E/2 W/2, Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724480
SPL LEASE NO.: 5898
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
and Reading & Bates Petroleum Co. (25%)
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 248
DESCRIPTION: Township 29 North, Range 50 East
Section 7: All
Section 9: All
Section 11: All
Section 15: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724481
SPL LEASE NO.: 5899
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
and Reading & Bates Petroleum Co.
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 241
DESCRIPTION: Township 29 North, Range 50 East
Section 17: All
Section 19: All
Section 21: All
Section 29: All
Section 31: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724482
SPL LEASE NO.: 5900
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
and Reading & Bates Petroleum Co.
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 234
DESCRIPTION: Township 30 North, Range 50 East
Section 1: All
Section 11: All
Section 13: All
Section 35: All
Township 30 North, Range 51 East
Section 5: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724484
SPL LEASE NO.: 5901
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
and Reading & Bates Petroleum Co.
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 227
DESCRIPTION: Township 30 North, Range 51 East
Section 7: All
Section 17: All
Section 19: All
Section 29: All
Section 31: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724485
SPL LEASE NO.: 5902
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
and Reading & Bates Petroleum Co.
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 220
DESCRIPTION: Township 28 North, Range 51 East
Section 1: Lots 1,2. & 5 & SW/4 NE/4
Section 3: Lots 1 & 2 & S/2 NE/4
Section 9: NE/4
Section 11: NE/4
Section 13: Lots 1 & 2 & W/2 NE/4
Section 15: NE/4
Section 17: All
Township 29 North, Range 51 East
Section 13: NE/4
Section 15: All
Section 23: NE/4
Section 25: NE/4
Section 27: NE/4
Section 33: NE/4
Section 35: NE/4

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724486
SPL LEASE NO.: 5903
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
and Reading & Bates Petroleum Co.
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 192
DESCRIPTION: Township 29 North, Range 51 East
Section 1: Lots 1,2. & S/2 NE/4
Section 3: All
Section 11: NE/4
Township 30 North, Range 51 East
Section 13: NE/4
Section 23: All
Section 25: NE/4
Section 27: All
Section 35: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724487
SPL LEASE NO.: 5904
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
and Reading & Bates Petroleum Co.
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 199
DESCRIPTION: Township 30 North, Range 51 East
Section 1: Lots 1,2
Section 11: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724492
SPL LEASE NO.: 5909
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724494
SPL LEASE NO.: 5911
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 124 PAGE 029
DESCRIPTION: Township 33 North, Range 52 East
Section 19: All
Section 31: All

ORYX LEASE NO.: 724660
SPL LEASE NO.: 5878
LESSOR: Southern Pacific Land Company
LESSEE: Sun Exploration and Production Company
LEASE DATE: 12/1/82
RECORDING DATA: BOOK 110 PAGE 555
DESCRIPTION: Township 35 North, Range 49 East
Section 24: All, except entry through the upper 250' of sub-surface