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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 1004-0034
Expires: July 31, 1995

ASSIGNMENT OF RECORD TITLE INTEREST IN A
LEASE FOR OIL AND GAS OR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES

General Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.)
Act for Acquired Lands of 1947 (30 U.S.C. 351-359)
Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1001-1025)
Department of Interior Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 1981 (42 U.S.C. 6508)

Lease Serial No.
N-65583
Lease Effective Date
(Anniversary Date)
July 1, 1999
New Serial No.

Fill in or print plainly in ink and sign in ink.

PART A: ASSIGNMENT

1. Assignee* YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION 10.00%
Street 105 Southfourth Street
City, State, ZIP Code Artesia, NM 88210

*If more than one assignee, check here list the name(s) and address(es) of all additional assignees on the reverse of this form or on a separate attached sheet of paper.

This record title assignment is for: (Check) Oil and Gas Lease, or Geothermal Lease

Interest conveyed: (Check one or both, as appropriate) Record Title, Overriding Royalty, payment out of production or other similar interests or payments

2. This assignment conveys the following into:

| Land Description <small>Additional space on reverse, if needed. Do not subdivide or agreements other than this form; such documents or agreements shall only be referenced herein.</small> | Percent of Interest | | | Percent of Overriding Royalty or Similar Interests | |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| | Owned <small>b</small> | Conveyed <small>c</small> | Retained <small>d</small> | Reserved <small>e</small> | Previously reserved or conveyed <small>f</small> |
| Township 27 North, Range 51 East, MD Section 1: Lots 3-8, S2NW, Section 2: Lots 1-4, S2N2, Containing 1284.31 acres more or less Eureka County, Nevada | 50.00 | 50.00 | - 0 - | 3.00% | - 0 - |

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

This assignment is approved solely for administrative purposes. Approval does not warrant that either party to this assignment holds legal or equitable title to this lease.

Assignment approved for above described land

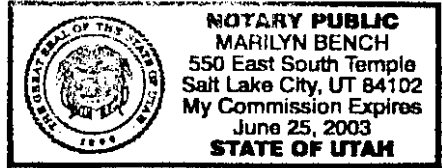
Assignment approved for attached land description

Assignment approved effective 8/3/97 PAGE 384

Assignment approved for land description indicated on reverse of this form.

By _____

YATES DRILLING COMPA 30.00%
ABO PETROLEUM CORPORATION 30.00%
MYCO INDUSTRIES, INC 30.00%
105 South Fourth Street
Artesia, NM 88210



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF UTAH)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SALT LAKE)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 1st day of May, 2002, by Peter M. Johnson, President, Oil Division of Sinclair Oil Corporation a Wyoming corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

My Commission Expires: 6-25-03

Marilyn Bench
Notary Public

PART: CERTIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

- 1. The Assignor certifies as owner of an interest in the above designated lease that he/she hereby assigns to the above assignee(s) the rights specified above.
- 2. Assignee certifies as follows: (a) Assignee is a citizen of the United States; an association of such citizens; a municipality; or a corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any State or territory thereof. For the assignment of NPR-A leases, assignee is a citizen, national, or resident alien of the United States or association of such citizens, nationals, resident aliens or private, public or municipal corporations; (b) Assignee is not considered a minor under the laws of the State in which the lands covered by this assignment are located; (c) Assignee's chargeable interests, direct and indirect, in each public domain and acquired lands separately in the same State not exceed 246,080 acres in oil and gas leases (of which up to 200,000 acres may be in oil and gas options), or 300,000 acres in leases in each leasing tract in Alaska of which up to 200,000 acres may be in options, if this is an oil and gas lease issued in accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, or 200 acres in any one State if this is a geothermal lease; (d) All parties holding an interest in the assignment are otherwise in compliance with the regulations (43 CFR Group 3100 or 3200) and the authorizing Acts; (e) Assignee is in compliance with reclamation requirements for all Federal oil and gas leaseholdings as required by sec. 17(g) of the Mineral Leasing Act; and (f) Assignee is not in violation of sec. 41 of the Mineral Leasing Act.
- 3. Assignee's signature to this assignment constitutes acceptance of all applicable terms, conditions, stipulations and restrictions pertaining to the lease described herein.

For geothermal assignments, an overriding royalty may not be less than one-fourth (1/4) of one percent of the value of output, nor greater than 50 percent of the rate of royalty due to the United States when this assignment is added to all previously created overriding royalties (43 CFR 3241).

I certify that the statements made herein by me true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

Executed this 1st day of May, 2002

Executed this _____ day of _____, 19__

Name of Assignor as shown on current lease SINCLAIR OIL CORPORATION
Please type or print

Assignor [Signature]
or Peter M. Johnson, President, Oil Division
Attorney-in-fact (Signature)

Assignee _____
or
Attorney-in-fact _____ (Signature)

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Gates Petroleum
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M.N. REBALEATI, RECORDER
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P.O. Box 30825
(Assignor's Address)
Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0825
(City) (St) (Zip Code)

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