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March 1, 2005

Kerr-McGee Rocky Mountain Corporation  
Attn: Jim Wason  
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Re: Request For Consent to Exception Location  
Helms H 12-14D Well  
Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.  
Section 12: SE&W  
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Jim:

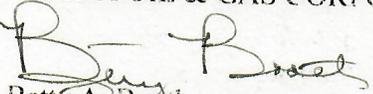
Patina Oil & Gas Corporation ("Patina") requests your written consent to an exception location for the captioned well (the "Well") to be drilled to test the Dakota/J Sand formation. Patina has staked the Well at an exception location 395' FSL and 1990' FWL which is 74' south of the drilling window prescribed in Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC") Rule 318A.a.(1). A copy of the survey plat is attached.

Pursuant to Rule 318.c. of the COGCC, Patina requests your written consent to this exception location. If you object to the exception location, please send your written objection to Patina within ten (10) days from your receipt of this letter.

If you have no objection to the referenced Well location, please evidence your consent to the exception location by returning one signed copy of this letter to the undersigned at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

PATINA OIL & GAS CORPORATION

  
Betty A. Booth  
Senior Landman

Approved and consented to this 30 day of March, 2005.

KERR-McGEE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CORPORATION

BY: 