PAID UP OIL AND GAS LEASE



PROD 88

Grant of Leased Premises. In consideration of a cash bonus in hand paid and the covenants herein contained, Lessor hereby grants, leases and lets exclusively to Lessoe the following described land, hereinafter called leased premises (use Exhibit "A" for long description):

Township 156 North, Range 101 West Section 3: S/2 Section 4: SE/4 Section 9: NW/4, SE/4 Section 10: SW/4, N/2

See Exhibit 'A' attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

In the County of <u>Williams</u>, State of <u>North Dakota</u>, containing <u>1280.00</u> gross acres, more or less (including any interests therein which Lessor may hereafter acquire by reversion, prescription or otherwise), for the purpose of exploring for, developing, producing and marketing oil and gas, along with all hydrocarbon and nonhydrocarbon substances produced in association therewith ("Oil and Gas Substances"). The term "gas" as used herein includes helium, carbon dioxide, gaseous sulfur compounds, methane produced from coal formations and other commercial gases, as well as normal hydrocarbon gases. In addition to the above-described land, this lease and the term "leased premises" also covers accretions and any small strips or parcels of land now or hereafter owned by Lessor which are contiguous or adjacent to the above-described land, and, in consideration of the aforementioned cash bonus, Lessor agrees to execute at Lessee's request any additional or supplemental instruments for a more complete or accurate description of the fand so covered. For the purpose of determining the amount of any payments based on acreege hereunder, the number of gross acres above specified shall be deemed correct, whether actually more or less.

- 1. Ancillary Rights. The rights granted to Lessee hereunder shall include the right of ingress and egress on the leased premises or lands pooled or unitized therewith, along with such rights as may be reasonably necessary or beneficial to conduct operations for exploring, developing, producing end marketing Oil and Gas Substances, including but not limited to geophysical operations, the drilling of wells, and the construction and use of roads, canals, pipelines, tanks, water wells, disposal wells, injection wells, pits, electric and telephone lines, power stations, and other facilities for Lessee to explore, discover, produce, store, treat and/or transport Oil and Gas Substances and water produced from the leased premises or other lands that share central facilities and are jointly operated with the leased premises for gathering, treating, compression, transporting, processing and water disposal. Lessee may use in such operations, free of cost, any oil, gas, water and/or other substances produced on the leased premises or lands pooled or unitized therawith, the anciliary rights granted herein shall apply (a) to the entire leased premises, notwithstanding any partial release or other partial termination of this lease; and (b) to any other lands in which Lessor now or hereafter has authority to grant such rights in the vicinity of the leased premises or lands pooled or unitized therewith. When requested by Lessor in writing, Lessee shall bury its pipelines below ordinary plow depth on cultivated lands. No well shall be located less than 200 feet from any house or barn now on the leased premises or other lands of Lessor used by Lessee hereunder, without Lessor's consent, and Lessee shall pay for damage caused by its operations to buildings and other improvements now on the leased premises or such other lands, and to commercial timber and growing crops thereon. Lessee shall have the right at any time to remove its fixtures, equipment and materials, including well casing, from the leased premises or such other lands
- Term of Lease. This lease shall be in force for a primary term of __3 years from the date hereof, and for as long thereafter as
 oil or gas or other substances covered hereby are produced in paying quantities from the teased premises or from lands pooled or
 unitized therewith or this lease is otherwise maintained in effect pursuant to the provisions hereof.
- 3. Operations. If Lessee drills a well which is incapable of producing in paying quantities (hereinafter called "dry hole") on the leased premises or lands pooled or unitized therewith, or if all production (whether or not in paying quantities) permanently ceases from any cause, including a revision of unit boundaries pursuant to the provisions of this lease or the action of any governmental authority, then in the event this lease is not otherwise being maintained in force it shall nevertheless remain in force if Lessee commences further operations for reworking an existing well or for drilling an additional well or for otherwise obtaining or reatoring production on the leased premises or lands pooled or unitized therewith within 90 days after completion of operations on such dry hole or within 90 days after such cessetion of all production. If after the primary term this lease is not otherwise being maintained in force, but Lessee is then engaged in Operations, as defined below, this lease shall remain in force so long as any one or more of such Operations are prosecuted with no interruption of more than 90 consecutive days, and if any such Operations result in the production of Oil and Gas Substances, as long thereafter as there is production in paying quantities from the leased premises or lands pooled or unitized therewith. After completion of a well capable of producing in paying quantities hereunder, Lessee shall drill such additional wells on the leased premises or lands pooled or unitized therewith as a reasonably prudent operator would drill under the same or similar circumstances to (a) develop the leased premises as to reservoirs then capable of producing in paying quantities on the leased premises or lands pooled or unitized therewith. There shall be no covenant to drill exploratory wells or any additional wells except as expressly provided herein. As used herein, the term Operations shall mean any activity conducted on or off the leased premises that is reasonably calculated to obtain or restore pr
- 4. Shuk-in Royalty. If after the primary term one or more wells on the leased premises or lands pooled or unitized therewith are capable of producing Oil and Gas Substances in paying quantities, but such well or wells are either shut in or production therefrom is not being sold by Lessee, such well or wells shall nevertheless be deemed to be producing in paying quantities for the purpose of maintaining this lease. If for a period of 90 consecutive days such well or wells are shut in or production therefrom is not sold by Lessee, then Lessee shall pay an aggregate shut-in royalty of one dollar per acre then covered by this lease. The payment shall be made to Lesser on or before the first anniversary date of the lease following the end of the 90-day period and thereafter on or before each anniversary while the well or wells are shut in or production therefrom is not being sold by Lessee; provided that if this lease is otherwise being maintained by operations under this lease, or if production is being sold by Lessee from another well or