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SPECIAL NOTICE

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TO:

ALL COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS DOING BUSINESS

WITH THE STATE MINERAL BOARD

FROM:

FREDERICK D. HECK

CHIEF LANDMAN

DATE:

September 17, 2002

Tract Nos. 34979, 34980, 34981 and 34982 are being added to the October 9, 2002 Mineral Lease Sale, by special request.

TRACT 34979 - Lake Borgne Area, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana

All of the lands now or formerly constituting the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description, and all islands and other lands formed by accretion, where allowed by law, or by reliction, excepting tax adjudicated lands, belonging to the State of Louisiana and not presently under mineral lease on October 9, 2002, situated in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point having Coordinates of X = 2,546,870.98 and Y =447,168.46; thence North 13,958.05 feet to the most Northerly Southwest corner of State Lease No. 17148 having Coordinates of X = 2,546,870.98 and Y = 461,126.51; thence along the boundary of said State Lease No. 17148 the following courses: South 47 degrees 07 minutes 16 seconds East 1,910.50 feet, East 2,100.00 feet and North 2,100.00 feet to the Northeast said State Lease No. 17148 having Coordinates of 2,550,370.98 and Y = 461,926.51; thence East 5,629.02 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 2,556,000.00 and Y = 461,926.51; thence South 14 degrees 04 minutes 28 seconds West 15,214.80 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 2,552,300.00 and Y = 447,168.46; thence West 5,429.02 feet to the point of beginning, LESS AND EXCEPT that portion of the Biloxi Wildlife Management Area that may lie within the above described tract, containing approximately 1,619 acres, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources, Department of Natural Resources, as provided by the applicant. All bearings, distances and coordinates are based on Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927, (North or South Zone), where applicable.

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NOTE: The Office of Mineral Resources will require a minimum bonus of \$230 per acre and a minimum royalty of 23%.

NOTE: The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has designated certain areas in the coastal waters of the State of Louisiana as Oyster Seed Bed Areas. The exact location of those Seed Bed Areas must be obtained from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and any work done under a mineral lease from the State of Louisiana may necessarily be conducted in

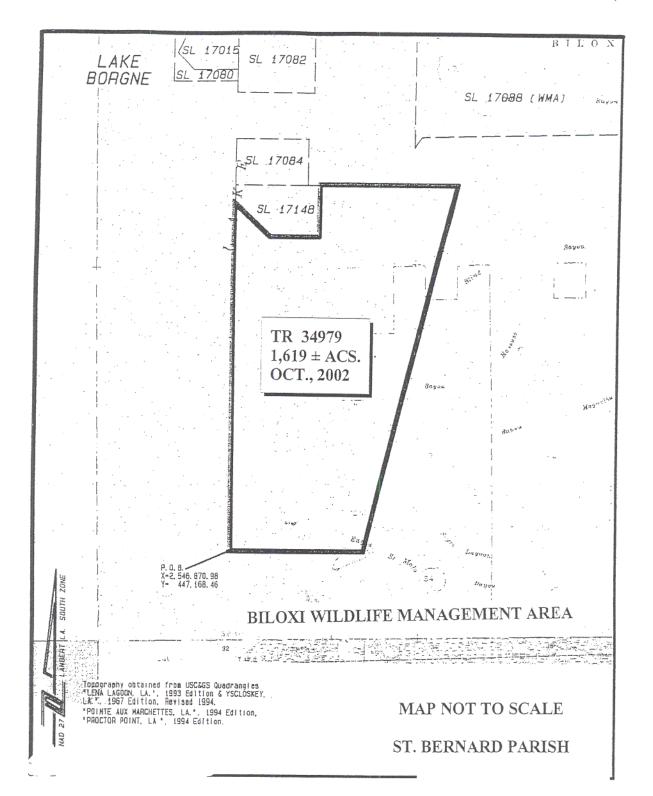
conformity with the rules and regulations promulgated by the said Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for Oyster Seed Bed Areas.

NOTE: This Tract may be located within a Wildlife Management Area, Refuge, Game Preserve or other area under the management and jurisdiction of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. As such, any specific rules and regulations promulgated by said Department for the respective Wildlife Management Area, Refuges, Game Preserves or similar areas, as well as the following, may be, but are not necessarily, applicable to lease operations on this Tract:

- 1. No activities will be allowed without written authorization from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.
- 2. Projects will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Modifications to projects may be required including, but not limited to, access routes, spoil placement, well sites, flow lines and other appurtenant structures.
- 3. Mitigation will be required to offset avoidable wetland impacts.
- 4. Removal of all structures, facilities, and equipment will be required within 120 days of abandonment unless otherwise agreed to be the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.
- 5. Prior to submitting applications for wetland permits to Federal and State permitting agencies the lease holder shall coordinate project details with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Fur and Refuge Division. Contact person for the Department will be Mike Windham at (504) 568-5886.

NOTE: The State of Louisiana does hereby reserve, and this lease shall be subject to, the imprescriptible right of surface use in the nature of a servitude in favor of the Department of Natural Resources, including its purpose of and Commissions, for the sole implementing, constructing, servicing and maintaining approved coastal zone management and/or restoration projects. Utilization of any and all rights derived under this lease by the mineral lessee, its agents, successors or assigns, shall not interfere with nor hinder the reasonable surface use by the Department of Natural Resources, its Offices or Commissions, as herein above reserved.

Bidder	Cash Payment	Price / Acre	Rental	Oil	Gas	Other



TRACT 34980 - Portion of Block 14, Chandeleur Sound Area, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana

All of the lands now or formerly constituting the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description, and all islands and other lands formed by accretion, where allowed by law, or by reliction, and excepting tax adjudicated lands, belonging to the State of Louisiana and not presently under mineral lease on October 9, 2002, situated in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point being the Southeast corner of Block 14, Chandeleur Sound Area, having Coordinates of X = 2,753,350.00 and Y = 440,330.00; thence West 11,683.00 feet to the Southeast corner of State Lease No. 17393 having Coordinates of X = 2,741,667.00 and Y = 440,330.00; thence along said State Lease No. 17393 the following courses: North 4,136.49 feet, North 80 degrees 18 minutes 17 seconds East 4,370.42 feet and North 2,502.50 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 2,745,975.00 and Y =447,705.00; thence East 7,375.00 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 2,753,350.00 and Y = 447,705.00; thence South 7,375.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately 1,694.12 acres, all particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources, Department of Natural Resources, as provided by the applicant. All bearings, distances and coordinates are based on Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927, (North or South Zone), where applicable.

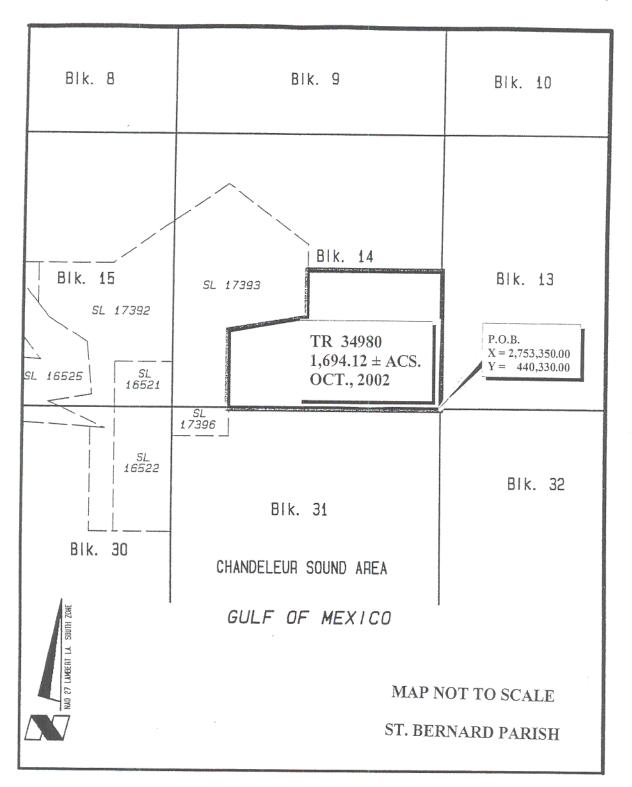
NOTE: The above description of the Tract nominated for lease has been provided and corrected, where required, exclusively by the nomination party. Any mineral lease selected from this Tract and awarded by the Louisiana State Mineral Board shall be without warranty of any kind, either express, implied, or statutory, including, but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. Should the mineral lease awarded by the Louisiana State Mineral Board be subsequently modified, cancelled or abrogated due to the existence of conflicting leases, operating agreements, private claims or other future obligations or conditions which may affect all or any portion of the leased Tract, it shall not relieve the Lessee of the obligation to pay any bonus due thereon to the Louisiana State Mineral Board, not shall the Louisiana State Mineral Board be obligated to refund any consideration paid by the Lessor prior to such modification, cancellation, or abrogation, including, but not limited to, bonuses, rentals and royalties.

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TRACT 34981 - Portion of Block 31, Chandeleur Sound Area, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana

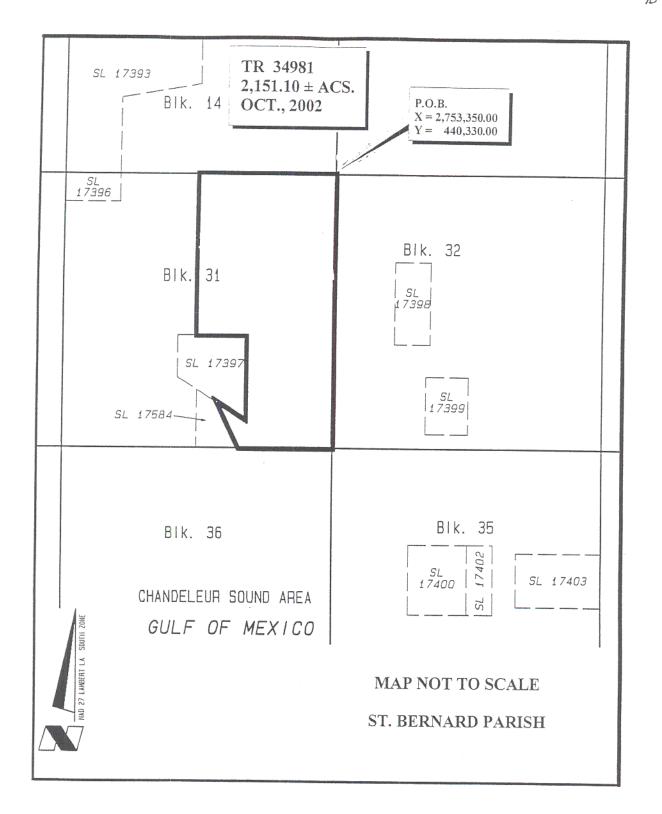
All of the lands now or formerly constituting the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description, and all islands and other lands formed by accretion, where allowed by law, or by reliction, excepting tax adjudicated lands, belonging to the State of Louisiana and not presently under mineral lease on October 9, 2002, situated in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point being the Northeast corner of Block 31, Chandeleur Sound Area, having Coordinates of X = 2,753,350.00 and Y = 440,330.00; thence South 14,750.00 feet on the East line of said Block 31 to its Southeast corner having Coordinates of X = 2,753,350.00 and Y =425,580.00; thence West 5,050.15 feet on the South line of said Block 31 to the Southeast corner of State Lease No. 17584 having Coordinates of X = 2,748,299.85 and Y = 425,580.00; thence North 25 degrees 56 minutes 02 seconds West 2,649.67 feet on the East line of said State Lease No. 17584 to its Northeast corner, also being a point on the Southern boundary of State Lease No. 17397 having Coordinates of X = 2,747,141.06 and Y =427,962.85; thence along the boundary of said State Lease No. 17397 the following courses: South 57 degrees 15 minutes 37 seconds East 1,861.69 feet, North 4,715.50 feet, and West 2,732.00 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 2,745,975.00 and Y = 431,671.50; thence North 8,658.50 feet to a point on the North line of said Block 31 having Coordinates of X = 2,745,975.00 and Y = 440,330.00; thence East 7,375.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately 2,151.10 acres, all particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources, Department of Natural Resources, as provided by the applicant. All bearings, distances and coordinates are based on Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927, (North or South Zone), where applicable.

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TRACT 34982 - Portion of Block 32, Chandeleur Sound Area, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana

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