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Effective Date: January 1, 1998

Western Surety Company

LICENSE AND PERMIT BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

BOND No. 68674257

That we, Fox Exploration, Inc.

of the City of Itasca, State of Illinois, as Principal, and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Indiana, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the

City of Whiting, State of Indiana, Oblige, in the penal sum of Five Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000.00),

lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the said Oblige, for which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and our legal representatives, jointly and severally by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the said Principal has been licensed Contractor

by the said Oblige.

NOW THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform the duties and in all things comply with the laws and ordinances, including all amendments thereto, pertaining to the license or permit applied for, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect until January 1st, 1999, unless renewed by Continuation Certificate.

This bond may be terminated at any time by the Surety upon sending notice in writing, by certified mail, to the clerk of the Political Subdivision with whom this bond is filed and to the Principal, addressed to them at the Political Subdivision named herein, and at the expiration of thirty-five (35) days from the mailing of said notice, this bond shall ipso facto terminate and the Surety shall thereupon be relieved from any liability for any acts or omissions of the Principal subsequent to said date.

Dated this 4th day of December, 1997

FOX EXPLORATION, INC

Principal

Principal

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By

Stephen T. Pate, President

Countersigned

By

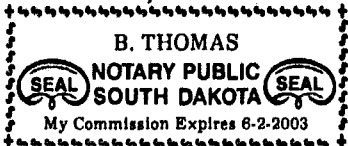
Resident Agent

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY (Corporate Officer)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA } ss
County of Minnehaha }

On this 4th day of December, 1997, before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Stephen T. Pate, who acknowledged himself to be the aforesaid officer of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation, and that he as such officer, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing the name of the corporation by himself as such officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal.



B. Thomas
Notary Public - South Dakota

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12.00
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL
(Individual or Partners)

STATE OF _____ }
County of _____ } s

On this _____ day of _____, _____, before me personally appeared

known to me to be the individual _____ described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and
acknowledged to me that _____ he _____ executed the same.

My commission expires

Notary Public

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL
(Corporate Officer)

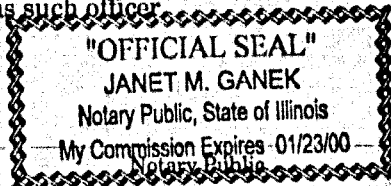
STATE OF Illinois }
County of DuPage } s

On this 8th day of December, 1997, before me

personally appeared GROVER W. FOX, who acknowledged himself to be the
President of Fox Exploration Inc., a corporation,
and that he as such officer being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes
therein contained by signing the name of the corporation by himself as such officer.

My commission expires

January, 23, 2000, Janet M. Ganek
12/8/97



Western Surety Company

License or Permit No. _____

LICENSE AND PERMIT
BOND
As

of _____

State of _____

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

Filed _____

Approved this _____

day of _____