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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

BOARD OF MINERALS AND ENVIRONMENT

CASE NO. 30-2013

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC. FOR AN
ORDER OF THE BOARD AMENDING ANY
APPLICABLE ORDERS FOR THE BUFFALO
FIELD TO POOL ALL INTERESTS FOR THE
ALDRIN 24-25H WELL, LOCATED ON A 640-
ACRE SPACING UNIT DESCRIBED AS THE
W/2 OF SECTION 24 AND THE W/2 OF
SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 3
EAST, HARDING COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA;
AND FOR SUCH OTHER RELIEF AS THE
BOARD DEEMS APPROPRIATE.**

**PETITION AND APPLICATION
OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC.**

Continental Resources, Inc. (“Continental”) and for its petition and application to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Board of Minerals and Environment (the “Board”), states and alleges as follows:

1.

Continental is the owner of an interest in the oil and gas leasehold estate underlying all or portions of the following described lands in Harding County, South Dakota:

Township 22 North, Range 3 East
Section 24: W/2
Section 25: W/2

(the “Subject Lands”)

2.

In Order No. 3-2013, the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural

Resources established the Subject Lands as a 640-acre spacing unit in the Buffalo field.

3.

That the Department of Environment and Natural Resources issued a permit to drill the Aldrin 24-25H well as a horizontal well on the Subject Lands.

4.

That Continental hereby requests the Board designate Continental as the operator of the Aldrin 24-25H well within said spacing unit.

5.

That there are both separately owned tracts and separately owned interests in the spacing unit comprised of the Subject Lands.

6.

That a voluntary pooling of the Subject Lands has not been accomplished.

7.

That Section 45-9-31 of the South Dakota Codified Laws provides as follows:

45-9-31. Order pooling all interests in spacing unit--Application by interested person--Notice and hearing--Terms and conditions. In the absence of voluntary pooling, the Board of Minerals and Environment or the secretary, as applicable, upon the application of any interested person, shall enter an order pooling all interests in the spacing unit for the development and operation of the spacing unit, and for the sharing of production from the spacing unit. Each such pooling order shall be made after notice and opportunity for hearing, and shall be upon terms and conditions that are just and reasonable, and that afford to the owner of each tract or interest in the spacing unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense, his or her just and equitable share.

8.

That Section 45-9-32 of the South Dakota Codified Laws provides as follows:

45-9-32. Order of Board of Minerals and Environment pooling all interests in spacing unit--Operation of well--Rights of owners to participate--Payment of expenses. Each such pooling order shall authorize the drilling, equipping, and operation of a well on the spacing unit; shall provide who may drill and operate the well; shall prescribe the time and manner in which all the owners in the spacing unit may elect to participate therein; and shall make provision for payment by all those who elect to participate therein of the reasonable actual cost thereof, plus a reasonable charge for supervision and interest.

9.

Continental respectfully requests that the Board enter an order to pool all interests for the Aldrin 24-25H well on a 640-acre spacing unit for the Buffalo Field described as the Subject Lands.

10.

In Continental's opinion, pooling the Subject Lands will increase the ultimate recovery of the pool, prevent waste, prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Continental respectfully requests that notice of this matter be provided as required by South Dakota laws and that thereafter the Board of Minerals and Environment enter its order granting the relief requested herein.

DATED this 1st day of August, 2013.

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