



Thompson & Associates Exploration Services Inc.



WE PUT OUR REPUTATION
ON YOUR LINE

Dave Hvinden
Industrial Commission of North Dakota
Oil and Gas Division
600 E Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck, North Dakota
U.S.A. 58505-0840

May 12, 1998

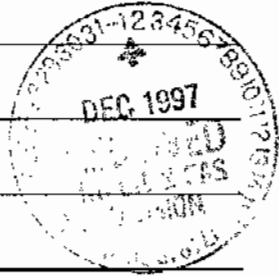
Dear Dave:

RE: CANCELLATION OF AMBER ENERGY'S GEOPHYSICAL PROGRAM
'MCHENRY 3D', STATE PERMIT # 97-0027, TA# 970283 (COPY OF
PERMIT ATTACHED).

Please be advised that the program we were to conduct in Bjornson Township (TWP 151n, RNG 80 W) has been cancelled. A permit to conduct geophysical operations was approved on December 1, 1997. All landowners have been notified and paid a signing fee. If we do decide to conduct future operations in the State of North Dakota, we will contact you. Thanks for being so helpful and cooperative.

Yours truly,

Steve Siegfried
Thompson & Associates
Exploration Services Inc.



1) a. Company VENTURE SEISMIC LTD
 b. Permanent Address & Telephone Number 3110 80th AVE SE, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2C-1J3
 c. Name & Telephone Number of Company Representative Jim Steinhouse 403-777-9070 DAN McARTHUR

2) Registered Agent & Address G.T. CORP SYSTEM 314 E MAYER, BISMARCK, N.D., 58501

3) a. Surety Company & Address UNDERWRITERS INDEMNITY COMPANY
 b. Bond Type & Number B 6735
 Shot-Hole \$50,000 No. _____ Non-Explosive \$25,000 No. _____ Driller/Hole Plugger \$10,000 No. _____
 c. Bond Expiration MAY 23/98

4) a. Subcontractor (check) TUMBLEWEED DRILLING & HOLE PLUGGING, INC.
 Driller Hole Plugger
 b. Permanent Address & Telephone Number RR# 4, BOX 92, MINOT, N.D. 58701
 c. Name & Telephone Number of Company Representative GARY HUGGETT (701) 624-5613

5) a. Surety Company & Address UNDERWRITERS INDEMNITY COMPANY
 b. Bond Number B 05476 Expiration SEPT 2/98

6) Location of Proposed Project
 County(s) MCHENRY COUNTY - BJORNSON TWP 3-D 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 MILES
 Section(s), Township(s) & Range(s)
 Sec. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 T 151N R 80W
 Sec. 22, 23, 24, 25 T 151N R 80W
 Sec. 26, 27 T 151N R 80W

7) Size of Hole	Amount of Charge	Depth	Shots Per Mile	Number of Miles	Identifying Marks Used on Non-metallic Plug
3 1/2"	2 LBS	60 feet	27	4 1/2	614

8) a. Proposed hole plugging procedure. - LOAD BENTONITE DIRECTLY ON CHARGE - FILL HOLE WITHIN 3' OF SURFACE, INSERT METAL HAT WITH I.D. #, PUT DRILL CUTTING BACK IN HOLE - LEVEL OUT AREA
 b. If other than shot-hole describe method of geophysical operation. AS PER REGS. on plastic

9) a. Project Name or Line Numbers R-1 thru R-39 b. Approx. Date Work Will Start DECEMBER 3/97 c. Approx. Date of Completion JAN 15/98
MCHENRY NORTH DAKOTA 3-D S-2 thru S-24

10) Enclose a Bureau of Land Management Map (1" = 2 Miles) with proposed line on it.

SIGNED Thompson & Associates Inc R. Steve Siegfried TITLE PERMIT AGENT/SURVEYOR DATE NOV 20/97
 Pd Ch# 0133

(This space for State office use)
 PERMIT NO. 97-027 DATE 12-1-97
 APPROVAL DATE DAVID C. HENNING
 APPROVED BY Geophysical Regulations Supervisor
1 Approvals sent 12/1/97

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL IF ANY:
 *See Instructions On Reverse Side



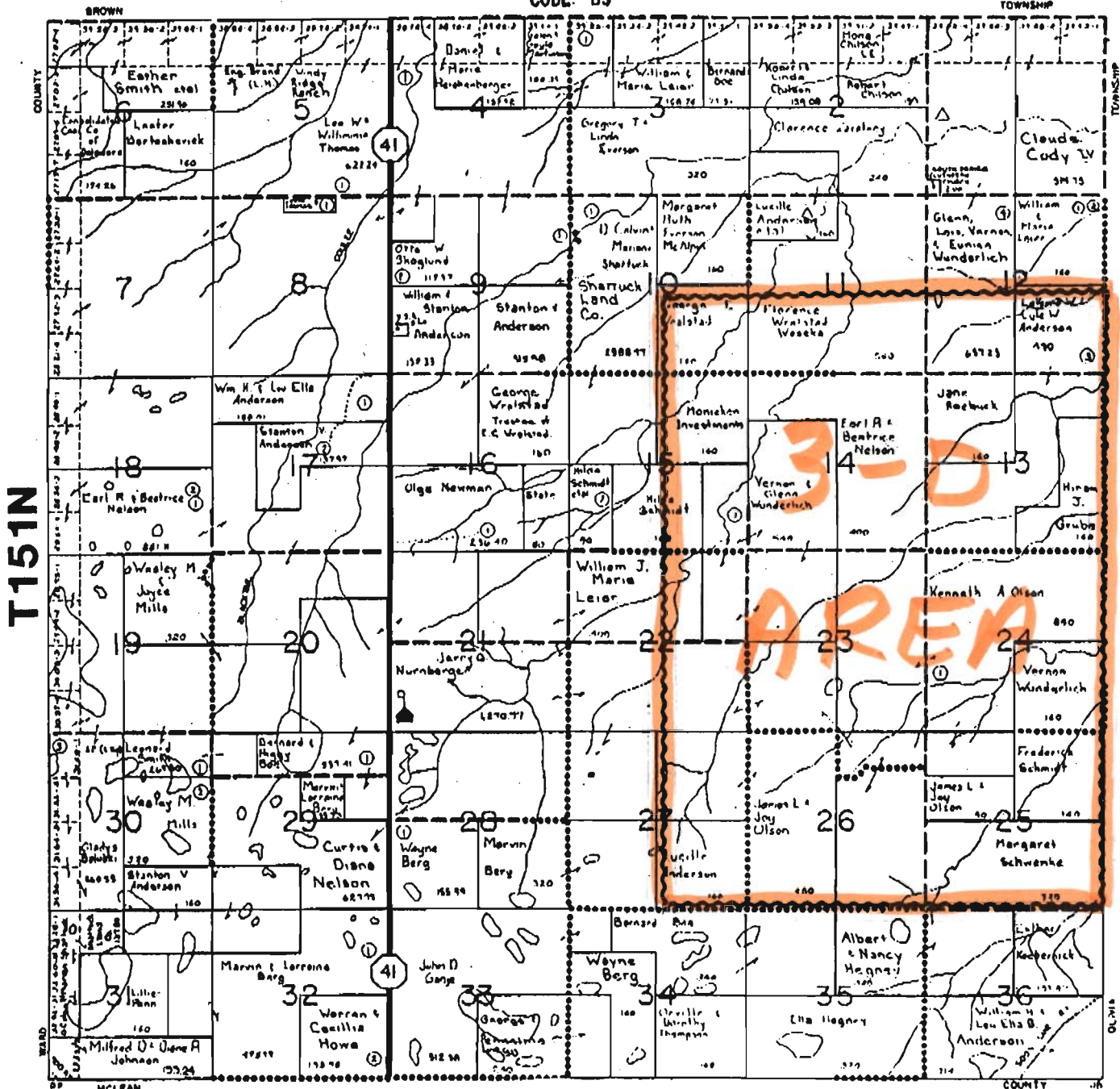
MAP OF BJORNSON



TOWNSHIP: 151 N.

RANGE: 80 W.

CODE: BS



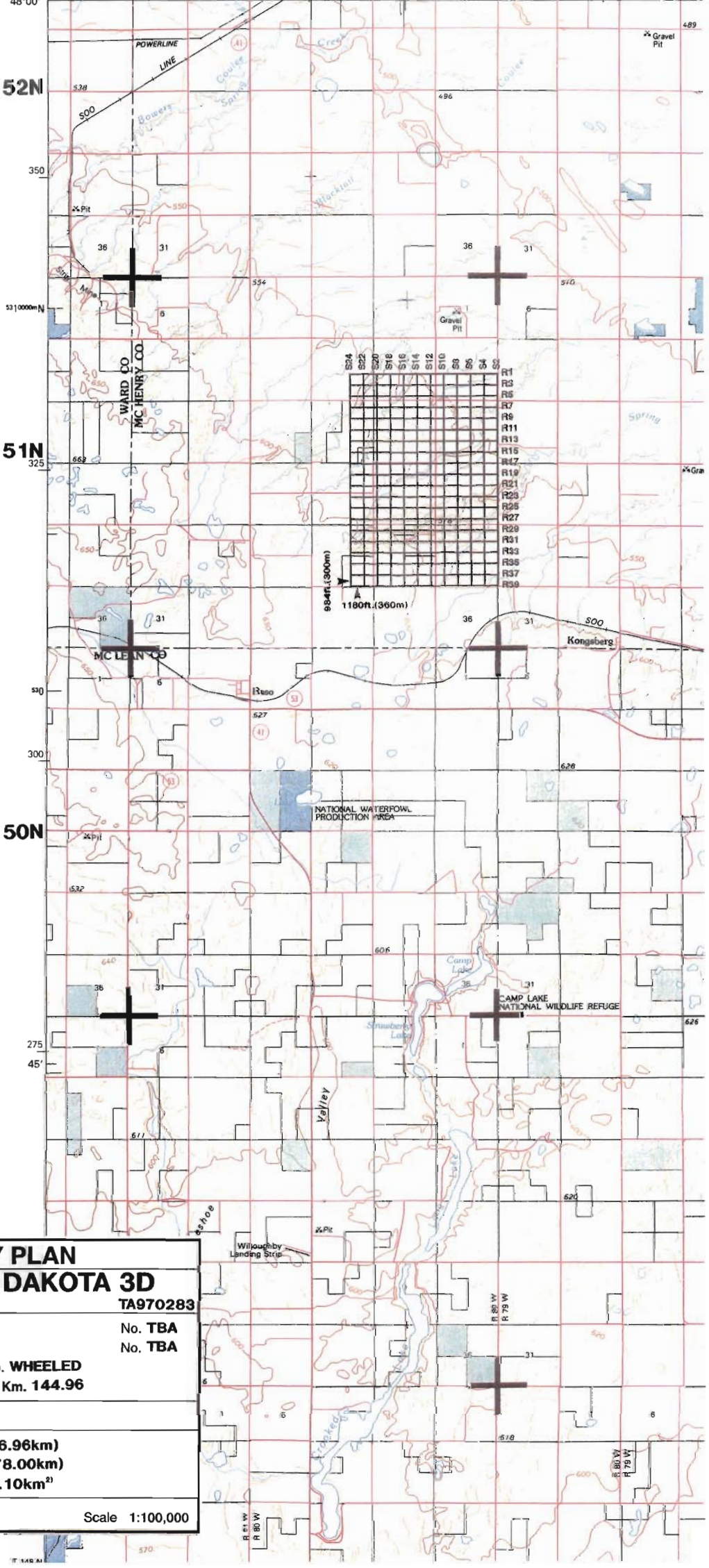
McHENRY - NORTH DAKOTA 3D

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LAND STATUS LEGEND	
Public Lands (Administered By Bureau of Land Management)	
Oregon & California Lands (O&C Lands) Coos Bay Wagon Road (CBWR)	NONE
National Forest	NONE
National Grasslands	NONE
National Parks and Monuments	NONE
Indian Lands or Reservations	NONE
Military Reservations and Withdrawals Corps of Engineers	NONE
Wildlife Refuges	
Bankhead-Jones Land Use Lands (L.U. Lands)	NONE
Tennessee Valley Authority	NONE
Patented Lands	
State Lands	
Bureau of Reclamation	
Power Withdrawals and Classifications	NONE
Federal Agency Protective Withdrawals	
Public Water Reserves	NONE
Department of Energy (DOE)	NONE
Oregon & California Lands (O&C Lands) Administered By US Forest Service	NONE
Radio & Air Facilities	NONE
Miscellaneous	NONE
State, County, City, Wildlife, Park and Outdoor Recreation Areas	NONE
Acquired Lands (By Administering Agency)	NONE

T152N
350
325
300
275
45'



PRELIMINARY PLAN	
McHENRY-NORTH DAKOTA 3D	
NOV. 3, 1997	TA970283
Licencee VENTURE SEISMIC LTD.	No. TBA
Permittee TBA	No. TBA
Source DYNAMITE	Equip. WHEELED
Total Miles 90.07	Total Km. 144.96
NORTH DAKOTA U.S.A.	
SOURCE 41.60mi(66.96km)	
RECEIVER 48.47mi.(78.00km)	
Sq.Miles 8.53 (22.10km²)	
Thompson & Associates	Scale 1:100,000

NORTH DAKOTA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

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December 1, 1997

Jim Stenhouse
Venture Seismic, Inc.
3110-80th Ave. SE
Calgary, Alberta
Canada T2C 1J3

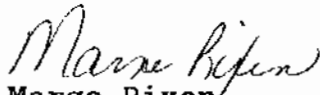
RE: GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION PERMIT NO. 97-0027
MCHENRY NORTH DAKOTA 3D, McHenry County

Dear Mr. Stenhouse:

This letter will verify the approval of the above-captioned Geophysical Permit effective December 1, 1997.

Please feel free to contact Mr. David Hvinden, Geophysical Regulation Supervisor if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,



Marge Rixen
Legal Assistant

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The Honorable LeAnn Rosencrans
McHenry County Auditor
P.O. Box 147
Towner, ND 58788

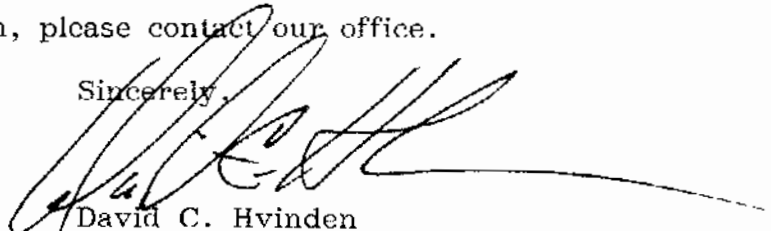
RE: Geophysical Exploration
Permit #97-0027

Dear Ms. Rosencrans:

Pursuant to Section 38-08.1-04.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, please be advised that Venture Seismic Ltd. was issued the above captioned permit on December 1, 1997 and will remain in effect for a period of one year.

Should you have any question, please contact our office.

Sincerely,



David C. Hvinden
Geophysical Regulation Supervisor

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