



GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION PERMIT

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA
 OIL AND GAS DIVISION
 600 EAST BOULEVARD DEPT 405
 BISMARCK, ND 58505-0840
 SFN 51458 (02-2008)



1) a. Company CGGVeritas Land		Address 10300 Town Park Drive Houston, Texas 77072	
Contact Doak Anderson	Telephone 832-351-1057	Fax 832-351-1021	
Surety Company US specialty Insurance	Bond Amount 50,000.00	Bond Number B000724	
2) a. Subcontractor(s)		Address	
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c. Subcontractor(s)		Address	
3) Party Manager Dave Newman		Address (local) 303-886-5164	
4) Project Name or Line Numbers Big Bakken 3D			
5) Exploration Method (Shot Hole, Non-Explosive, 2D, 3D, Other) 3D program, vibroseis			
6) Approximate Start Date September 1, 2008		Approximate Completion Date December 30, 2010	

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7) Location of Proposed Project - County County North Dakota Burke & Mountain Counties					
Section(s), Township(s) & Range(s)	Section 25 thru 36	T. 163	R. 94	9) Must supply latitudes and longitudes of post-plot source and receiver points on an SD card.	
	Section 25 thru 36	T. 163	R. 93		
	Section 29 thru 32	T. 163	R. 92		
	Section 1-5, 8, 12, 13-17, 20-24, 25-29, 32-36	T. 162	R. 94		
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Signed RD. Am	Title operations supervisor	Date 7/3/08
(This space for State office use)		Conditions of Approval if any See attached letter
Permit No. 920161	Approval Date 7/17/08	
Approved by [Signature]		
Title Mineral Resources Permit Manager		
County Approval Sent Burke & Mountain		



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	Section 5-8,17-20,29-33	T.	162	R.	92
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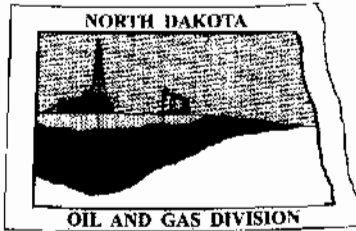
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July 17, 2008

Mr. Doak Anderson
CGGVeritas Land (U.S.) Inc.
10300 Town Park Drive
Houston, TX 77072

RE: Big Bakken 3-D
Geophysical Exploration Permit #97-0161
Burke & Mountrail Counties

Dear Mr. Anderson:

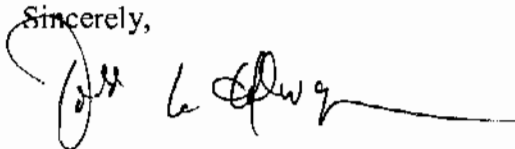
Please be advised that we are in receipt of your Geophysical Exploration permit and it is conditionally approved; effective for one year from July 17, 2008. Review the following conditions for your permit:

1. A pre-program meeting with state seismic inspector Tom Torstenson may be required. You must contact him at 701-290-1546 (cell) or 701-227-7436 at least 24 hours prior to any exploration operations.
2. All variances for distance restrictions are to be furnished, and a pre-plot map displaying any source points that do not comply with the distance restriction rule must be supplied to the inspector.
3. The following information must be submitted within 30 days of the completion of the project by the Geophysical Company:
 - a. Completion Report,
 - b. Completion Affidavit,
 - c. Post Plot Map. It must show all water wells, buildings, underground cisterns, pipelines, and flowing springs that fall within the program area and within one half mile of the perimeter of the program.
 - d. SD card with all source and receiver points,
 - e. Letter stating that the Geophysical Company has given all surface owner's a copy of the Section and Chapter of the NDCC as stated in paragraph 5.
4. The following information must be submitted within 30 days of the completion of the project by the SUBCONTRACTOR(s) (when applicable):
 - a. Plugging Report
 - b. Plugging Affidavit

5. It is required that within seven days of initial contact between the permitting agent and the operator of the land, the permitting agent shall provide the operator of the land and each landowner owning land within one-half mile of the land on which geophysical exploration activities are to be conducted a written copy of NDCC Section 38-08.1-04.1 (Exploration Permit) and NDCC Chapter 38-11.1 (Oil and Gas Production Damage Compensation). The permitting agent shall file an affidavit with this office confirming compliance with such notification. For your convenience, a copy of both Sections are enclosed.
6. The permit agent shall notify the operator of the land at least seven days before commencement of any geophysical exploration activity, unless waived by mutual agreement of both parties. The notice must include the approximate time schedule and the location of the planned activity.
7. Information regarding the location of water wells, springs, etc.; refer to the following ND State Water Commission Mapservice website, at: <http://mapservice.swc.state.nd.us/>
8. The entire permit can be viewed, as well as the status of various seismic projects in the state, at: <https://www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas/seismic/seismicstats.asp>

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, feel free to contact me at 701-328-8020, or Tom Torstenson at the number listed in paragraph 1.

Sincerely,



Todd L. Holweger
Mineral Resources Permit Manager

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July 17, 2008

The Honorable Teri Baumann
Burke County Auditor
P.O. Box 310
Bowbells, ND 58721-0310

RE: Geophysical Exploration
 Permit #97-0161

Dear Ms. Baumann:

Pursuant to Section 38-08.1-04.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, please be advised that CGGVeritas Land (U.S.) Inc. was issued the above captioned permit on July 17, 2008 and will remain in effect for a period of one year. The entire permit can be viewed on our website at: <https://www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas/scismic/scismicstats.asp>

Should you have any questions, please contact our office.

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DMR Permit manager

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