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Mr. Jay Wardner
P.O. Box 1166
Williston, ND 58801

RE: Return of Bid Bond for the 2011 Exploratory Drilling Project

Dear Mr. Wardner:

As you know, the AML Division did not award a contract for the proposed 2011 Exploratory Drilling Project due to the limited amount of federal funds that were available and higher than expected bids on our other major projects. Therefore, we are returning the bid bond that was submitted in April with your bid. I apologize for not returning this to you sooner.

We greatly appreciate your interest in the 2011 proposal. Also, this is to let you know we expect to conduct a similar exploratory drilling project in 2012. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tim Oswald or me.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch
Director
AML Division

Enclosure

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