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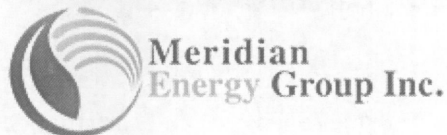
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Meridian Energy Group, Inc. Begins Civil Construction of the Davis Refinery

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Press Release:

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BELFIELD, North Dakota (Tuesday, July 17, 2018) – Meridian Energy Group, Inc., the leading developer of innovative and environmentally-compliant oil refining facilities, announced today that the company has executed a contract with SEH Design|Build, Inc. (“SEH D|B”), a subsidiary of Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (“SEH”) with an office in Bismarck, North Dakota, for the performance of site and civil design and construction services for the Davis Refinery. This announcement comes a month after the North Dakota Department of Health – Air Quality Division issued Meridian the Permit to Construct for the Davis Refinery. SEH D|B will take on a significant portion of the project, executing grading and other site work activity that is necessary for the refinery.

Exhibit A to Affidavit of JJ England

SEH D|B will lead civil construction activities by refining site grading plans to establish final grades and contours. Initial construction activities will include the installation of erosion control devices, storm water pond development and ditch shaping to establish vegetation and ensure runoff will be addressed before erosive issues develop to protect surrounding areas and existing waterways.

Dan Hedrington, SEH Principal and Senior Project Manager, had this to say, "My colleagues and I are thrilled to continue our work with Meridian Energy Group on the Davis Refinery project. This is truly a history-making event and we are eager to get started on the site work. The Davis project is an extremely environmentally sound project, and will no doubt positively impact the refining industry, North Dakota and its residents."

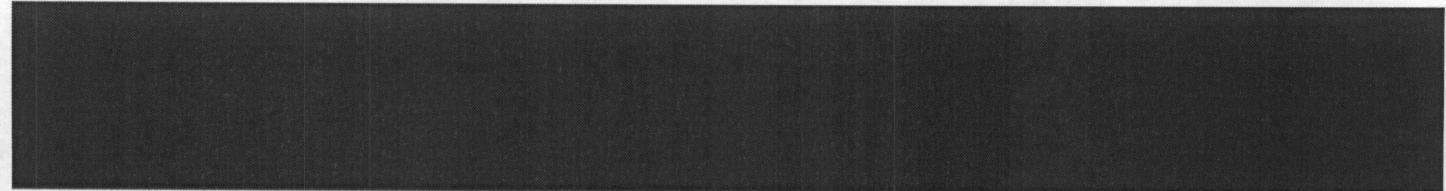
The contract with SEH D|B employs a team of local subcontractors from Belfield and surrounding areas. Martin Construction Inc., Dickinson, North Dakota's premier earthwork construction company, will be the primary site developers for the civil construction. Martin Construction Inc., President Kurt Martin commented, "It's exciting to be part of a project that brings economic stability to western North Dakota and features key advancements to cleaner refinery methods."

ABC Fencing, of Belfield, North Dakota will be responsible for installation of erosion control devices and installation of perimeter fencing designed for safety and security around the Davis site. Allan Richard, ABC Fencing CEO on the Davis Project, stated, "We are very excited as a company, and more importantly as members of the community, to see this project get off the ground. I believe everyone should look at the Davis Refinery as an opportunity to grow our small businesses, and a chance to recover some of the commerce that has left our neighborhood, such as a grocery store. Belfield, the surrounding areas and businesses deserve to have a chance to reap some of the benefits the refinery can offer."

William Prentice, CEO of Meridian, said "It is great to be finally beginning site work for Davis, and to be working with these fine local companies as we get the project moving. We already owe a lot to these firms. ABC Fencing has been involved in the Davis Refinery from the start, and Martin Construction has provided valuable guidance during construction planning for Davis. SEH has been instrumental in moving the project forward, not only in general site planning and engineering, but mostly in their involvement in the permitting of the Davis Refinery. We are grateful to these firms, and proud to be continuing the relationship."

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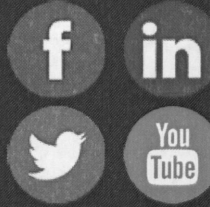
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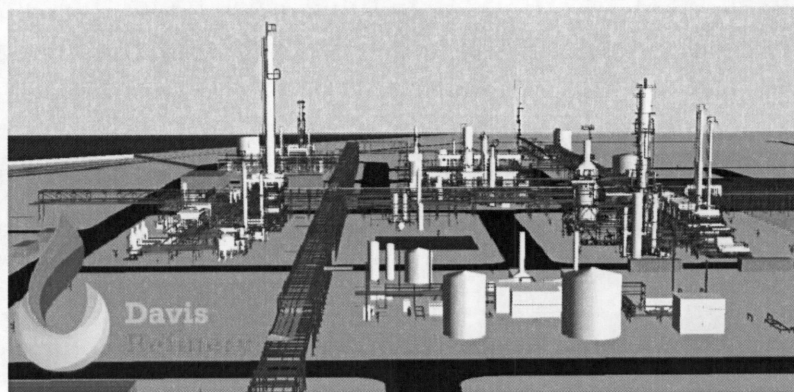
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Dear JJ,

Work has begun on the Davis Refinery. On June 13, 2018 Meridian Energy Group received the air quality Permit to Construct (PTC) as a Synthetic Minor Source from the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH). This achievement was the result of a long, thorough and intensive process, with numerous agencies and governing bodies participating in or monitoring every step. A small but vocal opposition doubted Meridian's ability to accomplish this goal, but Meridian Energy Group and its engineering partners were confident in their vision, determination and design capabilities to permit the Davis Refinery as "the Cleanest Refinery on the Planet." Oil & Gas Journal has called this permit "historic."

All of us at Meridian are pleased to share with you the continuous progress and milestones we set and achieved currently to date. The Davis Refinery is now on its way to a physical reality with site preparation for construction well underway. Our civil construction and site preparation firm SEH Inc. began operations on July 17th, and will have the site in Belfield, North Dakota prepared for installation and construction of the Davis Refinery this year.


As with all projects of this size and scope, as well as a project so ground breaking and innovative, there has been resistance from those who choose not to understand our vision. To date, there have been 4 legal challenges to aspects of the Project. While it is the Company's policy to make no comment regarding any on-going legal matters, we can say that we are confident that these actions do not pose a realistic threat to Meridian's ultimate ability to complete the Davis Refinery as currently planned.

In addition, now that the permits are in hand, the capital markets have encouraged Meridian management to build the full-conversion configuration of Davis in one phase with a design throughput capacity of 49,500 bpd. This entails a slightly longer initial design phase as our process licensor, Axens USA, catches up with process designs for the additional units. With this decision, Davis Refinery is expected to be in full production in 2020. Meridian is well on its way to becoming a billion-dollar company in a few short years.

The opportunity that is currently available in Meridian is truly unique. Meridian is offering preferred stock shares at a price of \$10.00 per share to Qualified Accredited Investors. These shares are offered on a limited basis by our Investor Relations department and placement agent and may be placed quickly within the next several weeks, so you should speak with an Investor Rep to get more details. This may be the last chance to participate in this

exciting opportunity. There is no better time than now to be involved in "the Cleanest Refinery on the Planet" and the most innovative Energy company in the United States.

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Environmental Law & Policy Center and)
Dakota Resource Council,)

Complainants/)
Petitioners,)

vs.)

Case No. PU-18-223

Meridian Energy Group, Inc.,)

Respondent.)

AFFIDAVIT OF LAURA GRZANIC

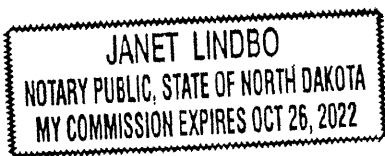
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
) ss:
COUNTY OF BILLINGS)

1. My name is Laura Grzanic. I am a member of the Dakota Resource Council.
2. My home where I live is located approximately one mile from the proposed Davis Refinery. I own forty acres (NW1/4 NW1/4 Section 14, T139N, R100W). This is where I live permanently, and I also have a hobby farm here.
3. I drive by the proposed Davis Refinery site daily, currently because I am haying.
4. Attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of a photograph that I took of the proposed Davis Refinery location on Friday, August 24, 2018. On this date, I witnessed earth moving equipment on the site that was actively moving dirt. This equipment, as well as the results of this earthwork, are shown in Exhibit A.

DATED this 27 day of August, 2018.

Laura Grzanic
Laura Grzanic

Subscribed and sworn before me this 27th day of August, 2018.



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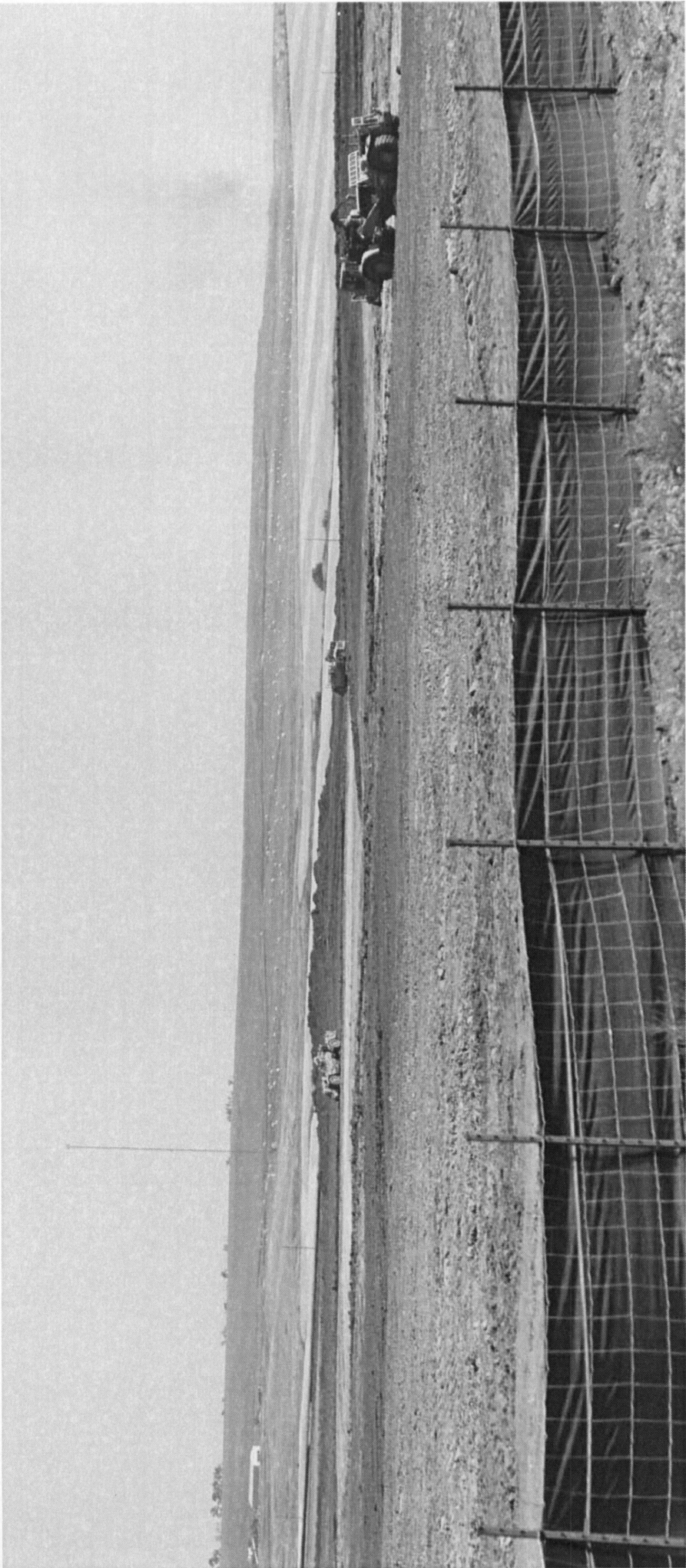


Exhibit A to Affidavit of Laura Grzanic

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the following documents:

1. MOTION FOR CEASE AND DESIST ORDER;
2. BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR CEASE AND DESIST ORDER;
3. AFFIDAVIT OF JJ ENGLAND
4. EXHIBIT A TO AFFIDAVIT OF JJ ENGLAND [PRESS RELEASE];
5. EXHIBIT B TO AFFIDAVIT OF JJ ENGLAND [EMAIL];
6. AFFIDAVIT OF LAURA GRZANIC; and
7. EXHIBIT A TO AFFIDAVIT OF LAURA GRZANIC [PHOTOGRAPH]

were on the 31st day of August, 2018, served by e-mailing the same to:

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An original and ten copies of the above-described documents were also mailed by USPS mail to the North Dakota Public Service Commission on said date.

/s/ JJ England
JJ England