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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Jeff Branick, Jefferson County Judge
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Receivership Oil, Gas & Mineral Lease
232.0 acres, more or less
W.H. Smith Survey, A-198
Fannett Dome Project
Jefferson County, Texas
RAS, Inc. File No. T4631

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Please find enclosed the Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease authorized in the District Court of Jefferson County, Texas (60th Judicial District) in Cause No. B-207186 for Hartwell Kennard, Jr., et al, as Lessor, and Sand Hill Resources, LLC, as Lessee dated May 26, 2021, we estimate that the Lessors own collectively 0.41892704 net acres equaling a bonus of \$104.73.

The principal terms of the lease are as follows:

- 1). \$250.00 per net acre;
- 2). 1/4 royalty; and
- 3). Three (3) year Paid Up Primary Term.

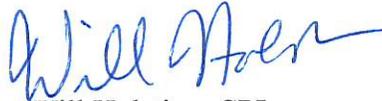
Please send a copy of the executed lease to our associate Jeff Clark (281-727-6287). Upon receipt of the copy of the lease, our client will disburse the funds for this lease, and we will forward the bonus check to Jefferson County.

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Also, please find enclosed an envelope with postage for convenience to return the lease upon receipt of the bonus.

Yours Truly,

Roger A. Soape, Inc.



Will Holstien, CPL
Vice President

Enclosures

NOTICE OF CONFIDENTIALITY RIGHTS: IF YOU ARE A NATURAL PERSON, YOU MAY REMOVE OR STRIKE ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM ANY INSTRUMENT THAT TRANSFERS AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY BEFORE IT IS FILED FOR RECORD IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS: YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER.

Producers 88 (7-69) Paid Up SPECIAL
With Horizontal Pooling Provision

OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT made this 6th day of May, 2021, between

Jeff Branick, Jefferson County Judge, acting in his capacity as Receiver for Mineral Interest under appointment by the 60th Judicial District Court of Jefferson County, Texas, in Cause No. B-207186 for Hartwell Kennard, Jr; Emily Ann Kennard Derounian; Edna Duerler; Dorothy Bonewicz Kramer; and Richard Lewis Price, and/or their successors or assigns.

, Lessor (whether one or more),
whose address is: c/o Jeff Branick, Jefferson County Judge, 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701

and SAND HILL RESOURCES, LLC, whose address is 7887 San Felipe St., Suite 122, Houston, Texas 77057

WITNESSETH:

1. Lessor, in consideration of Ten Dollars and 00/100 (\$10.00), receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and of the covenants and agreements of Lessee hereinafter contained, does hereby grant, lease and let unto Lessee the land covered hereby for the purposes and with the exclusive right of exploring, drilling, mining and operating for, producing and owning oil, gas, sulphur and all other minerals (whether or not similar to those mentioned), together with the right to make surveys on said land, lay pipe lines, establish and utilize facilities for surface or subsurface disposal of salt water, construct roads and bridges, dig canals, build tanks, power stations, telephone lines, employee houses and other structures on said land, necessary or useful in Lessee's operations in exploring, drilling for, producing, treating, storing and transporting minerals produced from the land covered hereby or any other land adjacent thereto. The land covered hereby, herein called "said land," is located in the County of JEFFERSON, State of TEXAS, and is described as follows:

232 acres, more or less, out of the W.H. Smith Survey, A-198, Jefferson County, Texas, more particularly described in the following two tracts:

Tract One: 226.75 acres, more or less, out of the W.H. Smith Survey, A-198, Jefferson County, Texas, being the same land more particularly described as 232 acres in that certain Royalty Deed dated January 27, 1926, from C.W. Burrell to The Southern Company, recorded in Volume 265, Page 216 of the Deed Records of Jefferson County, Texas, SAVE AND EXCEPT from said 232-acre tract, 5.25 acres, more or less, being the same land more particularly described in that certain Warranty Deed dated July 13, 1990, from Patricia Ann Olivier and Albert A. Broussard to Patrick Dennis Brennan, recorded in File No. 9020803 of the Film Code Records of Jefferson County, Texas, leaving 226.75 acres, more or less.

Tract Two: 5.25 acres, more or less, out of the W.H. Smith Survey, A-198, Jefferson County, Texas, being the same land more particularly described in that certain Warranty Deed dated July 13, 1990, from Patricia Ann Olivier and Albert A. Broussard to Patrick Dennis Brennan, recorded in File No. 9020803 of the Film Code Records of Jefferson County, Texas

This lease also covers and includes, in addition to that above described, all land, if any, contiguous or adjacent to or adjoining the land above described and (a) owned or claimed by Lessor by limitation, prescription, possession, reversion or unrecorded instrument or (b) as to which Lessor has a preference right of acquisition. Lessor agrees to execute any supplemental instrument requested by Lessee for a more complete or accurate description of said land. For the purpose of determining the amount of any bonus or other payment hereunder, said land shall be deemed to contain all rights and options hereunder.

2. Unless sooner terminated or longer kept in force under other provisions hereof, this lease shall remain in force for a term of Three (3) years from the date hereof, hereinafter called "primary term," and as long thereafter as operations, as hereinafter defined, are conducted upon said land with no cessation for more than ninety (90) consecutive days.

3. As royalty, Lessee covenants and agrees: (a) To deliver to the credit of Lessor, in the pipe line to which Lessee may connect its wells, the equal one-fourth (1/4) part of all oil produced and saved by Lessee from said land, or from time to time, at the option of Lessee, to pay Lessor the average posted market price of such one-fourth (1/4) part of such oil at the wells as of the day it is run to the pipe line or storage tanks, Lessor's interest, in either case, to bear one-fourth of the cost of treating oil to render it marketable pipe line oil; (b) To pay Lessor on gas and casinghead gas produced from said land (1) when sold by Lessee, one-fourth (1/4) of the amount realized by Lessee, computed at the mouth of the well, or (2) when used by Lessee off said land or in the manufacture of gasoline or other products, the market value, at the mouth of the well, of one-fourth (1/4) of such gas and casinghead gas; (c) To pay Lessor on all other minerals mined and marketed or utilized by Lessee from said land, one-fourth (1/4) either in kind or value at the well or mine at Lessee's election, except that on sulphur mined and marketed the royalty shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per long ton. If, at the expiration of the primary term or at any time or times thereafter, there is any well on said land or on lands with which

said land or any portion thereof has been pooled, capable of producing oil or gas, and all such wells are shut-in, this lease shall, nevertheless, continue in force as though operations were being conducted on said land for so long as said wells are shut-in, and thereafter this lease may be continued in force as if no shut-in had occurred. Lessee covenants and agrees to use reasonable diligence to produce, utilize, or market the minerals capable of being produced from said wells, but in the exercise of such diligence, Lessee shall not be obligated to install or furnish facilities other than well facilities and ordinary lease facilities of flow lines, separator, and lease tank, and shall not be required to settle labor trouble or to market gas upon terms unacceptable to Lessee. If, at any time or times after the expiration of the primary term, all such wells are shut-in for a period of ninety consecutive days, and during such time there are no operations on said land, then at or before the expiration of said ninety day period, Lessee shall pay or tender, by check or draft of Lessee, as royalty, a sum equal to one dollar (\$10.00) for each acre of land then covered hereby. Lessee shall make like payments or tenders at or before the end of each anniversary of the expiration of said ninety (90) day period if upon such anniversary this lease is being continued in force solely by reason of the provisions of this paragraph. Each such payment or tender shall be made to the parties who at the time of payment would be entitled to receive the royalties which would be paid under this lease if the wells were producing, and may be deposited in the **PAID DIRECTLY TO LESSOR AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS**

Bank at _____, or its successors, which shall continue as the depositories, regardless of changes in the ownership of shut-in royalty. If at any time that Lessee pays or tenders shut-in royalty, two or more parties are, or claim to be, entitled to receive same, Lessee may, in lieu of any other method of payment herein provided, pay or tender such shut-in royalty, in the manner above specified, either jointly to such parties or separately to each in accordance with their respective ownerships thereof, as Lessee may elect. Any payment hereunder may be made by check or draft of Lessee deposited in the mail or delivered to the party entitled to receive payment or to a depository bank provided for above on or before the last date for payment. Nothing herein shall impair Lessee's right to release as provided in paragraph 5 hereof. In the event of assignment of this lease in whole or in part, liability for payment hereunder shall rest exclusively on the then owner or owners of this lease, severally as to acreage owned by each.

4. Lessee is hereby granted the continuing and recurring right, but not the obligation, to pool or unitize the land covered by this lease, or any part or interest therein, with any other lands, leases or interests, as to any or all minerals, depths or horizons, either before or after the commencement of operations, whenever Lessee deems it's necessary or proper to do so in order to explore, develop or operate said lease, whether or not similar pooling authority exists with respect to such other lands, leases or interests. A unit formed by such pooling for an oil well which is not a horizontal drainhole well shall not exceed 80 surface acres plus a maximum acreage tolerance of 10%, and for an oil well that is a horizontal drainhole well or a gas well shall not exceed 640 surface acres plus a maximum acreage tolerance of 10%; provided that larger units may be formed for an oil well or a gas well, whether or not drilled as a horizontal drainhole well, as permitted by the rules or regulations of any governmental authority with jurisdiction over such matters. The terms "oil well," "gas well" and "horizontal drainhole well" shall have the meanings prescribed by applicable law or by regulations of the governmental authority with jurisdiction over such matters. Lessee may pool or combine land covered by this lease or any portion thereof as above provided as to oil and gas, or either of them, in any one or more stratum or strata. Units formed by pooling as to any stratum or strata need not conform in size or area with units formed as to any other stratum or strata, and oil units need not conform as to area with gas units. The pooling in one or more instances shall not exhaust the rights of Lessee to pool this lease or portions thereof into other units. Lessee shall exercise said option to pool as to each desired unit by executing an instrument identifying such unit and filing it for record in the appropriate records of the county in which all or part of such unit is situated. The effective date of pooling shall be the date of filing unless provided otherwise in such pooling declaration, and said unit shall be effective as to all parties hereto, their heirs, successors and assigns, irrespective of whether the unit is likewise effective as to all other owners of surface, mineral, royalty or other rights in land included in such unit, or whether there may be mineral, royalty or leasehold interests in lands within the unit which are not effectively pooled or unitized. Operations conducted on any part of such unit, regardless of whether such operations were commenced before or after the execution of this lease or the instrument designating the pooled unit, shall be deemed for all purposes (except the payment of royalties on production from the pooled unit) as operations conducted on said land under this lease and references herein to operations on said lands or on the leased premises shall be deemed to include operations on any portion of such pooled unit. For the purpose of computing royalties and other payments out of production, there shall be allocated to the land covered by this lease and included in such unit (or to each separate tract within the unit if this lease covers separate tracts within the unit) that proportion of the total production of unitized minerals from the unit, after deducting any used in lease or unit operations, which the number of surface acres in such land (or in each separate tract) covered by this lease within the unit bears to the total number of surface acres in the unit, and the production so allocated shall be considered for all purposes, including payment or delivery of royalties, overriding royalties and any other payments out of production, to be the entire production of unitized minerals from the land to which allocated in the same manner as though produced therefrom under the terms of this lease. Any unit formed hereunder may be revised, increased or decreased in size or changed in configuration by Lessee, at its sole option, without the joinder of Lessor, at any time and from time to time after the original designation thereof in order to conform to the rules and regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction, or when to do so would, in the judgment of Lessee, promote the conservation of minerals in and under and that may be produced from said land or permit the drilling of an additional well or wells. In making such a revision, Lessee shall file in the records where the original unit designation is recorded a written declaration describing the revised unit and the effective date of revision shall be the date of filing unless provided otherwise in such declaration. To the extent any portion of said land is included in or excluded from the unit by virtue of such revision, the proportion of unit production on which royalties are payable hereunder shall be adjusted accordingly, and such adjustment shall be made effective as of the effective date of the revision. Lessee may dissolve any unit formed hereunder by filing a written declaration to that effect, and the effective date of dissolution shall be the date of filing unless provided otherwise in such declaration. The formation of any unit hereunder which includes land not covered by this lease shall not have the effect of exchanging or transferring any interest under this lease (including, without limitation, any shut-in royalty which may become payable under this lease) between parties owning interests in land covered by this lease and parties owning interests in lands not covered by this lease. Neither shall it impair the right of Lessee to release as provided in paragraph 5 hereof, except that Lessee may not so release as to lands within a unit while there is production in paying quantities thereon unless all pooled leases are released as to lands within the unit. If this lease now or hereafter covers separate tracts, no pooling or unitization of royalty interests as between any such separate tracts is intended or shall be implied or result merely from the inclusion of such separate tracts within this lease, but Lessee shall nevertheless have the right to

pool or unitize as provided in this paragraph with consequent allocation of production as herein provided. The inclusion of Lessors' interest in any separate tract within this lease shall not constitute an offer on the part of Lessor to any party who may now or hereafter have an ownership interest in the minerals or royalties in such separate tract to pool, unitize or communitize any such interest with other interests covered by this lease. Any attempt by an owner of any mineral or royalty interest under a separate tract to ratify, adopt or confirm this lease, or any provision herein contained, by any means and thereby effect a pooling, unitization or communitization of royalties among such separate tracts shall by such actions specifically ratify, adopt and confirm the entire contents of this paragraph and such attempt to effect a pooling, unitization or communitization between any separate tracts shall be wholly ineffective. As used herein, the words "separate tract" mean any tract with royalty ownership differing, now or hereafter, either as to parties or amounts, from that as to any other part of the leased premises.

5. Lessee may at any time and from time to time execute and deliver to Lessor or file for record a release or releases of this lease as to any part or all of said land or of any mineral or horizon thereunder, and thereby be relieved of all obligations, as to the released acreage or interest.

6. Whenever used in this lease the word "operations" shall mean operations for and any of the following: drilling, testing, completing, reworking, recompleting, deepening, plugging back or repairing of a well in search for or in an endeavor to obtain production of oil, gas, sulphur or other minerals, excavating a mine, production of oil, gas, sulphur or other mineral, whether or not in paying quantities.

7. Lessee shall have the use, free from royalty, of water, other than from Lessor's water wells, and of oil and gas produced from said land in all operations hereunder. Lessee shall have the right at any time to remove all machinery and fixtures placed on said land, including the right to draw and remove casing. No well shall be drilled nearer than 200 feet to the house or barn now on said land without the consent of the Lessor. Lessee shall pay for damages caused by its operations to growing crops and timber on said land.

8. The rights and estate of any party hereto may be assigned from time to time in whole or in part and as to any mineral or horizon. All of the covenants, obligations, and considerations of this lease shall extend to and be binding upon the parties hereto, their heirs, successors, assigns, and successive assigns. No change or division in the ownership of said land, royalties, or other moneys, or any part thereof, howsoever effected, shall increase the obligations or diminish the rights of Lessee, including, but not limited to, the location and drilling of wells and the measurement of production. Notwithstanding any other actual or constructive knowledge or notice thereof of or to Lessee, its successors or assigns, no change or division in the ownership of said land or of the royalties, or other moneys, or the right to receive the same, howsoever effected, shall be binding upon the then record owner of this lease until thirty (30) days after there has been furnished to such record owner at his or its principal place of business by Lessor or Lessor's heirs, successors, or assigns, notice of such change or division, supported by either originals or duly certified copies of the instruments which have been properly filed for record and which evidence such change or division, and of such court records and proceedings, transcripts, or other documents as shall be necessary in the opinion of such record owner to establish the validity of such change or division. If any such change in ownership occurs by reason of the death of the owner, Lessee may, nevertheless pay or tender such royalties, or other moneys, or part thereof, to the credit of the decedent in a depository bank provided for above.

9. In the event Lessor considers that Lessee has not complied with all its obligations hereunder, both express and implied, Lessor shall notify Lessee in writing, setting out specifically in what respects Lessee has breached this contract. Lessee shall then have sixty (60) days after receipt of said notice within which to meet or commence to meet all or any part of the breaches alleged by Lessor. The service of said notice shall be precedent to the bringing of any action by Lessor on said lease for any cause, and no such action shall be brought until the lapse of sixty (60) days after service of such notice on Lessee. Neither the service of said notice nor the doing of any acts by Lessee aimed to meet all or any of the alleged breaches shall be deemed an admission or presumption that Lessee has failed to perform all its obligations hereunder. If this lease is canceled for any cause, it shall nevertheless remain in force and effect as to (1) sufficient acreage around each well as to which there are operations to constitute a drilling or maximum allowable unit under applicable governmental regulations, (but in no event less than forty acres), such acreage to be designated by Lessee as nearly as practicable in the form of a square centered at the well, or in such shape as then existing spacing rules require; and (2) any part of said land included in a pooled unit on which there are operations. Lessee shall also have such easements on said land as are necessary to operations on the acreage so retained.

10. Lessor hereby warrants and agrees to defend title to said land against the claims of all persons whomsoever. Lessor's rights and interests hereunder shall be charged primarily with any mortgages, taxes or other liens, or interest and other charges on said land, but Lessor agrees that Lessee shall have the right at any time to pay or reduce same for Lessor, either before or after maturity, and be subrogated to the rights of the holder thereof and to deduct amounts so paid from royalties or other payments payable or which may become payable to Lessor and/or assigns under this lease. If this lease covers a less interest in the oil, gas, sulphur, or other minerals in all or any part of said land than the entire and undivided fee simple estate (whether Lessor's interest is herein specified or not), or no interest therein, then the royalties and other moneys accruing from any part as to which this lease covers less than such full interest, shall be paid only in the proportion which the interest therein, if any, covered by this lease, bears to the whole and undivided fee simple estate therein. All royalty interest covered by this lease (whether or not owned by Lessor) shall be paid out of the royalty herein provided. This lease shall be binding upon each party who executes it without regard to whether it is executed by all those named herein as Lessor.

11. If, while this lease is in force, at, or after the expiration of the primary term hereof, it is not being continued in force by reason of the shut-in well provisions of paragraph 3 hereof, and Lessee is not conducting operations on said land by reason of (1) any law, order, rule or regulation, (whether or not subsequently determined to be invalid) or (2) any other cause, whether similar or dissimilar, (except financial) beyond the reasonable control of Lessee, the primary term hereof shall be extended until the first anniversary date hereof occurring ninety (90) or more days following the removal of such delaying cause, and this lease may be extended thereafter by operations as if such delay had not occurred.

SEE ADDENDUM ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing printed form Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, it is agreed and understood as follows, to-wit:

12. In the event a portion or portions of the leased premises is pooled or unitized with other land so as to form a pooled unit or units, operations on, completion of a well upon, or production from such pooled unit or units will not maintain this lease in force as to that portion of the leased premises not included in such pooled unit or units. The lease may be

maintained in force as to any portion of the leased premises covered hereby and not included in such pooled unit or units in any manner provided for herein.

13. It is understood and agreed that one (1) year after the expiration of the primary term of this lease, upon the expiration of any extension or renewal, or after cessation of operations as provided herein, whichever occurs last, Lessee shall release all rights lying below the stratigraphic equivalent of the deepest producing formation in any well drilled on the leased premises or on lands with which the leased premises has been pooled or unitized.

14. It is understood and agreed that this lease covers and includes oil and gas only (including with oil and gas, all constituent elements thereof and all other liquid or liquefiable hydrocarbons and products of every kind or character derived there from and produced therewith, including Sulphur), and that all minerals other than oil and gas are excepted from and reserved to Lessor. Included among the minerals reserved to Lessor and excluded from this lease are coal, uranium and lignite.

15. At the time of the lapse of this lease by any of its terms or provisions, Lessee agrees to promptly execute and deliver to Lessor, or file for record in the Office of the County Clerk of Jefferson County, Texas, a written release and surrender of this lease save and except that portion maintained by virtue of any provisions of this lease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is executed on the date first above written.

LESSOR:

Jeff Branick, Jefferson County Judge, acting in his capacity as Receiver for Mineral Interest under appointment by the 60th Judicial District Court of Jefferson County, Texas, in Cause No. B-207186 for Hartwell Kennard, Jr; Emily Ann Kennard Derounian; Edna Duerler; Dorothy Bonewicz Kramer; and Richard Lewis Price, and/or their successors or assigns.

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF JEFFERSON §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 24th day of May, 2021, by Jeff Branick, Jefferson County Judge, acting in his capacity as Receiver for Mineral Interest under appointment by the 60th Judicial District Court of Jefferson County, Texas, in Cause No. B-207186 for Hartwell Kennard, Jr; Emily Ann Kennard Derounian; Edna Duerler; Dorothy Bonewicz Kramer; and Richard Lewis Price, and/or their successors or assigns.



Notary Public in and for the State of Texas