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Office of Oil and Gas 601 57th Street SE Charleston, WV 25304 (304) 926-0450 (304) 926-0452 fax Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor Randy C. Huffman, Cabinet Secretary www.dep.wv.gov

August 05, 2014

WELL WORK PERMIT

Horizontal Well

This permit, API Well Number: 47-8704740, issued to HARD ROCK EXPLORATION, INC., is evidence of permission granted to perform the specified well work at the location described on the attached pages and located on the attached plat, subject to the provisions of Chapter 22 of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended, and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and to all conditions and provisions outlined in the pages attached hereto. Notification shall be given by the operator to the Oil and Gas Inspector at least 24 hours prior to the construction of roads, locations, and/or pits for any permitted work. In addition, the well operator shall notify the same inspector 24 hours before any actual well work is commenced and prior to running and cementing casing. Spills or emergency discharges must be promptly reported by the operator to 1-800-642-3074 and to the Oil and Gas inspector.

Please be advised that form WR-35, Well Operators Report of Well Work is to be submitted to this office within 90 days completion of permitted well work, as should form WR-34 Discharge Monitoring Report within 30 days of discharge of pits, if applicable. Failure to abide by all statutory and regulatory provisions governing all duties and operations hereunder may result in suspension or revocation of this permit and, in addition, may result in civil and/or criminal penalties being imposed upon the operators.

In addition to the applicable requirements of this permit, and the statutes and rules governing oil and gas activity in WV, this permit may contain specific conditions which must be followed. Permit conditions are attached to this cover letter.

Per 35CSR-4-5.2.g this permit will expire in two (2) years from the issue date unless permitted well work is commenced. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at (304) 926-0499 ext. 1654.

James Martin Chief

Operator's Well No: HR-504A Farm Name: ALLEN, CLAIR B. API Well Number: 47-8704740 Permit Type: Horizontal Well Date Issued: 08/05/2014

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August 05, 2014

Ben Allen 1553 Liverpool Road Leroy, WV 25252

Re: Permit application for API number: 87-04740 (HR-504A)

Dear Mr. Allen:

The Office of Oil and Gas (OOG) has completed its review of the above referenced permit application submitted by Hard Rock Exploration, Inc. The Roane County oil and gas inspector examined the site to ensure compliance with all applicable requirements of Article 6, Chapter 22 of the West Virginia Code and Legislative Rule Title 35, Series 4. Also, your comments were sent to the applicant to ensure it was aware of your concerns. The applicant's response is enclosed for your records.

After considering your comments, the applicant's response, and the inspector's findings, the OOG has determined that the application meets the requirements set forth in the above statute and legislative rule. Consequently, the OOG is issuing the permit today. For your information and convenience, I am including with this letter a copy of the permit as issued.

As you may know, surface owners are entitled to compensation for damages to their property resulting from oil and gas drilling activity. Absent an agreement by the parties, such damage compensation may be addressed pursuant to Article 7, Chapter 22 of the West Virginia Code. Please contact Gene Smith at (304) 926-0499, extension 1652 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Justin E. Nottingham DEP Office of Oil & Gas Environmental Technician Justin.E.Nottingham@wv.gov

Enclosure cc: Matthew Beckett, Hard Rock Exploration, Inc. Edward Gainer, OOG Inspector

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Ben Allen

1553 Liverpool Rd

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My name Ben Allen

Recently I received a document that Hard Rock asking me to sign off on a drill site well number HR-504 that they're going to be drilling in the future on our family farm near Reedy West Virginia.

I knew that they were inquiring about several sites on the farm. The location that they selected use to have a large farm pond exactly in the same spot where they're planning on drilling. Our family has some concerns because this site uses to be swampy with a natural spring at same site. My father builds a large pond in the early 50's because of natural springs that was there. We use the pond for fishing as well as watering the cattle. In the late 60's he decided to drain the pond and try to restore the field back into hay production. After many years and after he put in a drainage system in the whole field the field was restored back to usable land.

Our fear is if hard rock drills on the proposed site we might have the same issues that we had a few years ago before it was restored.

About three summers ago they drilled a well on our land and the site has not recovered where the sledge pond was. It is still wet and soupy. I would think if they decide to drill at the propose site it will take a long time to the land to recover also it takes away the aesthetic beauty of the field.

I would not have any objections if Hard Rock choose to drill on the back part of the farm which they originally was requesting a permit for which Ed Gainer has been to the site and said he would approve it. They have access to a pipeline from a couple of well that they own. Please consider our concerns if you have any additional questions feel free to contact me. Sincerely

Ben Allen

Home 304-927-6719

Cell 207-542-4418

Email ben@downeastcomm.com

Hard Rock Land Services, LLC



Hard Rock Consulting, LLC

July 29, 2014

Mr. Justin E. Nottingham West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection/Office of Oil & Gas Environmental Technician 601 57th Street, S.E. Charleston, WV 25304

Re: Proposed well 47-087-04740 -HR-504A

Dear Mr. Nottingham,

In response to your email dated July 23, 2014 regarding surface owner Ben Allen's objection letter. I have reviewed the objections made by Mr. Allen and have been onsite along with Ed Gainer to assess the current location and other locations.

The reasons Hard Rock has decided to not relocate the HR-504 well are:

- 1. Conservation of natural gas and lateral spacing issues.
- The topography where Mr. Allen requests that we move the well is less than suitable to support a roadway for the purposes of drilling a horizontal well.
- The roadway Mr. Allen proposed will utilize approximately 500 feet of creek bed, which will require
 widening, and in our professional opinion endangers the hillside to slips, causing no control of sediment
 into the creek.

During our discussions with Mr. Allen, he justified our opinion of possible slips and made the statement that he would indemnify Hard Rock of all slips. Regardless, the relocation of the well site could have a huge impact on the watershed. Furthermore, Hard Rock has spent numerous man hours trying to find an alternative road to Mr. Allen's requested site; however, over the last two weeks we have not been able to find another suitable location.

To respond to Mr. Allen's objections to our chosen location, we are certain that Hard Rock can build a stable drill site as well as control erosion and sedimentation, as required by West Virginia law. The well site is stable and will not cause any problems for drilling operations during the month of August. We will use aggregate stone where needed to support the drilling operations.

It is requested that a permit be issued at the earliest possible time to allow for our operations to be completed prior to winter months.

Sincerely,

Jim Stephens, President

CC: Jeffrey McLaughlin Monica Francisco

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PERMIT CONDITIONS

West Virginia Code § 22-6-11 allows the Office of Oil and Gas to place specific conditions upon this permit. Permit conditions have the same effect as law. <u>Failure to adhere to the specified</u> permit conditions may result in enforcement action.

CONDITIONS

- If the operator encounters an unanticipated void, or an anticipated void at an unanticipated depth, the operator shall notify the inspector within 24 hours. Modifications to the casing program may be necessary to comply with W. Va. Code § 22-6-20, which requires drilling to a minimum depth of thirty feet below the bottom of the void, and installing a minimum of twenty (20) feet of casing. Under no circumstance should the operator drill more than fifty (50) feet below the bottom of the void or install less than twenty (20) feet of casing below the bottom of the void.
- 2. Pursuant to 35 CSR § 4-19.1.a, at the request of the surface owner all water wells or springs within 1000 feet of the proposed well that are actually utilized for human consumption, domestic animals or other general use shall be sampled and analyzed.
- 3. Pursuant to 35 CSR § 4-19.1.c, if the operator is unable to sample and analyze any water well or spring within one thousand (1,000) feet of the permitted well location, the Office of Oil and Gas requires the operator to sample, at a minimum, one water well or spring located between one thousand (1,000) feet and two thousand (2,000) feet of the permitted well location.
- 4. All pits must be lined with a minimum of 20 mil thickness synthetic liner.
- 5. In the event of an accident or explosion causing loss of life or serious personal injury in or about the well or while working on the well, the well operator or its contractor shall give notice, stating the particulars of the accident or explosion, to the oil and gas inspector and the Chief within twenty-four (24) hours.
- 6. During the surface casing and cementing process, in the event cement does not return to the surface, or any other casing string that is permitted to circulate cement to the surface and does not return to the surface, the oil and gas inspector shall be notified within twenty-four (24) hours.
- 7. Well work activities shall not constitute a hazard to the safety of persons.
- 8. This permit is being conditioned to address the possibility of flooding in the area of this well. Any tanks stored on this location must be securely anchored in cement to prevent the loss of tanks should a flood occur. In addition, cages must be placed around the well head to prevent debris from damaging the well head.

08/08/2014

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NOTICE

WELLBORE GRAPH HARD ROCK EXPLORATION WELL NO. HR-504



HARD ROCK EXPLORATION, INC. 1244 MARTINS BRANCH ROAD CHARLESTON, WV 25312

RECEIVED Gas JUL 17 2014 WV Department of Environmental Protection

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The Office of Oil and	d Gas processes your personal information, suc	h as name, addre	ess and phone	number, a	s a part of our reg	ulatory duties.

Your personal information may be disclosed to other State agencies or third parties in the normal course of business or as needed to comply with statutory or regulatory requirements, including Freedom of Information Act requests. Our office will appropriately secure your personal information. If you have any questions about our use of your personal information, please contact DEP's Chief Privacy Officer at deprivacyofficer@wv.gov



SURFACE OWNER WAIVER

County

Operator Operator well number Hard Rock Exploration, Inc.

HR-504

INSTRUCTIONS TO SURFACE OWNERS NAMED ON PAGE WW2-A

The well operator named on page WW2A is applying for a permit from the State to do oil or gas well work. (Note: If the surface tract is owned by more than three persons, then these materials were served on you because your name appeared on the Sheriff's tax ticket on the land or because you actually occupy the surface tract. In either case, you may be the only owner who will actually receive these materials.) S ee Chapter 22 of the West Virginia Code. Well work permits are valid for 24 months. If you do not own any interest in the surface tract, please forward these materials to the true owner immediately if you know who it is. Also, please notify the well operator and the Office of Oil and Gas.

NOTE: YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE ANY COMMENT.

WHERE TO FILE COMMENTS AND OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Chief, Office of Oil and Gas Department of Environmental Protection 601 57th St. SE Charleston, WV 25304 (304) 926-0450

Roane

Time Limits and methods for filing comments. The law requires these materials to be served on or before the date the operator files his Application. You have FIFTEEN (15) DAYS after the filing date to file your comments. Comments must be filed in person or received in the mail by the Chief's office by the time stated above. You may call the Chief's office to be sure of the date. Check with your postmaster to ensure a dequate d elivery time or to ar range s pecial expedited handling. If you have been contacted by the well operator and you have signed a "voluntary statement of no objection" to the planned work described in these materials, then the permit may be issued at any time.

<u>Comments must be in writing.</u> Your comments must include your name, address and telephone number, the well operator's name and well number and the approximate location of the proposed well site including district and county from the application. You may add other documents, such as sketches, maps or photographs to support your comments.

- The Chief has the power to deny or condition a well work permit based on comments on the following grounds:
- 1) The proposed well work will constitute a hazard to the safety of persons.
- 2) The soil erosion and sediment control plan is not adequate or effective;
- 3) Damage would occur to publicly owned lands or resources;
- 4) The proposed well work fails to protect fresh water sources or supplies;
- 5) The applicant has committed a substantial violation of a previous permit or a substantial violation of one or more of the rules promulgated under Chapter 22, and has failed to abate or seek review of the violation...".

If you want a copy of the permit as it is issued or a copy of the order denying the permit, you should request a copy from the Chief.

List of Water Testing Laboratories. The Office maintains a list of water testing laboratories which you can hire to test your water to establish water quality prior to and after drilling. Contact the Chief to obtain a copy.

VOLUNTARY STATEMENT OF NO OBJECTION

I hereby state that I have read the instructions to surface owners and that I have received copies of a Notice and Application for a Well Work Permit on Form WW2-A, and attachments consisting of pages 1 through _____ including a work order on F orm WW2-B, a s urvey plat, and a s oil and erosion plan, all for proposed well work on my surface I and as described therein.

I further state that I have no objection to the planned work described in these materials, and I have no objection to a permit being issued on those materials.

FOR EXECUTION BY A NATURAL PERSON

FOR EXECUTION BY A CORPORATION, ETC.

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	Date	Company	RECEIVED Gas
Signature		By Its	Office of UIL 17 2014 Date
Print Name			ULOI
			Signature WV Department of Date
			EIN. 08/08/2014

COAL OPERATOR, OWNER, OR LESSEE WAIVER

County Roane _____ Operator Hard Rock Exploration, Inc. Operator

Operator's Well Number HR-504

INSTRUCTIONS TO COAL OPERATOR, OWNER, OR LESSEE

To the coal operator, owner, or lessee named on page WW2-A. You are hereby notified that any objection you wish to make or are required to make by WV Code 22-6-15, 16 or 17, must be filed with the Chief of the Office of Oil and Gas within fifteen (15) days after the receipt of this application by the Office. Mail objections to:

Chief, Office of Oil and Gas Department of Environmental Protection 601 57th St. SE Charleston, WV 25304 (304) 926-0499 extension 1654

WAIVER

The undersigned coal operator ____/ owner ____/ lessee ____/ of the coal under this well location has examined this proposed well location. If a mine map exists which covers the area of well location, the well location has been added to the mine map. The undersigned has no objection to the work proposed to be done at this location, provided, the well operator has complied with all applicable requirements of the West Virginia Code and the governing regulations.

Date

Company Name

By Its

FOR EXECUTION BY A NATURAL PERSON

Signature

FOR EXECUTION BY A CORPORATION, ETC.

Signature

Date

Date

INFORMATION SUPPLIED UNDER WEST VIRGINIA CODE Chapter 22, Article 6, Section 8(d) IN LIEU OF FILING LEASE(S) AND OTHER CONTINUING CONTRACT(S)

Under the oath required to make the verification on page 1 of this Notice and Application, I depose and say that I am the person who signed the Notice and Application for the Applicant, and that –

- (1) the tract of land is the same tract described in this Application, partly or wholly depicted in the accompanying plat, and described in the Construction and Reclamation Plan;
- (2) the parties and recordation data (if recorded) for lease(s) or other continuing contract(s) by which the Applicant claims the right to extract, produce or market the oil or gas are as follows:

Grantor, Lessor, etc.	Grantee, Lessee, etc.	Royalty	Book/Page
Elizabeth A. Hill	Reserve Oil and Gas, Inc.	% of 1/8	247/677
Claudia Hill Duffee	Reserve Oil and Gas, Inc.	% of 1/8	247/680
Samuel C. Hill, III	Reserve Oil and Gas, Inc.	% of 1/8	247/683
Daniell B. Hill	Reserve Oil and Gas, Inc.	% of 1/8	247/686
Reserve Oil and Gas, Inc.	J & M Resources	Assignment	504/459
J & M Resources	Hard Rock Exploration, Inc.	Misc. Assignment	252/45

Acknowledgement of Possible Permitting/Approval In Addition to the Office of Oil and Gas

The permit applicant for the proposed well work add ressed in this application he reby a cknowledges the possibility of the need for permits and/or approvals from local, state, or federal entities in addition to the DEP, Office of Oil and Gas, including but not limited to the following:

- WV Division of Water and Waste Management
- WV Division of Natural Resources
- WV Division of Highways
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- County Floodplain Coordinator

The applicant further acknowledges that any Office of Oil and Gas permit in no way overrides, replaces, or nullifies the need for other permits/approvals that may be necessary and further affirms that all needed permits/approvals should be ac quired f rom the appr opriate aut hority bef ore t he af fected activity is initiated.

Well Operator: By:Its:

Hard Rock Exploration, Inc. nue **Executive Vice President**

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Well No. HR-504

West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Office of Oil and Gas

NOTICE TO SURFACE OWNERS

The well operator named below is preparing to file for a permit from the state to drill a new well. Before a well work permit can be filed with the Chief of the Office of Oil and Gas, the well operator is required to have given notice of the right to request water well or spring analytical testing. This notice shall be given to the owners or occupants of land which have a water well or spring being utilized for human consumption, domestic animals, or other general use and which is located within 1000 feet of the proposed well site.

With this form, the operator is giving you notice of your right to request analytical testing. The operator is required to sample and analyze the water wells or springs of all owners or occupants who request it. Therefore, if you wish to have your water well or spring tested, contact the operator named below.

All sampling shall be completed prior to drilling. Within thirty (30) days of the receipt of such sample analyses the operator shall submit the results to the Chief of the Office of Oil and Gas and to the owners or occupants who may have requested them.

Be advised, you have the right to sample and analyze any water supply at your own expense.

Listed below is the laboratory chosen by operator to perform analysis, and contactor chosen to collect sample.

Certified Laboratory Name	Standard Labs or Sturm Lab	
Sampling Contractor	Standard Labs or Sturm Lab	

Well Operator	Hard Rock Exploration, Inc.
Address	1244 Martins Branch Road
	Charleston, WV 25312
Telephone	304-984-9004

FOR OPERATOR'S USE ONLY: Below, or on an attached page, list those persons which were given this notice. Place an asterisk beside the one(s) that contacted you and requested sampling and analyses. If there were no requests made, indicate by underling which one you have selected to sample and analyze. If there are no water wells or springs within 1000 feet of the proposed site, the Office of Oll and Gas Chief may require the operator to test wells up to 2000 feet from the proposed site.

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WATER NOTICE FOR HARD ROCK EXPLORATION, INC. WELL HR-504A

Stanley Kyer, et al (LE) 1618 Liverpool Road Leroy, WV 25252

Richard E. Williams ET UX 1654 Liverpool Road Leroy, WV 25252

Charlotte Allen 1565 Liverpool Road Leroy, WV 25252

Dale Fluharty II, ET UX 1178 Liverpool Road Leroy, WV 25252

Shirlene Fluharty 1257 Liverpool Road Leroy, WV 25252 MUST TEST AT LEAST ONE (1) SOURCE,

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True Line Surveying, Inc. 7/7/14

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Operator's Well No. HR-504

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS

FLUIDS/ CUTTINGS DISPOSAL & RECLAMATION PLAN

Operator Name Hard Ro	ck Exploration, Inc.	OP C	Code494464205
Watershed (HUC 10) Rig	ght Fork of Reedy Creek	Quadrangle Reed	/, WV 7.5'
Elevation 709	County	Dis	strict Reedy
Will a pit be used for drill	nore than 5,000 bbls of water to comp l cuttings? Yes X No		rk? Yes No <u>X</u>
	cribe anticipated pit waste: Drill Cut		20
Will a synthetic	liner be used in the pit? Yes X	No If so, what	it ml.2 toor greater
Proposed Dispos	al Method For Treated Pit Wastes:		
	Land Application Underground Injection (UIC Permi Reuse (at API Number <u>110096, 870472</u>) Off Site Disposal (Supply form WW Other (Explain	9, 3503009, 8704712, 3503011, 35	3416729685) 03008, 3503005, Well will be noted in DMR)
Will closed loop system b	e used? No		
Drilling medium anticipat	ted for this well? Air, freshwater, oil	based, etc. Air	
-If oil based, what	at type? Synthetic, petroleum, etc		
	illing medium? Soap, KCl, or Clay St		
	thod? Leave in pit, landfill, removed	and the second second	
-If left in pit and	plan to solidify what medium will be	used? (cement, lime, saw	/dust) Lime
-Landfill or offsi	ite name/permit number?		
on August 1, 2005, by the provisions of the permit a law or regulation can lead I certify under p application form and all obtaining the information	e Office of Oil and Gas of the West V are enforceable by law. Violations of to enforcement action. penalty of law that I have personally attachments thereto and that, base	irginia Department of Env f any term or condition o / examined and am fami d on my inquiry of thos rue, accurate, and compl	AL WATER POLLUTION PERMIT issued ironmental Protection. I understand that the f the general permit and/or other applicable liar with the information submitted on this se individuals immediately responsible for ete. I am aware that there are significant ent. <u>RECEIVED</u> Gas Office of Oil and Gas
Company Official Signati	ure Monithere		RECEIVE Gas
	d Name) Monica Francisco		Office of Un
	Executive Vice President		JUL 17 2014
Subscribed and sworn be My commission expires	fore me this <u>8th</u> day of oan L. Beare Sept. 6, 2022	July	Notar Multing 5
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			Operator's	Well No. HR-504
Proposed Revegetation Treat	ment: Acres Disturbed 0.6	5	Prevegetation	_м 5.5
Lime 3	Tons/acre or to correct to	_{pH} 6.5		
Fertilizer (10-20-20	E00	lbs/acre (500 lbs m	ninimum)	
and the second se	per (Baser at 1600 lbs/care)	ons/acre		
		Seed Mixtures		
Are	ea I		A	rea II
Seed Type	lbs/acre		Seed Type	lbs/acre
Red Top	15	Red T	•	15
Orchard Grass	25	Orcha	rd Grass	25
Perennial Rye/Crimsor	n Red Clover 25 Each	Perennia	al Rye/Crimson	Red Clover 25 Each
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Hard Rock Consulting, LLC

Hard Rock Land Services, LLC

July 8, 2014

Mr. Gene Smith West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection 601 57th Street SE Charleston, West Virginia 25304

RE: Permit for well HR-504

Dear Gene:

I am writing regarding fresh water casing protection for the above referenced well. Hard Rock Exploration respectively request this permit be issued allowing a deeper string of fresh water protection.

The new emergency rules act as a blanket policy and does not take several factors into consideration. The primary issue is that a lot of wells in the state of West Virginia are drilled on air, and the majority of operators with air drilling operations work diligently to reduce the amount of water in their operations. The new guidelines appear to be focused on fluid drilling and do not take into account wells being drilled on air. Our request is based on what we consider to be better engineering practices for air drilling operations.

The proper placement of the casing shoe must be considered; Hard Rock wants the ability to place the casing shoe in a rock, which has the mechanical integrity to ensure a proper seal at the casing shoe. If we follow the "new guidelines" most of the wells in our operational area would have the casing shoe placed in a red rock section and we would run casing 100 feet below the Pittsburgh Sand. Red rock has been proven to be a formation that is not stable with drilling operations; the rock is sensitive to time and the fluids that are produced from the intermediate hole. When the red rock is not covered we have seen sloughing and wash-outs during drilling operations.

Our proposed fresh water protection string set just above elevation does three things to 3 (1) It limits the time exposure on the fresh water aquifer and adds only a few hours of ensure protection of fresh water and the minimization of pit fluids:

- air drilling to the well.
- rotection (2) With the minimal time exposed and a casing shoe located in a mechanically sound rock it will ensure the cement will seal and form a good compressive barrier to Environmen future drilling operations.

(3) The last item, which is overlooked by the new standards, is pit volumes. The proposed fresh water casing placement will allow the majority of the 8 ³/₄ hole to be drilled on air. Using this method will permit Hard Rock to reduce fluids for drilling and decrease pit water volumes.

We also request that a cement record log from a cement service company be filed with our WR-35. We think that failure of either the cement quality or circulation should be a good measure of when to require additional logging and most fresh water protection strings are witnessed by the State Oil and Gas inspector for verification of a good cement job. Running a bond log under pressure should only be done if a known problem exists; the pressuring up of the casing string is detrimental to the newly established cement and could cause a micro-annulus problem. In addition, bond logs ran at the shallow depths with large internal diameter casings are very inaccurate if not ran under pressure. I think that the cement record log and the circulation of cement at surface will satisfy the "new guidelines'.

I hope this request is considered and permits are issued in the very near future.

Sincerely,

James Jogk

James L. Stephens President

Cc: Monica Stephens Ron Crites

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Hard Rock Consulting, LLC

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July 8, 2014

West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Office of Oil & Gas Attn: James Martin 601 57th Street SE Charleston, WV 25304

Ref: Permit application for well HR-504; crossing roads identified as: County Route 1/1 within TM 4 Parcel 20 located in the Reedy District of Roane County, State of West Virginia

Dear Mr. Martin:

Please be advised that Hard Rock Exploration, Inc. (Hard Rock) has the right to explore for, develop, produce, measure, and market natural gas and oil produced from the planned well identified in the above referenced permit application. This authority was granted to Reserve Oil and Gas, Inc., as Lessee, by the Oil & Gas Leases, dated August 17, 2011, August 30, 2011, October 14, 2011, and October 18, 2011, respectively, and recorded in the Public Records of the County of Roane, in Book 247, Pages 686, 677, 680 and 683, respectively, in West Virginia. These rights were then granted to J & M Resources by assignment recorded in Book 504, Page 459 and then assigned to Hard Rock Exploration, Inc. Consistent with the rights granted, Hard Rock has the authority to explore for and drill under the road/right-of-way identified above.

Please direct questions to Monica Francisco, at (304)984-9004, or by email to: monica@hardrockexploration.com.

Regards,

HARD ROCK EXPLORATION, INC.

Monica Francisco Executive Vice President

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