

United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

New Orleans Office 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard New Orleans, LA 70123-2394

In Reply Refer To: Bond No. 015042497 December 3, 2024

Hess GOM Exploration LLC 1501 McKinney Houston, TX 77010 Attn: Timothy M. Cordingley

Dear Mr. Cordingley:

Your letter dated November 7, 2024, requesting cancellation of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's or Operator's Bond No. 015042497, in the amount of \$300,000, was received by our office on November 8, 2024. This bond, conditioned to cover the principal's leasehold interest held now or hereafter in the Gulf of Mexico, was executed on October 3, 2014, with Hess GOM Exploration LLC as principal and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company as surety.

Pursuant to 30 CFR 556.906 (d)(1) your bond may be cancelled seven years after the termination of the lease, six years after completion of all bonded obligations, or at the conclusion of any appeals or litigation related to your bonded obligation, whichever is the latest. These criteria have been met.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has no objection to cancellation of the above bond. Therefore, Bond No. 015042497 is considered cancelled without residual liability, effective November 27, 2024, the date of final concurrence with such cancellation.

If you require further assistance, please contact Kathleen Lee at (504) 736-5774 or boemgomrfinancialassurance@boem.gov.

BERNADET Digitally signed by BERNADETTE THOMAS

TE THOMAS Date: 2024.12.03
09:42:34 -06'00'

Bernadette Thomas Regional Supervisor Leasing and Plans

cc: Maria Franco (<u>maria.franco@libertymutual.com</u>)
Caroline Gilbert (<u>cagilbert@hess.com</u>)

RECEIVED

November 8, 2024



Leasing & Financial Responsibility Section

HESS GOM Exploration LLC 1501 McKinney Houston, TX 77010

Tim Cordingley
Vice President Exploration
North America
Direct: 713-496-4013

November 7, 2024

VIA EMAIL: boemgomrfinancialassurance@boem.gov

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Leasing & Financial Responsibility Unit 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394 Attention: Ms. Kathleen Lee

Re:

Termination/Cancellation

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's or

Operator's Bond - Areawide Bond

Bond No. 015042497 Amount: \$300,000.00

Dated Effective: December 16, 2014

Surety: Liberty Mutual Insurance Company Principal: Hess GOM Exploration LLC

Dear Ms. Lee:

Hess GOM Exploration LLC (GOM No. 03360) ("Hess GOM Exploration") herein requests the termination/cancellation and release of the following Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's or Operator's Bond ("Areawide Bond"):

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's or Operator's Bond by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, as Surety and Hess GOM Exploration LLC, as Principal, bearing Bond Number 015042497, in the amount of \$300,000.00, effective December 16, 2014, the "Areawide Bond".

Hess GOM Exploration makes this request because i) all of the leases that Hess GOM Exploration held record title and/or operating rights interest in have either expired or been relinquished, ii) the leases were exploration leases with no activity, and iii) there is \$0.00 outstanding decommissioning liability due on any of the leases per the Decommissioning Cost Estimates Online Query reports.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Leasing & Financial Responsibility Unit Attn: Ms. Kathleen Lee November 7, 2024

Page 2

There are no other leases where Hess GOM Exploration has outstanding decommissioning liability. Once you have reviewed and approved the cancellation of this Areawide Bond, please mark cancelled on the original Areawide Bond and send a letter to me acknowledging the cancellation of same.

If you have any questions regarding the above, or need additional information, we have provided the following contact information for each of the parties:

For the Surety: Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

Name:

Maria Franco

Address:

28 Liberty St., 4th Floor

New York, NY 10005

Email:

maria.franco@libertymutual.com

Phone Number: 646-826-6661

For the Principal: Hess GOM Exploration LLC

Name:

Caroline Gilbert

Senior Assistant General Counsel

Address:

1501 McKinney Street, 15th Floor

Houston, Texas 77010

Email:

cagilbert@hess.com

Phone Number: 713-496-6314

If you have any questions, please contact me at (713)-496-4013 or by email at tcordingley@hcss.com or Jana Grauberger at (713)-651-2906 or by cmail at jlgrauberger@liskow.com.

Sincerely,

Cimothy M. Cordingley

Vice President