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BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT Gulf of Mexico OCS Region 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard New Orleans, LA 70123-2394

In Reply Refer To: GE 973E

November 3, 2023

Mr. Gil Joon Sinn **KNOC Eagle Ford Corporation** 5599 San Felipe Street, Suite 725 Houston, Texas 77056

Dear Mr. Sinn:

By letter dated July 14, 2023, with additional information submitted through October 2, 2023, KNOC Eagle Ford Corporation (KNOC) requests a Suspension of Production (SOP) for Lease OCS-G 22850 (the Lease), Mississippi Canyon (MC) Block 22. The Lease was held by a prior SOP through July 31, 2023.

Production from the Lease ceased on August 22, 2021, due to the shut-in of the downstream Fieldwood Energy LLC (Fieldwood) South Pass Block 60 F platform (the Processing Facility) and associated pipelines, as part of Fieldwood's bankruptcy plan. The decision was made to abandon the Processing Facility and export pipelines, upon decommissioning orders from the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, leaving the previous operator without a means to process and transport oil and gas production from the Lease to market. To restore production from the Lease, KNOC has committed to upgrade the MC Block 21 B platform and install a new pipeline to a processing facility in the South Pass area. KNOC requests an SOP to complete engineering design, fabrication, and construction for the host platform upgrades and the new pipeline, and commence production from the Lease by December 2024.

An SOP for Lease OCS-G 22850 is hereby approved, pursuant to 30 CFR 250.174(a), from August 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024. KNOC, or any subsequent operator, is expected to follow the enclosed activity schedule and must notify this office in writing (progress report) by the end of each month that a deadline is scheduled. If you have any questions regarding this matter, contact Mr. Daniel Dauterive at (504) 736-2906 or Daniel Dauterive@bsee.gov.

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Sincerely,

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Natasha Bland Regional Supervisor

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