



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Gulf of Mexico OCS Region
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard
New Orleans, LA 70123-2394

In Reply Refer To: MS GM 266A
OCS-G 23736

December 20, 2021

Talos Third Coast LLC
Three Allen Center
333 Clay Street, Suite 3300
Houston, TX 77002
Attn: Mr. Sergio L. Maiworm Jr.

Dear Mr. Maiworm:

Your letter dated November 11, 2021 submitting your Supplemental Multi-Obligee Performance Bond No. EACX4014349, in the amount of \$2,143,143, was received by our office on November 11, 2021. This bond, conditioned to cover Lease OCS-G 23736, all of Block 73, West Cameron Area, was executed on December 17, 2021, with Talos Third Coast LLC (03619) as principal and Endurance Assurance Corporation as surety. The Principal and Surety are held and firmly bound unto the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC, (02312 Prior Owner Oblige), as Co-Obligees.

The bond conforms to the requirements of the leasing and operating regulations for the submerged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf and is effective as of June 3, 2021.

If you need further assistance, please contact Georgina Acosta (504) 736-2763 or boemgomrfinancialassurance@boem.gov.

Sincerely,

SUSAN
VAUGHAN

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Susan Vaughan, Section Chief
Leasing and Financial Responsibility Section
Leasing and Plans

cc: Endurance Assurance Corporation
12890 Lebanon Road
Mount Juliet, TN 37122-2870
Attn: Surety

McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC
1615 Poydras Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112
Attn: Pamela Q. Masson

Sent Via Email To: AKoletar@McGriff.com; Patricia.Rodriguez@TalosEnergy.com;
Carolyn.Savoy@TalosEnergy.com; kmcfarla@fmi.com



RECEIVED
November 11, 2021
Leasing & Financial
Responsibility Section

November 11, 2021

via email transmission (boemGOMRfinancialassurance@boem.gov)

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Attn: Leasing & Financial Responsibility Section
1201 Elmwood Park Blvd., Mail Stop GM 266A
New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394

Re: Request for Acceptance of New Bond
for
Lease OCS-G 23736; West Cameron 73

Dear Sir or Madam:

Talos Third Coast LLC hereby requests that BOEM accepts the following described "New Bond" (full copy attached), effective as of the date reflected in the Bond.

New Bond:

Principal	Surety	Bond No.	Bond Amount	Bond Type
Talos Third Coast LLC	Endurance Assurance Corporation	EACX4014349	\$2,143,143.00	Multi-Obligee Performance Bond

As this request is accepted and processed, please provide notification and a fully executed copy of the New Bond to the following parties:

Patricia Rodriguez, Talos Energy: Patricia.Rodriguez@TalosEnergy.com

Carolyn Savoy, Talos Energy: Carolyn.Savoy@TalosEnergy.com

Ashley Koletar, McGriff: AKoletar@McGriff.com

Thank you for your consideration in this regard. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (713) 335-6973 or at the above-stated email address.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Savoy
Senior Landman & Special Projects Manager

BOND NO. SURU2210000016

OCS LEASE NO. OCS-G 23736

BOND TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL

PENAL SUM \$2,143,143.00

MULTI-OBLIGEE PERFORMANCE BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Talos Third Coast LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, with its principal office at Three Allen Center, 333 Clay Street, Suite 3300, Houston, Texas 77002, assigned BOEM Company Qualification No. 03619 ("**Principal**"), and Ascot Surety & Casualty Company, with an office at 55 W 46th Street, 26th Floor, New York, New York 10036 ("**Surety**"), are held and firmly bound unto (i) the United States of America, acting by and through the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123 ("**BOEM Obligee**"), and (ii) McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC, with a mailing address of 201 St. Joseph Street, 2nd Floor, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130 with BOEM Company Qualification No. 02312 ("**Prior Owner Obligee**") (BOEM Obligee and Prior Owner Obligee being sometimes collectively referred to herein as "**Co-Obligees**" or individually as "**Co-Obligee**"), for the penal sum of Two Million One Hundred Forty Three Thousand One Hundred Forty Three and No/100 Dollars (\$2,143,143.00) lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which penal sum the Principal and the Surety bind themselves, their successors and assigns, jointly, severally, and in solido, firmly by these presents, pursuant to the terms hereof.

WHEREAS, Prior Owner Obligee is a former Lessee (as defined herein) on Federal Lease OCS-G 23736 ("**Lease**"), more fully described as follows:

All of Block 73, West Cameron Area, as shown on OCS Louisiana Leasing Map, LAI.

WHEREAS, pursuant to a transaction, dated as of October 11, 2018, between Castex Offshore, Inc. and GOME 1271 LLC, as Buyers (together, the "**Buyers**"), and Prior Owner Obligee, as Seller, through which Prior Owner Obligee transferred record title interest in the Lease to the Buyers (the "**GOME Transaction**"), GOME 1271 LLC ("**GOME**"), as a successor record title owner of the Lease, provided the required security for the Decommissioning Obligations (as defined below) to BOEM Obligee and Prior Owner Obligee in the form of a Multi-Obligee Performance Bond (designated as Bond No. B011696 and subsequently replaced by Bond No. EACX4014349), accepted by BOEM Obligee on November 21, 2018, and attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (the "**Prior Security**"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the merger of GOME into Principal, effective February 28, 2020, Principal has succeeded to ownership of GOME's record title interest in the Lease (the "Talos Merger"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable laws, rules, regulations, and policies of BOEM Obligee, Principal, as a record title owner of the Lease, is required to provide financial assurance for the Decommissioning Obligations (as defined below) to BOEM Obligee, and, to that end, is hereby replacing the Prior Security with this Multi-Obligee Performance Bond (designated as Bond No. **SURU2210000016**) in favor of BOEM Obligee and Prior Owner Obligee (this "**Bond**"); and

WHEREAS, the Surety warrants that it is duly authorized by the proper public authorities to transact the business of indemnity and suretyship in the state where it executed this Bond, that it is qualified to be a surety and guarantor on bonds and undertakings, that it is named in the current Circular 570, published by the Audit Staff Bureau of Accounts, U.S. Department of the Treasury ("**Circular 570**"), and that its certificate of suretyship has not been revoked; and

WHEREAS, the Surety warrants that it has duly executed a power of attorney, appointing the hereinafter named representative as the true and lawful attorney-in-fact of such Surety, upon whom may be served all lawful process in any action or proceeding against such Surety in any court or before any officer, arising out of or founded upon this Bond or any liability hereunder, and does hereby agree and consent that such service, when so made, will be valid service upon it, and that such appointment will continue in force and effect and be irrevocable so long as any liability against it remains outstanding hereunder; but if the named representative becomes no longer able to act as the Surety's true attorney-in-fact, the Surety will immediately execute a new power of attorney appointing a replacement representative authorized to act as its true attorney-in-fact, and will promptly so inform each of the Co-Obligees.

NOW THEREFORE, the Principal, the Surety, and the Co-Obligees agree to the following:

1. **Definitions.** As used in this Bond, the following terms have the following meanings:
 - 1.1 ***Bond*** means this multi-obligee performance bond, identified as Bond No. **SURU2210000016**;
 - 1.2 ***Instrument*** includes, individually or collectively, any Lease, operating agreement, designation of operator or agent, storage agreement, transfer of operating rights, permit, license, grant, or easement, pursuant to which the Principal has the right, privilege, or license to conduct operations on the Lease to which this Bond applies;
 - 1.3 ***Decommissioning Obligation(s)*** means any decommissioning obligation(s) or requirement(s) imposed on both the Principal and the Prior Owner Obligee by, or arising from (i) the Lease, (ii) any regulations of the Department of the Interior, or (iii) any Instrument issued, maintained, or approved under the Outer Continental Shelf ("**OCS**") Lands Act (43 U.S.C. §§ 1331 et seq.), related to the record title, operating rights, or ownership interests in the Lease transferred to the Principal pursuant to the Talos Merger and that accrued before the Principal acquired record title, operating rights, or ownership interests therein and remained unperformed on the date that BOEM Obligee approved assignment of such interests from Buyers to the Principal;

- 1.4 **Qualified Surety** means a surety named in the version of Circular 570 current at the time the Qualified Surety provides a bond, and at all times thereafter.
- 1.5 **Lessee** means a BOEM-approved owner of all or a portion of the record title in the Lease or a BOEM-approved owner of all or a portion of the operating rights under the Lease; or a Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement ("**BSEE**") approved owner of a ROW;
- 1.6 **Person** includes an individual, a public or private entity, a State, a political subdivision of a State, any association of individuals, corporations, States, or subdivisions of States, or a governmental agency;
- 1.7 **Regional Director** means the Regional Director for the applicable BOEM Obligee Regional Office with jurisdiction over the Lease; and
- 1.8 **Default** means BOEM's determination that the Principal has failed to timely perform the Decommissioning Obligations.
2. The Principal, the Surety, and the Co-Obligees further agree to the following:
- 2.1 The Surety hereby guarantees, to each of the Co-Obligees, the full and faithful performance by Principal of the entirety of the Decommissioning Obligations. Under no circumstances, however, does such guarantee by the Surety exceed the penal sum of the Bond at any time in effect.
- 2.2 The Principal, as agent on behalf of all Lessees on the Lease, will fulfill the Decommissioning Obligations to the same extent as though the Principal were the sole Lessee, as well as the operating rights owner, for the portions of the Lease transferred to the Principal in the Talos Merger.
- 2.3 The Surety does hereby absolutely and unconditionally bind itself to each of (i) BOEM Obligee and (ii) Prior Owner Obligee for all sums required to fund the performance of the Decommissioning Obligations, up to the penal sum of the Bond, regardless of the number of years this Bond is in force.
- 2.4 The Surety will be responsible to each of the Co-Obligees for all Decommissioning Obligations of the Principal until the earlier of: (a) the satisfaction of all Decommissioning Obligations, (b) if the Bond is called, the Surety has provided the funds up to the penal sum of the Bond, or (c) the Decommissioning Obligations are covered by replacement financial assurance approved in writing by each of BOEM Obligee and Prior Owner Obligee which specifically secures the Decommissioning Obligations.
- 2.5 If the Regional Director terminates the period of liability of this Bond in accordance with 30 CFR 556.906, the Surety will remain responsible to the Co-Obligees for Decommissioning Obligations that accrued during the period of liability until the Regional Director issues a written cancellation of the Bond in favor of the Surety.

- 2.6** If this Bond is cancelled, the Regional Director may reinstate this Bond as if no cancellation had occurred if any payment for performance of any Decommissioning Obligation of the Principal is rescinded or must be restored or repaid pursuant to any insolvency, bankruptcy, reorganization, or receivership, or should the representation of the Principal that it has performed the Decommissioning Obligations in accordance with BOEM specifications be materially false and BOEM relied upon such representation in canceling the Bond.
- 2.7** The Surety waives any right of notice of this Bond taking effect and agrees that this Bond will take effect as to each Co-Obligee upon delivery to such Co-Obligee.
- 2.8** Unless explicitly terminated, cancelled, or modified by both BOEM Obligee and Prior Owner Obligee in writing, and as provided for in this Bond, the Surety's obligations will remain in full force and effect, even if:
- a)** The Principal or any other person assigns all or part of any interest in an Instrument or in the Lease covered by this Bond;
 - b)** Any person modifies an Instrument in any manner, including modifications that result from (i) a commitment to a unit, cooperative, or communitization, or storage agreement; (ii) suspension of operations or production; (iii) suspension or changes in rental, minimum royalty, or the payment of royalties; (iv) modification of regulations or interpretations of regulations; (v) creation or modification of compensatory royalty agreements or payments; or (vi) creation of any mortgage, pledge, or other grant of security interest in an Instrument or the Lease;
 - c)** Any person, event, or condition terminates any Instrument or the Lease covered by this Bond, whether the termination is by operation of law or otherwise; or
 - d)** Either Co-Obligee takes or fails to take any enforcement action against, or fails to give notice to, or make demand of, any party to any Instrument, concerning the payment or non-payment of rentals or royalties or the performance or non-performance of any other covenant, term, or condition of the Lease, or any contract entered into with respect to the GOME Transaction.
- 2.9** BOEM Obligee will contemporaneously send a copy to Prior Owner Obligee of any notice of Default sent to Principal or Surety.
- 2.10** After a Default, and upon demand by either of the Co-Obligees, the Surety will provide to such Co-Obligee making demand, pursuant to the procedures set forth in this Section 2, payments up to the penal sum of the Bond to satisfy the Decommissioning Obligations.
- 2.11** Upon Default by the Principal, BOEM Obligee has the right to call the Bond, or a portion of the Bond, by demand upon the Surety without any requirement that BOEM Obligee confer with, or obtain the agreement of, Prior Owner Obligee, subject to the procedures, rights and obligations set forth in this Section 2.

- 2.12** Prior to calling the Bond pursuant to Paragraph 2.11, BOEM Obligor will provide Prior Owner Obligor with thirty (30) calendar days' advance written notice ("**BOEM Notice Period**") of BOEM Obligor's intention to call the Bond (or portion thereof) and stating the scope of the Decommissioning Obligations upon which Principal has defaulted. If, within the BOEM Notice Period, Prior Owner Obligor commits in writing to BOEM Obligor to timely undertake the requisite activities to address the Decommissioning Obligations upon which Principal has defaulted, BOEM Obligor will direct the Surety to pay to Prior Owner Obligor the proceeds of the Bond (or portion thereof). Prior Owner Obligor will utilize the proceeds of the Bond exclusively to diligently and continuously prosecute the performance of the requisite operations and activities until such time as the Decommissioning Obligations then requiring performance are satisfied.
- 2.13** If BOEM Obligor calls the Bond, and within the BOEM Notice Period, Prior Owner Obligor does not commit in writing to perform the Decommissioning Obligations, BOEM Obligor has the right to receive performance of the Decommissioning Obligations by, or the payment of the Bond proceeds from, the Surety, with no further obligation to inform the Prior Owner Obligor or any other party and BOEM Obligor will place the proceeds of the Bond into an appropriate account and dedicate the proceeds to the performance of activities to address the Decommissioning Obligations then requiring performance.
- 2.14** Upon Default, Prior Owner Obligor may call the Bond by demand upon the Surety if (a) Prior Owner Obligor provides BOEM Obligor with thirty (30) calendar days' advance written notice ("**Prior Owner Obligor Notice Period**") of its intention to call the Bond (or portion thereof), and (b) agrees in writing to use the proceeds of the Bond exclusively to diligently and continuously prosecute the performance of the requisite operations and activities until such time as the Decommissioning Obligations then requiring performance are satisfied. Prior Owner Obligor hereby acknowledges that this Bond and the procedures relating to utilization of Bond proceeds do not reduce or otherwise modify its regulatory liabilities associated with the Decommissioning Obligations.
- 2.15** If Prior Owner Obligor receives Bond proceeds under any of the provisions of this Section 2, the proceeds will be placed into an escrow or other appropriate account in a federally-insured bank or a federally-insured thrift institution, from which the Prior Owner Obligor may make a withdrawal or series of withdrawals upon submitting to BSEE applicable permits for the contemplated decommissioning operations made the subject of the Default. Prior Owner Obligor pledges to use funds from this escrow or other appropriate account only for satisfying the Decommissioning Obligations then requiring performance.
- 2.16** If Prior Owner Obligor receives bond proceeds under Paragraph 2.12 or withdraws Bond proceeds under Paragraph 2.15, but fails to commence performance of the Decommissioning Obligations, as specified in the regulations at 30 C.F.R., Part 250, subpart Q, within ninety (90) calendar days of receiving/withdrawing the Bond proceeds, or as otherwise mutually agreed in writing, Prior Owner Obligor shall immediately tender to BOEM Obligor the proceeds of the Bond to arrange for performance of the requisite activities to address the Decommissioning Obligations then requiring performance. In order to give BOEM Obligor immediate access to the remaining Bond proceeds pursuant

to this Paragraph 2.16, the Prior Owner Obligee will provide, in the agreement establishing the escrow or other appropriate account into which Prior Owner Obligee deposits the Bond proceeds, terms that authorize BOEM Obligee, after notifying Prior Owner Obligee of Prior Owner Obligee's failure to timely commence Decommissioning Obligations, to make withdrawals from the account consistent with this Paragraph 2.16.

- 2.17** Regardless of which Co-Obligee calls the Bond, and notwithstanding anything else to the contrary herein, any and all proceeds attributable to forfeiture, or call, of the Bond must be applied solely and exclusively to extinguish the Decommissioning Obligations, regardless of insolvency, bankruptcy, or default of the Principal, or an assignment by the Principal of all or part of its interests in the Lease, and all operations and activities necessary to be performed to extinguish such Decommissioning Obligations must be timely performed in accordance with the regulations of the Department of the Interior.

3. Miscellaneous.

- 3.1** Nothing in this Bond expands the obligations and liabilities of Prior Owner Obligee associated with the Lease pursuant to contract or law, and all such obligations and liabilities will be limited to the obligations and liabilities that accrued while Prior Owner Obligee was a Lessee, as that term is used herein.
- 3.2** If either Co-Obligee decides to commence suit to enforce its rights, it may commence and prosecute any claim, suit, action, or other proceeding against the Principal and Surety, or either of them, whether or not the other Co-Obligee joins such proceeding.
- 3.3** In the event there is more than one surety, or there are other types of financial assurance securing the Principal's performance of the Decommissioning Obligations, the Surety's obligation and liability under this Bond is on a "solidary" or "joint and several" basis along with such other surety(ies) and along with any other providers of such financial assurance.
- 3.4** The Surety agrees that, within five (5) calendar days after learning that it has been de-listed from the Circular No. 570, and/or of any action filed alleging the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Surety, or alleging any violation that would result in suspension or revocation of the Surety's certificate of suretyship, charter, or license to do business, the Surety will give notice to the Principal and the Co-Obligees.
- 3.5** The Principal agrees that, within five (5) calendar days after learning that the Surety has become bankrupt or, insolvent, or the Surety has had its charter or license to do business suspended or revoked, or is no longer named in the current Circular 570, the Principal will substitute a bond identical in all material respects to this Bond from another Qualified Surety (as defined above).
- 3.6** The Principal agrees that, within five (5) calendar days of learning of any action filed alleging the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Principal, or alleging any violation that would result in suspension or revocation of the Principal's charter, or license to do business, it will notify the Co-Obligees and the Surety.

- 3.7** The Surety's obligation and liabilities under this Bond are binding upon the Surety's successors and assigns, if any. Nothing in this Bond permits assignment of the Surety's obligation without the written consent of each of the Co-Obligees.
- 3.8** The Surety hereby waives any defenses to liability on this Bond based on an unauthorized Principal signature.
- 3.9** No forbearance by either of the Co-Obligees will release the Principal and the Surety from any liability under this Bond to any Co-Obligee.
- 3.10** The penal sum of the Bond will be reduced by and to the extent of any payments made by Surety hereunder, or its successors and assigns. Additionally, from time to time as applicable, Co-Obligees agree to reduce the penal sum of this Bond to the extent Principle furnishes, to BSEE, satisfactory evidence that it has discharged a portion of the Decommissioning Obligations secured by this Bond and BSEE reduces the Decommissioning Obligations for the Lease, accordingly. The Bond, less any reductions for partial Decommissioning Obligations made by BSEE, will remain in full force and effect for the remaining balance of the Bond until all the Decommissioning Obligations are satisfied, or until a replacement bond from a Qualified Surety is provided.
- 3.11** No right or action will accrue on this Bond to or for the use of any person other than the Principal, Surety, the Prior Owner Oblige, and the BOEM Oblige, and their respective heirs, executors, debtor(s) in possession, administrators, assigns, or successors, pursuant to the terms of this Bond and applicable law.

- 3.12** A notice or communication under or in connection with this Bond shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when (a) delivered by hand by a recognized courier delivery service, on the date shown on the receipt, or (b) in the case of delivery by United States certified mail with return receipt requested and postage prepaid, on the date of delivery. The addresses for all notices are as follows:

Principal:

Talos Third Coast LLC
Three Allen Center
333 Clay Street, Suite 3300
Houston, Texas 77002
Attention: Patricia Rodriguez, Risk Manager
Telephone: (713) 380-4951

Surety:

Ascot Surety & Casualty Company
33 South Wood Ave., Suite 600
Iselin, NJ 08830
Attention: Tara North
Telephone: (332) 455-0536

BOEM Obligee:

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard
New Orleans, Louisiana 70123
Attention: Leasing & Financial Responsibility Section
Telephone: (800) 200-4853

Prior Owner Obligee:

McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC
201 St. Joseph Street, 2nd Floor
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130
Attention: Pamela Q. Masson
Telephone: (504) 582-4695

A party to this Bond may change its address for notices by written notice to the other parties.

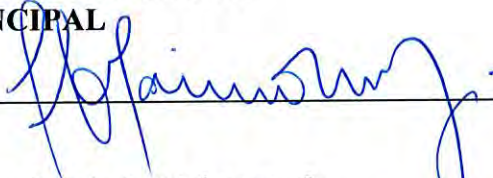
- 3.13** BOEM Obligee acknowledges that Prior Owner Obligee and the Buyers are parties to the GOME Transaction, whereby the Buyers acquired interests in the Lease, and BOEM Obligee agrees that it has no rights, duties, or obligations pursuant to the GOME Transaction, and it is not a third-party beneficiary under the agreements relevant to the GOME Transaction. Prior Owner Obligee and Principal acknowledge that BOEM Obligee may enforce its regulations concerning the obligations of assignors and assignees.

- 3.14** This Bond will be subject to, and interpreted in accordance with, federal law and, in the absence of federal law, the law of the State of Louisiana, the state adjacent to which the Lease is located. All disputes arising out of or in connection with this Bond shall be resolved exclusively in the federal courts in Louisiana and the parties hereto consent to the jurisdiction and venue of such courts. Without limiting the foregoing, all regulations governing surety bonds included within 30 CFR 556.900, *et seq.* are incorporated herein by reference for the benefit of both BOEM Obligee and Prior Owner Obligee.
- 3.15** Any decommissioning obligations associated with the Lease and for which Prior Owner Obligee has no liability shall be covered by separate and distinct financial assurance provided to BOEM Obligee by Principal or another party.
- 3.16** This Bond may be executed in any number of counterparts each of which shall be an original, but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument. Any .pdf (portable document format) or other electronic transmission hereof or signatures hereon shall, for all purposes, be deemed originals.
- 3.17** The Surety also accepts all Decommissioning Obligations of all previous Sureties or guarantors (if any) even if the Decommissioning Obligations are not Decommissioning Obligations of the Principal during the period of liability of this bond.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above bound parties have executed this instrument to be effective on this **27th day of February, 2024**, the name of each corporate party duly signed by its undersigned representative pursuant to authority of its governing body.

[Signature Pages Follow]

**Talos Third Coast LLC
PRINCIPAL**

By: 

Name: Sergio L. Maiworm, Jr.
Title: Chief Financial Officer and
Senior Vice President

**Ascot Surety & Casualty Company
SURETY**

By: 

Name: Vickie Lacy
Title: Attorney-In-Fact



**McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC
PRIOR OWNER OBLIGEE**

By: 

Name: Todd R. Cantrell
Title: Senior Vice President

**United States of America Department of the
Interior
By: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
BOEM OBLIGEE**

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

EXHIBIT “A”

*TO BE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF MULTI-OBLIGEE
PERFORMANCE BOND FOR SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE, OCS-G
LEASE NO. **OCS-G 23736**, BOND NUMBER **SURU2210000016** IN
FAVOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING BY AND
THROUGH THE BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT
(BOEM), AND MCMORAN OIL & GAS LLC ON BEHALF OF TALOS
THIRD COAST LLC AS PRINCIPAL AND ISSUED THROUGH ASCOT
SURETY & CASUALTY COMPANY, AS SURETY.*



Ascot Surety & Casualty Company
Ascot Insurance Company
 55 W 46th Street, 26th Floor
 New York, NY 10036

Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL MEN BY THE PRESENTS:

That **Ascot Surety & Casualty Company** and **Ascot Insurance Company**, each a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado (the "Companies"), do hereby constitute and appoint:

Ashley Koletar, Heather Noles, Joseph R. Aulbert, Marc W. Boots, Maria D. Zuniga, Richard Covington, Ryan Varela, Vickie Lacy and Melanie Salinas

of Houston, TX (city, state) and each its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full authority to sign, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver for, and on its behalf, and as its act and deed any place within the United States, or, if the following line is filled in, only within the area and up to the amount therein designated, any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances, and other contracts of indemnity or writings obligatory in the nature thereof, issued in the course of its surety business, and to bond the Companies as follows:

Any such obligations in the United States not to exceed \$50,000,000.00.

The Companies hereby ratify and confirm all and whatsoever said Attorney(s)-in-fact may lawfully do in the premises by virtue of these presents. These appointments are made under and by authority Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Companies, which resolutions are still in effect:

RESOLVED, that any of the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Operating Officer or the Chief Underwriting Officer, acting in conjunction with the head of the surety business line for the Corporation (each an Authorized Individual" and, collectively, the Authorized Individuals"), are authorized to jointly appoint one or more attorneys-in-fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Corporation in the transaction of the Corporation's surety business to execute (under the common seal of the Corporation if appropriate) bonds, undertakings, recognizances and other contracts of indemnity and writings obligatory in the nature thereof.

RESOLVED, that in conjunction with the Corporation's transaction of surety business the signatures and attestations of the Authorized Individuals and the seal of the Corporation be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto (electronic or otherwise) by facsimile and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seals (electronic or otherwise) shall be valid and binding upon the Corporation when so affixed with respect to any bond, undertaking, recognizance or tother contract of indemnity or writing obligatory in the nature thereof.

RESOLVED, that in connection with the Corporation's transaction of surety business, the facsimile electronic or mechanically reproduced signature of any Authorized Individual, whether made heretofore or hereafter, whenever appearing upon a copy of any Power of Attorney of the Corporation, with signatures affixed as next above noted, shall be valid and binding upon the Corporation with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused these presents with the respective corporate seals and to be executed by the individuals named below who are duly authorized and empowered to execute the Power of Attorney on the Companies' behalf, this 22nd day of February 2024.



ASCOT SURETY & CASUALTY COMPANY
 ASCOT INSURANCE COMPANY

Matthew Kramer

Matthew Kramer (Chief Executive Officer)

Tara Quigley

Tara Quigley (Executive Vice President, Surety)

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
 COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD) ss.

On this 22nd day of February 2024, before me came the above named Chief Executive Officer of each Ascot Surety & Casualty Company and Ascot Insurance Company and the head of the surety business line for each of Ascot Surety & Casualty Company and Ascot Insurance Company, to me personally known to be the individuals described herein, and acknowledged that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument and the corporate seals of each Ascot Surety & Casualty Company and Ascot Insurance Company, and that the said corporate seals and signatures were duly affixed and subscribed to said instrument by the authority and direction of said Companies.

KSENIA E GUSEVA
 Notary Public, State of Connecticut
 My Commission Expires June 30, 2024

Ksenia E. Guseva

Notary Public Ksenia E Guseva
 My commission expires on June 30, 2024

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Company, do hereby certify that the foregoing excerpts of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Companies, and the Power of Attorney issued pursuant thereto, are true and correct, and further certify that both the Resolution and the Power of Attorney are still in full force and effect.

This Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies.

RESOLVED, that in connection with the Corporation's transaction of surety business the signatures and attestations of the Authorized Individuals and the seal of the Corporation be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto (electronic or otherwise) by facsimile and any such Power of Attorney of certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal (electronic or otherwise) shall be valid and binding upon the Corporation when so affixed with respect to any bond, undertaking, recognizances or other contract of indemnity or writing obligatory in the nature thereof;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF; I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies, this 27th day of February, 2024

ASCOT SURETY & CASUALTY COMPANY
 ASCOT INSURANCE COMPANY

John Gill

John Gill, Secretary

BOND NO. EACX4014349

OCS LEASE NO. OCS-G 23736

BOND TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL

PENAL SUM \$2,143,143.00

MULTI-OBLIGEE PERFORMANCE BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Talos Third Coast LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, with its principal office at Three Allen Center, 333 Clay Street, Suite 3300, Houston, Texas 77002, assigned BOEM Company Qualification No. 03619 ("**Principal**"), and Endurance Assurance Corporation, with an office at 12890 Lebanon Road, Mount Juliet, TN 37122 ("**Surety**"), are held and firmly bound unto (i) the United States of America, acting by and through the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123 ("**BOEM Obligee**"), and (ii) McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC, with a mailing address of 1615 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112 with BOEM Company Qualification No. 02312 ("**Prior Owner Obligee**") (BOEM Obligee and Prior Owner Obligee being sometimes collectively referred to herein as "**Co-Obligees**" or individually as "**Co-Obligee**"), for the penal sum of Two Million One Hundred Forty Three Thousand One Hundred Forty Three and No/100 Dollars (\$2,143,143.00) lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which penal sum the Principal and the Surety bind themselves, their successors and assigns, jointly, severally, and in solido, firmly by these presents, pursuant to the terms hereof.

WHEREAS, Prior Owner Obligee is a former Lessee (as defined herein) on Federal Lease OCS-G 23736 ("**Lease**"), more fully described as follows:

All of Block 73, West Cameron Area, as shown on OCS Louisiana Leasing Map, LAI.

WHEREAS, pursuant to a transaction, dated as of October 11, 2018, between Castex Offshore, Inc. and GOME 1271 LLC, as Buyers (together, the "**Buyers**"), and Prior Owner Obligee, as Seller, through which Prior Owner Obligee transferred record title interest in the Lease to the Buyers (the "**GOME Transaction**"), GOME 1271 LLC ("**GOME**"), as a successor record title owner of the Lease, provided the required security for the Decommissioning Obligations (as defined below) to BOEM Obligee and Prior Owner Obligee in the form of a Multi-Obligee Performance Bond (designated as Bond No. B011696), accepted by BOEM Obligee on November 21, 2018, and attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (the "**Prior Security**"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the merger of GOME into Principal, effective February 28, 2020, Principal has succeeded to ownership of GOME's record title interest in the Lease (the "Talos Merger"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable laws, rules, regulations, and policies of BOEM Obligee, Principal, as a record title owner of the Lease, is required to provide financial assurance for the Decommissioning Obligations (as defined below) to BOEM Obligee, and, to that end, is hereby replacing the Prior Security with this Multi-Obligee Performance Bond (designated as Bond No. **EACX4014349**) in favor of BOEM Obligee and Prior Owner Obligee (this "**Bond**"); and

WHEREAS, the Surety warrants that it is duly authorized by the proper public authorities to transact the business of indemnity and suretyship in the state where it executed this Bond, that it is qualified to be a surety and guarantor on bonds and undertakings, that it is named in the current Circular 570, published by the Audit Staff Bureau of Accounts, U.S. Department of the Treasury ("**Circular 570**"), and that its certificate of suretyship has not been revoked; and

WHEREAS, the Surety warrants that it has duly executed a power of attorney, appointing the hereinafter named representative as the true and lawful attorney-in-fact of such Surety, upon whom may be served all lawful process in any action or proceeding against such Surety in any court or before any officer, arising out of or founded upon this Bond or any liability hereunder, and does hereby agree and consent that such service, when so made, will be valid service upon it, and that such appointment will continue in force and effect and be irrevocable so long as any liability against it remains outstanding hereunder; but if the named representative becomes no longer able to act as the Surety's true attorney-in-fact, the Surety will immediately execute a new power of attorney appointing a replacement representative authorized to act as its true attorney-in-fact, and will promptly so inform each of the Co-Obligees.

NOW THEREFORE, the Principal, the Surety, and the Co-Obligees agree to the following:

1. **Definitions.** As used in this Bond, the following terms have the following meanings:

1.1 ***Bond*** means this multi-obligee performance bond, identified as Bond No. **EACX4014349**;

1.2 ***Instrument*** includes, individually or collectively, any Lease, operating agreement, designation of operator or agent, storage agreement, transfer of operating rights, permit, license, grant, or easement, pursuant to which the Principal has the right, privilege, or license to conduct operations on the Lease to which this Bond applies;

1.3 ***Decommissioning Obligation(s)*** means any decommissioning obligation(s) or requirement(s) imposed on both the Principal and the Prior Owner Obligee by, or arising from (i) the Lease, (ii) any regulations of the Department of the Interior, or (iii) any Instrument issued, maintained, or approved under the Outer Continental Shelf ("**OCS**") Lands Act (43 U.S.C. §§ 1331 et seq.), related to the record title, operating rights, or ownership interests in the Lease transferred to the Principal pursuant to the Talos Merger and that accrued before the

Principal acquired record title, operating rights, or ownership interests therein and remained unperformed on the date that BOEM Obligee approved assignment of such interests from Buyers to the Principal;

1.4 **Qualified Surety** means a surety named in the version of Circular 570 current at the time the Qualified Surety provides a bond, and at all times thereafter.

1.5 **Lessee** means a BOEM-approved owner of all or a portion of the record title in the Lease or a BOEM-approved owner of all or a portion of the operating rights under the Lease; or a Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement ("**BSEE**") approved owner of a ;

1.6 **Person** includes an individual, a public or private entity, a State, a political subdivision of a State, any association of individuals, corporations, States, or subdivisions of States, or a governmental agency;

1.7 **Regional Director** means the Regional Director for the applicable BOEM Obligee Regional Office with jurisdiction over the Lease; and

1.8 **Default** means BOEM's determination that the Principal has failed to timely perform the Decommissioning Obligations.

2. The Principal, the Surety, and the Co-Obligees further agree to the following:

2.1 The Surety hereby guarantees, to each of the Co-Obligees, the full and faithful performance by Principal of the entirety of the Decommissioning Obligations. Under no circumstances, however, does such guarantee by the Surety exceed the penal sum of the Bond at any time in effect.

2.2 The Principal, as agent on behalf of all Lessees on the Lease, will fulfill the Decommissioning Obligations to the same extent as though the Principal were the sole Lessee, as well as the operating rights owner, for the portions of the Lease transferred to the Principal in the Talos Merger.

2.3 The Surety does hereby absolutely and unconditionally bind itself to each of (i) BOEM Obligee and (ii) Prior Owner Obligee for all sums required to fund the performance of the Decommissioning Obligations, up to the penal sum of the Bond, regardless of the number of years this Bond is in force.

2.4 The Surety will be responsible to each of the Co-Obligees for all Decommissioning Obligations of the Principal until the earlier of: (a) the satisfaction of all Decommissioning Obligations, (b) if the Bond is called, the Surety has provided the funds up to the penal sum of the Bond, or (c) the Decommissioning Obligations are covered by replacement financial assurance approved in writing by each of BOEM Obligee and Prior Owner Obligee which specifically secures the Decommissioning Obligations.

2.5 If the Regional Director terminates the period of liability of this Bond in accordance with 30 CFR 556.906, the Surety will remain responsible to the Co-Obligees for

Decommissioning Obligations that accrued during the period of liability until the Regional Director issues a written cancellation of the Bond in favor of the Surety.

2.6 If this Bond is cancelled, the Regional Director may reinstate this Bond as if no cancellation had occurred if any payment for performance of any Decommissioning Obligation of the Principal is rescinded or must be restored or repaid pursuant to any insolvency, bankruptcy, reorganization, or receivership, or should the representation of the Principal that it has performed the Decommissioning Obligations in accordance with BOEM specifications be materially false and BOEM relied upon such representation in canceling the Bond.

2.7 The Surety waives any right of notice of this Bond taking effect and agrees that this Bond will take effect as to each Co-Obligee upon delivery to such Co-Obligee.

2.8 Unless explicitly terminated, cancelled, or modified by both BOEM Obligor and Prior Owner Obligor in writing, and as provided for in this Bond, the Surety's obligations will remain in full force and effect, even if:

a) The Principal or any other person assigns all or part of any interest in an Instrument or in the Lease covered by this Bond;

b) Any person modifies an Instrument in any manner, including modifications that result from (i) a commitment to a unit, cooperative, or communitization, or storage agreement; (ii) suspension of operations or production; (iii) suspension or changes in rental, minimum royalty, or the payment of royalties; (iv) modification of regulations or interpretations of regulations; (v) creation or modification of compensatory royalty agreements or payments; or (vi) creation of any mortgage, pledge, or other grant of security interest in an Instrument or the Lease;

c) Any person, event, or condition terminates any Instrument or the Lease covered by this Bond, whether the termination is by operation of law or otherwise; or

d) Either Co-Obligee takes or fails to take any enforcement action against, or fails to give notice to, or make demand of, any party to any Instrument, concerning the payment or non-payment of rentals or royalties or the performance or nonperformance of any other covenant, term, or condition of the Lease, or any contract entered into with respect to the GOME Transaction.

2.9 BOEM Obligor will contemporaneously send a copy to Prior Owner Obligor of any notice of Default sent to Principal or Surety.

2.10 After a Default, and upon demand by either of the Co-Obligees, the Surety will provide to such Co-Obligee making demand, pursuant to the procedures set forth in this Section 2, payments up to the penal sum of the Bond to satisfy the Decommissioning Obligations.

2.11 Upon Default by the Principal, BOEM Obligor has the right to call the Bond, or a portion of the Bond, by demand upon the Surety without any requirement that BOEM Obligor

confer with, or obtain the agreement of, Prior Owner Obligor, subject to the procedures, rights and obligations set forth in this Section 2.

2.12 Prior to calling the Bond pursuant to Paragraph 2.11, BOEM Obligor will provide Prior Owner Obligor with thirty (30) calendar days' advance written notice ("**BOEM Notice Period**") of BOEM Obligor's intention to call the Bond (or portion thereof) and stating the scope of the Decommissioning Obligations upon which Principal has defaulted. If, within the BOEM Notice Period, Prior Owner Obligor commits in writing to BOEM Obligor to timely undertake the requisite activities to address the Decommissioning Obligations upon which Principal has defaulted, BOEM Obligor will direct the Surety to pay to Prior Owner Obligor the proceeds of the Bond (or portion thereof). Prior Owner Obligor will utilize the proceeds of the Bond exclusively to diligently and continuously prosecute the performance of the requisite operations and activities until such time as the Decommissioning Obligations then requiring performance are satisfied.

2.13 If BOEM Obligor calls the Bond, and within the BOEM Notice Period, Prior Owner Obligor does not commit in writing to perform the Decommissioning Obligations, BOEM Obligor has the right to receive performance of the Decommissioning Obligations by, or the payment of the Bond proceeds from, the Surety, with no further obligation to inform the Prior Owner Obligor or any other party and BOEM Obligor will place the proceeds of the Bond into an appropriate account and dedicate the proceeds to the performance of activities to address the Decommissioning Obligations then requiring performance.

2.14 Upon Default, Prior Owner Obligor may call the Bond by demand upon the Surety if (a) Prior Owner Obligor provides BOEM Obligor with thirty (30) calendar days' advance written notice ("**Prior Owner Obligor Notice Period**") of its intention to call the Bond (or portion thereof), and (b) agrees in writing to use the proceeds of the Bond exclusively to diligently and continuously prosecute the performance of the requisite operations and activities until such time as the Decommissioning Obligations then requiring performance are satisfied. Prior Owner Obligor hereby acknowledges that this Bond and the procedures relating to utilization of Bond proceeds do not reduce or otherwise modify its regulatory liabilities associated with the Decommissioning Obligations.

2.15 If Prior Owner Obligor receives Bond proceeds under any of the provisions of this Section 2, the proceeds will be placed into an escrow or other appropriate account in a federally-insured bank or a federally-insured thrift institution, from which the Prior Owner Obligor may make a withdrawal or series of withdrawals upon submitting to BSEE applicable permits for the contemplated decommissioning operations made the subject of the Default. Prior Owner Obligor pledges to use funds from this escrow or other appropriate account only for satisfying the Decommissioning Obligations then requiring performance.

2.16 If Prior Owner Obligor receives bond proceeds under Paragraph 2.12 or withdraws Bond proceeds under Paragraph 2.15, but fails to commence performance of the Decommissioning Obligations, as specified in the regulations at 30 C.F.R., Part 250, subpart Q, within ninety (90) calendar days of receiving/withdrawing the Bond proceeds, or as otherwise mutually agreed in writing, Prior Owner Obligor shall immediately tender to BOEM Obligor the proceeds of the Bond

to arrange for performance of the requisite activities to address the Decommissioning Obligations then requiring performance. In order to give BOEM Obligor immediate access to the remaining Bond proceeds pursuant to this Paragraph 2.16, the Prior Owner Obligor will provide, in the agreement establishing the escrow or other appropriate account into which Prior Owner Obligor deposits the Bond proceeds, terms that authorize BOEM Obligor, after notifying Prior Owner Obligor of Prior Owner Obligor's failure to timely commence Decommissioning Obligations, to make withdrawals from the account consistent with this Paragraph 2.16.

2.17 Regardless of which Co-Obligor calls the Bond, and notwithstanding anything else to the contrary herein, any and all proceeds attributable to forfeiture, or call, of the Bond must be applied solely and exclusively to extinguish the Decommissioning Obligations, regardless of insolvency, bankruptcy, or default of the Principal, or an assignment by the Principal of all or part of its interests in the Lease, and all operations and activities necessary to be performed to extinguish such Decommissioning Obligations must be timely performed in accordance with the regulations of the Department of the Interior.

3. Miscellaneous.

3.1 Nothing in this Bond expands the obligations and liabilities of Prior Owner Obligor associated with the Lease pursuant to contract or law, and all such obligations and liabilities will be limited to the obligations and liabilities that accrued while Prior Owner Obligor was a Lessee, as that term is used herein.

3.2 If either Co-Obligor decides to commence suit to enforce its rights, it may commence and prosecute any claim, suit, action, or other proceeding against the Principal and Surety, or either of them, whether or not the other Co-Obligor joins such proceeding.

3.3 In the event there is more than one surety, or there are other types of financial assurance securing the Principal's performance of the Decommissioning Obligations, the Surety's obligation and liability under this Bond is on a "solidary" or "joint and several" basis along with such other surety(ies) and along with any other providers of such financial assurance.

3.4 The Surety agrees that, within five (5) calendar days after learning that it has been de-listed from the Circular No. 570, and/or of any action filed alleging the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Surety, or alleging any violation that would result in suspension or revocation of the Surety's certificate of suretyship, charter, or license to do business, the Surety will give notice to the Principal and the Co-Obligors.

3.5 The Principal agrees that, within five (5) calendar days after learning that the Surety has become bankrupt or insolvent, or the Surety has had its charter or license to do business suspended or revoked, or is no longer named in the current Circular 570, the Principal will substitute a bond identical in all material respects to this Bond from another Qualified Surety (as defined above).

3.6 The Principal agrees that, within five (5) calendar days of learning of any action filed alleging the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Principal, or alleging any violation that would

result in suspension or revocation of the Principal's charter, or license to do business, it will notify the Co-Obligees and the Surety.

3.7 The Surety's obligation and liabilities under this Bond are binding upon the Surety's successors and assigns, if any. Nothing in this Bond permits assignment of the Surety's obligation without the written consent of each of the Co-Obligees.

3.8 The Surety hereby waives any defenses to liability on this Bond based on an unauthorized Principal signature.

3.9 No forbearance by either of the Co-Obligees will release the Principal and the Surety from any liability under this Bond to any Co-Obligee.

3.10 The penal sum of the Bond will be reduced by and to the extent of any payments made by Surety hereunder, or its successors and assigns. Additionally, from time to time as applicable, Co-Obligees agree to reduce the penal sum of this Bond to the extent Principle furnishes, to BSEE, satisfactory evidence that it has discharged a portion of the Decommissioning Obligations secured by this Bond and BSEE reduces the Decommissioning Obligations for the Lease, accordingly. The Bond, less any reductions for partial Decommissioning Obligations made by BSEE, will remain in full force and effect for the remaining balance of the Bond until all the Decommissioning Obligations are satisfied, or until a replacement bond from a Qualified Surety is provided.

3.11 No right or action will accrue on this Bond to or for the use of any person other than the Principal, Surety, the Prior Owner Oblige, and the BOEM Oblige, and their respective heirs, executors, debtor(s) in possession, administrators, assigns, or successors, pursuant to the terms of this Bond and applicable law.

3.12 A notice or communication under or in connection with this Bond shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when (a) delivered by hand by a recognized courier delivery service, on the date shown on the receipt, or (b) in the case of delivery by United States certified mail with return receipt requested and postage prepaid, on the date of delivery. The addresses for all notices are as follows:

Principal:

Talos Third Coast LLC
Three Allen Center
333 Clay Street, Suite 3300
Houston, Texas 77002
Attention: Sergio L. Maiworm, Jr.
Telephone: (713) 328-3008

Surety:

Endurance Assurance Corporation
12890 Lebanon Road
Mount Juliet, TN 37122-2870
Attention: Surety
Telephone: (615) 553-9500

BOEM Obligee:

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard
New Orleans, Louisiana 70123
Attention: Leasing & Financial Responsibility Section
Telephone: (800) 200-4853

Prior Owner Obligee:

McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC
1615 Poydras Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112
Attention: Pamela Q. Masson
Telephone: (504) 582-4695

A party to this Bond may change its address for notices by written notice to the other parties.

3.13 BOEM Obligee acknowledges that Prior Owner Obligee and the Buyers are parties to the GOME Transaction, whereby the Buyers acquired interests in the Lease, and BOEM Obligee agrees that it has no rights, duties or obligations pursuant to the GOME Transaction, and it is not a third-party beneficiary under the agreements relevant to the GOME Transaction. Prior Owner Obligee and Principal acknowledge that BOEM Obligee may enforce its regulations concerning the obligations of assignors and assignees.

3.14 This Bond will be subject to, and interpreted in accordance with, federal law and, in the absence of federal law, the law of the State of Louisiana, the state adjacent to which the

Lease is located. All disputes arising out of or in connection with this Bond shall be resolved exclusively in the federal courts in Louisiana and the parties hereto consent to the jurisdiction and venue of such courts. Without limiting the foregoing, all regulations governing surety bonds included within 30 CFR 556.900, *et seq.* are incorporated herein by reference for the benefit of both BOEM Obligor and Prior Owner Obligor.

3.15 Any decommissioning obligations associated with the Lease and for which Prior Owner Obligor has no liability shall be covered by separate and distinct financial assurance provided to BOEM Obligor by Principal or another party.

3.16 This Bond may be executed in any number of counterparts each of which shall be an original, but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument. Any .pdf (portable document format) or other electronic transmission hereof or signatures hereon shall, for all purposes, be deemed originals.

3.17 The Surety also accepts all Decommissioning Obligations of all previous Sureties or guarantors (if any) even if the Decommissioning Obligations are not Decommissioning Obligations of the Principal during the period of liability of this bond.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above bound parties have executed this instrument to be effective on this 3rd day of June, 2021, the name of each corporate party duly signed by its undersigned representative pursuant to authority of its governing body.

[Signature Pages Follow]

WITNESSES:



Scott Finch

Print Name



Laura Williams

Print Name

**Talos Third Coast LLC
PRINCIPAL**

By: 

Name: Sergio L. Maiworm, Jr.

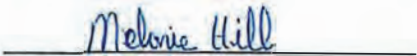
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WITNESSES:



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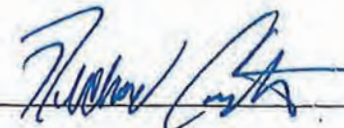
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**Endurance Assurance Corporation
SURETY**

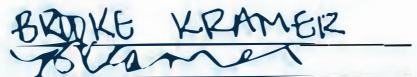
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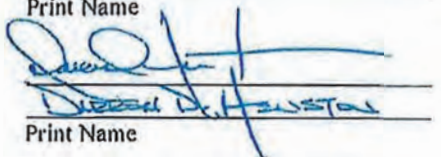
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WITNESSES:



Print Name



Print Name

**McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC
PRIOR OWNER OBLIGEE**

By: 

Name: Todd R. Cantrall

Title: Senior Vice President

WITNESSES:

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**United States of America Department of
the Interior
By: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
BOEM OBLIGEE**

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By:

Name: Michael A. Celata

Title: Regional Director



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KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that Endurance Assurance Corporation, a Delaware corporation, Endurance American Insurance Company, a Delaware corporation, Lexon Insurance Company, a Texas corporation, and/or Bond Safeguard Insurance Company, a South Dakota corporation, each, a "Company" and collectively, "Sompo International," do hereby constitute and appoint: Marc W. Boots, Vickie Lacy, Maria D. Zuniga, Joseph R. Aulbert, Ashley Koletar, Ryan Varela, Richard Covington as true and lawful Attorney(s)-In-Fact to make, execute, seal, and deliver for, and on its behalf as surety or co-surety; bonds and undertakings given for any and all purposes, also to execute and deliver on its behalf as aforesaid renewals, extensions, agreements, waivers, consents or stipulations relating to such bonds or undertakings provided, however, that no single bond or undertaking so made, executed and delivered shall obligate the Company for any portion of the penal sum thereof in excess of the sum of ONE HUNDRED MILLION Dollars (\$100,000,000.00).

Such bonds and undertakings for said purposes, when duly executed by said attorney(s)-In-Fact, shall be binding upon the Company as fully and to the same extent as if signed by the President of the Company under its corporate seal attested by its Corporate Secretary.

This appointment is made under and by authority of certain resolutions adopted by the sole shareholder of each Company by unanimous written consent effective the 15th day of June, 2019, a copy of which appears below under the heading entitled "Certificate".

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution adopted by the sole shareholder of each Company by unanimous written consent effective the 15th day of June, 2019 and said resolution has not since been revoked, amended or repealed:

RESOLVED, that the signature of an individual named above and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such power of attorney or any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each Company has caused this instrument to be signed by the following officers, and its corporate seal to be affixed this 15th day of June, 2019.

Endurance Assurance Corporation
By: *Richard M Appel*
Richard Appel, SVP & Senior Counsel



Endurance American Insurance Company
By: *Richard M Appel*
Richard Appel, SVP & Senior Counsel



Lexon Insurance Company
By: *Richard M Appel*
Richard Appel, SVP & Senior Counsel



Bond Safeguard Insurance Company
By: *Richard M Appel*
Richard Appel, SVP & Senior Counsel



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On this 15th day of June, 2019, before me, personally came the above signatories known to me, who being duly sworn, did depose and say that he/she is an officer of each of the Companies; and that he executed said instrument on behalf of each Company by authority of his office under the by-laws of each Company.

By: *Amy Taylor*

Amy Taylor, Notary Public - My Commission Expires 5/9/23



CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Officer of each Company, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that:

1. That the original power of attorney of which the foregoing is a copy was duly executed on behalf of each Company and has not since been revoked, amended or modified; that the undersigned has compared the foregoing copy thereof with the original power of attorney, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original power of attorney and of the whole thereof;
2. The following are resolutions which were adopted by the sole shareholder of each Company by unanimous written consent effective June 15, 2019 and said resolutions have not since been revoked, amended or modified:

"RESOLVED, that each of the individuals named below is authorized to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on behalf of the Company any and all bonds, undertakings or obligations in surety or co-surety with others: RICHARD M. APPEL, BRIAN J. BEGGS, CHRISTOPHER DONELAN, SHARON L. SIMS, CHRISTOPHER L. SPARRO, MARIANNE L. WILBERT

; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each of the individuals named above is authorized to appoint attorneys-in-fact for the purpose of making, executing, sealing and delivering bonds, undertakings or obligations in surety or co-surety for and on behalf of the Company."

3. The undersigned further certifies that the above resolutions are true and correct copies of the resolutions as so recorded and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal this 16th day of July, 2021.

By: *Daniel S. Lurie*

Daniel S. Lurie, Secretary



NOTICE: U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL (OFAC)

No coverage is provided by this Notice nor can it be construed to replace any provisions of any surety bond or other surety coverage provided. This Notice provides information concerning possible impact on your surety coverage due to directives issued by OFAC. Please read this Notice carefully.

The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) administers and enforces sanctions policy, based on Presidential declarations of "national emergency". OFAC has identified and listed numerous foreign agents, front organizations, terrorists, terrorist organizations, and narcotics traffickers as "Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons". This list can be located on the United States Treasury's website - <https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/SDN-List>.

In accordance with OFAC regulations, if it is determined that you or any other person or entity claiming the benefits of any coverage has violated U.S. sanctions law or is a Specially Designated National and Blocked Person, as identified by OFAC, any coverage will be considered a blocked or frozen contract and all provisions of any coverage provided are immediately subject to OFAC. When a surety bond or other form of surety coverage is considered to be such a blocked or frozen contract, no payments nor premium refunds may be made without authorization from OFAC. Other limitations on the premiums and payments may also apply.

Any reproductions are void.

Surety Claims Submission: LexonClaimsAdministration@sompo-intl.com

Telephone: 615-553-9500 Mailing Address: Sompo International; 12890 Lebanon Road; Mount Juliet, TN 37122-2870

EXHIBIT "A"

*TO BE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF MULTI-OBLIGEE
PERFORMANCE BOND FOR SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE, OCS-G
LEASE NO. **OCS-G 23736**, BOND NUMBER **EACX4014349** IN FAVOR
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING BY AND
THROUGH THE BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT
(BOEM), AND MCMORAN OIL & GAS LLC ON BEHALF OF TALOS
THIRD COAST LLC AS PRINCIPAL AND ISSUED THROUGH
ENDURANCE ASSURANCE CORPORATION, AS SURETY.*



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Gulf of Mexico OCS Region
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard
New Orleans, LA 70123-2394

In Reply Refer To: MS GM 266A
OCS-G 23736

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GOME 1271 LLC
Three Allen Center
333 Clay Street, Suite 2900
Houston, TX 77002
Attention: Mr. Jonathan Wilson

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Your letter dated November 15, 2018, submitting your Supplemental Multi-Obligee Performance Bond No. B011696 in the amount of \$2,143,143 was received by our office on November 16, 2018. This bond, conditioned to cover Lease OCS-G 23736, all of Block 73, West Cameron Area, was executed on November 21, 2018, with GOME 1271 LLC as principal, and U.S. Specialty Insurance Company as surety. The Principal and Surety are held and firmly bound unto the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC as Co-Obligees.

The bond conforms to the requirements of the leasing and operating regulations for the submerged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf. It is effective as of November 21, 2018.

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

Sincerely,

Susan Vaughan, Section Chief
Leasing and Financial Responsibility Section
Leasing and Plans

cc: U.S. Specialty Insurance Company
13403 Northwest Freeway
Houston, TX 77040
Attention: Ms. Michele K. Tyson

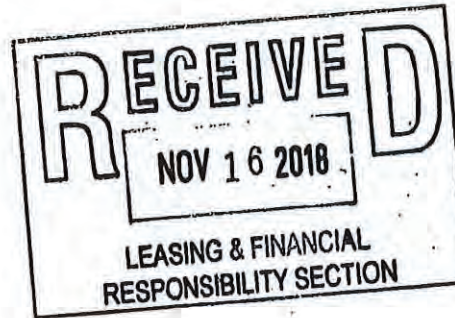
McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC
1615 Poydras Street
New Orleans, LA 70112
Attention: Ms. Pamela Q. Mason

Sent Via Email To: agreen@castexenergy.com , cdawkins@castexenergy.com ,
jwilson@castexenergy.com , laperouse@glllaw.com , Mtyson@indemco.com ,
pmasson@fmi.com , cventola@fmi.com , dhunter@joneswalker.com

November 15, 2018

By Hand Delivery

United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Gulf of Mexico OCS Region
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard
New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394



Attention: Ms. Kathleen Lee [Mail Stop GM 266A]

RE: Filing of Multi-Obligee Performance Bonds
GOME 1271 LLC (GOM No. 03197)

Dear Madam:

GOME 1271 LLC (GOM No. 03197) ("GOME") has acquired an interest in a number of OCS leases, rights-of-way and a right of use and easement from McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC (GOM No. 02312) for which assignments will be filed for approval. Accordingly, the following original supplemental bonds, executed in duplicate, are being submitted for your review and acceptance:

1. Multi-Obligee Performance Bond, Bond No. B011681, from GOME, as Principal, in favor of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management ("BOEM Obligee") and McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC ("Seller Obligee"), covering OCS-G 16500, in the amount of \$4,998,219.00.
2. Multi-Obligee Performance Bond, Bond No. B011682, from GOME, as Principal, in favor of BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee, covering OCS-G 12332, in the amount of \$487,930.00.
3. Multi-Obligee Performance Bond, Bond No. B011683, from GOME, as Principal, in favor of BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee, covering OCS-G 29048, in the amount of \$517,214.00.
4. Multi-Obligee Performance Bond, Bond No. B011684, from GOME, as Principal, in favor of BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee, covering OCS-G 7746, in the amount of \$3,000,373.00.
5. Multi-Obligee Performance Bond, Bond No. B011685, from GOME, as Principal, in favor of BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee, covering OCS-G 22142, in the amount of \$305,834.00.

6. Multi-Obligee Performance Bond, Bond No. B011686, from GOME, as Principal, in favor of BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee, covering OCS-G 12733, in the amount of \$539,793.00.
7. Multi-Obligee Performance Bond, Bond No. B011687, from GOME, as Principal, in favor of BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee, covering OCS-G 15276, in the amount of \$1,138,477.00.
8. Multi-Obligee Performance Bond, Bond No. B011688, from GOME, as Principal, in favor of BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee, covering OCS-G 22141, in the amount of \$305,793.00.
9. Multi-Obligee Performance Bond, Bond No. B011689, from GOME, as Principal, in favor of BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee, covering OCS-G 4809, in the amount of \$900,000.00.
10. Multi-Obligee Performance Bond, Bond No. B011690, from GOME, as Principal, in favor of BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee, covering OCS-G 4433, in the amount of \$1,350,000.00.
11. Multi-Obligee Performance Bond, Bond No. B011691, from GOME, as Principal, in favor of BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee, covering OCS-G 30334, in the amount of \$5,924,906.00.
12. Multi-Obligee Performance Bond, Bond No. B011692, from GOME, as Principal, in favor of BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee, covering OCS-G 5148, in the amount of \$886,551.00.
13. Multi-Obligee Performance Bond, Bond No. B011693, from GOME, as Principal, in favor of BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee, covering OCS-G 5937, in the amount of \$580,890.00.
14. Multi-Obligee Performance Bond, Bond No. B011694, from GOME, as Principal, in favor of BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee, covering OCS-G 6380, in the amount of \$669,726.00.
15. Multi-Obligee Performance Bond, Bond No. B011695, from GOME, as Principal, in favor of BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee, covering OCS-G 1140, in the amount of \$15,113,574.00.
16. Multi-Obligee Performance Bond, Bond No. B011696, from GOME, as Principal, in favor of BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee, covering OCS-G 23736, in the amount of \$2,143,143.00.

17. Multi-Obligee Performance Bond, Bond No. B011697, from GOME, as Principal, in favor of BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee, covering OCS-G 25266, in the amount of \$688,500.00.
18. Multi-Obligee Performance Bond, Bond No. B011698, from GOME, as Principal, in favor of BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee, covering OCS-G 23740, in the amount of \$463,045.00.

Please process and accept the above-described supplemental bonds at your earliest convenience. Further, upon such acceptance, please distribute a copy of the acceptance letter to the following e-mail addresses:

U.S. Specialty Insurance Company ("Surety"):
mtyson@indemco.com

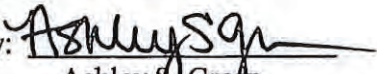
Principal:
agreen@castexenergy.com
cdawkins@castexenergy.com
jwilson@castexenergy.com
laperouse@glllaw.com

Seller Obligee:
pmasson@fmi.com
cventola@fmi.com
dhunter@joneswalker.com

Upon BOEM's acceptance of the bonds and the execution thereof by Michael A. Celata, please deliver one of the duplicate sets of bonds to Seller Obligee, whose address is 1615 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112 – Attention: Pamela Q. Masson, whose telephone number is 504-582-4000.

Thank you for your kind assistance with this matter and please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions or need anything further to process the enclosed bonds.

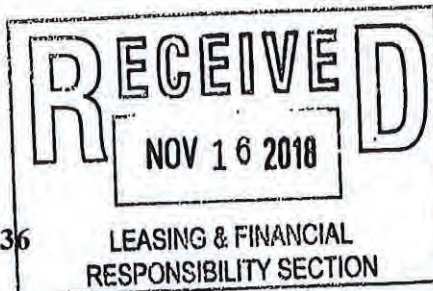
GOME 1271 LLC

By: 
Ashley S. Green
Corporate Secretary

BOND NO. B011696

OCS LEASE NO. OCS-G 23736

BOND TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL



Executed in Duplicate

PENAL SUM \$2,143,143.00

MULTI-OBLIGEE PERFORMANCE BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, GOME 1271 LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, with its principal office at Three Allen Center, 333 Clay Street, Suite 2900, Houston, Texas 77002, assigned BOEM Company Qualification No. 03197 ("**Principal**"), and U.S. Specialty Insurance Company, with an office at 13403 Northwest Freeway, Houston, Texas 77040 ("**Surety**"), are held and firmly bound unto (i) the United States of America, acting by and through the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123 ("**BOEM Obligee**"), and (ii) McMoran Oil & Gas LLC, with a mailing address of 1615 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112 with BOEM Company Qualification No. 02312 ("**Seller Obligee**") (BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee being sometimes collectively referred to herein as "**Co-Obligees**"), for the penal sum of Two Million One Hundred Forty Three Thousand One Hundred Forty Three and No/100 Dollars (\$2,143,143.00) lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which penal sum the Principal and the Surety bind themselves, their successors and assigns, jointly, severally, and in solido, firmly by these presents, pursuant to the terms hereof.

WHEREAS, Seller Obligee is a former Lessee (as defined herein) on Federal lease OCS-G 23736 ("**Lease**"), more fully described as follows:

All of Block 73, West Cameron Area, as shown on OCS Louisiana Leasing Map, LA1.

WHEREAS, pursuant to a transaction between Principal and Seller Obligee in which a record title interest in the Lease has been transferred from Seller Obligee to Principal ("**Assignment Transaction**"), Principal is required to provide security for the Decommissioning Obligations (as defined below) to Seller Obligee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable laws, rules, regulations, and policies of BOEM Obligee, Principal is required to provide financial assurance for the Decommissioning Obligations (as defined below) to BOEM Obligee; and

WHEREAS, the Surety warrants that it is duly authorized by the proper public authorities to transact the business of indemnity and suretyship in the state where it executed this Bond, that it is qualified to be a surety and guarantor on bonds and undertakings, that it is named in the current Circular 570, published by the Audit Staff Bureau of Accounts, U.S. Department of the Treasury ("**Circular 570**"), and that its certificate of suretyship has not been revoked; and

WHEREAS, the Surety warrants that it has duly executed a power of attorney, appointing the hereinafter named representative as the true and lawful attorney-in-fact of such Surety, upon whom may be served all lawful process in any action or proceeding against such Surety in any court or before any officer, arising out of or founded upon this Bond or any liability hereunder, and does hereby agree and consent that such service, when so made, will be valid service upon it, and that such appointment will continue in force and effect and be irrevocable so long as any liability against it remains outstanding hereunder; but if the named representative becomes no longer able to act as the Surety's true attorney-in-fact, the Surety will immediately execute a new power of attorney appointing a replacement representative authorized to act as its true attorney-in-fact, and will promptly so inform each of the Co-Obligees.

NOW THEREFORE, the Principal, the Surety, and the Co-Obligees agree to the following:

1. **Definitions.** As used in this Bond, the following terms have the following meanings:
 - 1.1 **Bond** means this multi-obligee performance bond, identified as Bond No. B011696;
 - 1.2 **Instrument** includes, individually or collectively, any lease, operating agreement, designation of operator or agent, storage agreement, transfer of operating rights, permit, license, grant, or easement, pursuant to which the Principal has the right, privilege, or license to conduct operations on the Lease to which this Bond applies;
 - 1.3 **Decommissioning Obligation(s)** means any decommissioning obligation(s) or requirement(s) imposed on both the Principal and the Seller Obligee by, or arising from (i) the Lease, (ii) any regulations of the Department of the Interior, or (iii) any Instrument issued, maintained, or approved under the Outer Continental Shelf ("**OCS**") Lands Act (43 U.S.C. §§ 1331 et seq.), related to the record title, operating rights, or ownership interests in the Lease transferred to Principal pursuant to the Assignment Transaction and that accrued before the Principal acquired its record title, operating rights, or ownership interests therein and remained unperformed on the date that BOEM Obligee approved assignment of such interests from Seller Obligee to Principal;
 - 1.4 **Qualified Surety** means a surety named in the version of Circular 570 current at the time the Qualified Surety provides a bond, and at all times thereafter.
 - 1.5 **Lessee** means a BOEM-approved owner of all or a portion of the record title in the Lease or a BOEM-approved owner of all or a portion of the operating rights under the Lease; or a Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement ("**BSEE**")-approved owner of a ROW;
 - 1.6 **Person** includes an individual, a public or private entity, a State, a political subdivision of a State, any association of individuals, corporations, States, or subdivisions of States, or a governmental agency;
 - 1.7 **Regional Director** means the Regional Director for the applicable BOEM Obligee Regional Office with jurisdiction over the Lease; and

- 1.8 **Default** means BOEM's determination that the Principal has failed to timely perform the Decommissioning Obligations.
2. The Principal, the Surety, and the Co-Obligees further agree to the following:
- 2.1 The Surety hereby guarantees, to each of the Co-Obligees, the full and faithful performance by Principal of the entirety of the Decommissioning Obligations. Under no circumstances, however, does such guarantee by the Surety exceed the penal sum of the Bond at any time in effect.
- 2.2 The Principal, as agent on behalf of all Lessees on the Lease, will fulfill the Decommissioning Obligations to the same extent as though the Principal were the sole Lessee, as well as the operating rights owner, for the portions of the Lease transferred in the Assignment Transaction.
- 2.3 The Surety does hereby absolutely and unconditionally bind itself to each of (i) BOEM Obligee and (ii) Seller Obligee for all sums required to fund the performance of the Decommissioning Obligations, up to the penal sum of the Bond, regardless of the number of years this Bond is in force.
- 2.4 The Surety will be responsible to each of the Co-Obligees for all Decommissioning Obligations of the Principal until the earlier of: (a) the satisfaction of all Decommissioning Obligations, (b) if the Bond is called, the Surety has provided the funds up to the penal sum of the Bond, or (c) the Decommissioning Obligations are covered by replacement financial assurance approved in writing by each of BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee which specifically secures the Decommissioning Obligations.
- 2.5 If the Regional Director terminates the period of liability of this Bond in accordance with 30 CFR 556.906, the Surety will remain responsible to the Co-Obligees for Decommissioning Obligations that accrued during the period of liability until the Regional Director issues a written cancellation of the Bond in favor of the Surety.
- 2.6 If this Bond is cancelled, the Regional Director may reinstate this Bond as if no cancellation had occurred if any payment for performance of any Decommissioning Obligation of the Principal is rescinded or must be restored or repaid pursuant to any insolvency, bankruptcy, reorganization, or receivership, or should the representation of the Principal that it has performed the Decommissioning Obligations in accordance with BOEM specifications be materially false and BOEM relied upon such representation in canceling the Bond.
- 2.7 The Surety waives any right of notice of this Bond taking effect and agrees that this Bond will take effect as to each Co-Obligee upon delivery to such Co-Obligee.
- 2.8 Unless explicitly terminated, cancelled, or modified by both BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee in writing, and as provided for in this Bond, the Surety's obligations will remain in full force and effect, even if:

- a) The Principal or any other person assigns all or part of any interest in an Instrument or in the Lease covered by this Bond;
 - b) Any person modifies an Instrument in any manner, including modifications that result from (i) a commitment to a unit, cooperative, or communitization, or storage agreement; (ii) suspension of operations or production; (iii) suspension or changes in rental, minimum royalty, or the payment of royalties; (iv) modification of regulations or interpretations of regulations; (v) creation or modification of compensatory royalty agreements or payments; or (vi) creation of any mortgage, pledge, or other grant of security interest in an Instrument or the Lease;
 - c) Any person, event, or condition terminates any Instrument or the Lease covered by this Bond, whether the termination is by operation of law or otherwise; or
 - d) Either Co-Obligee takes or fails to take any enforcement action against, or fails to give notice to, or make demand of, any party to any Instrument, concerning the payment or non-payment of rentals or royalties or the performance or non-performance of any other covenant, term, or condition of the Lease, or any contract entered into with respect to the Assignment Transaction.
- 2.9 BOEM Obligee will contemporaneously send a copy to Seller Obligee of any notice of Default sent to Principal or Surety.
- 2.10 After a Default, and upon demand by either of the Co-Obligees, the Surety will provide to such Co-Obligee making demand, pursuant to the procedures set forth in this Section 2, payments up to the penal sum of the Bond to satisfy the Decommissioning Obligations.
- 2.11 Upon Default by the Principal, BOEM Obligee has the right to call the Bond, or a portion of the Bond, by demand upon the Surety without any requirement that BOEM Obligee confer with, or obtain the agreement of, Seller Obligee, subject to the procedures, rights and obligations set forth in this Section 2.
- 2.12 Prior to calling the Bond pursuant to Paragraph 2.11, BOEM Obligee will provide Seller Obligee with thirty (30) calendar days' advance written notice ("**BOEM Notice Period**") of BOEM Obligee's intention to call the Bond (or portion thereof) and stating the scope of the Decommissioning Obligations upon which Principal has defaulted. If, within the BOEM Notice Period, Seller Obligee commits in writing to BOEM Obligee to timely undertake the requisite activities to address the Decommissioning Obligations upon which Principal has defaulted, BOEM Obligee will direct the Surety to pay to Seller Obligee the proceeds of the Bond (or portion thereof). Seller Obligee will utilize the proceeds of the Bond exclusively to diligently and continuously prosecute the performance of the requisite operations and activities until such time as the Decommissioning Obligations then requiring performance are satisfied.
- 2.13 If BOEM Obligee calls the Bond, and within the BOEM Notice Period, Seller Obligee does not commit in writing to perform the Decommissioning Obligations, BOEM Obligee has the right to receive performance of the Decommissioning Obligations by, or the payment

of the Bond proceeds from, the Surety, with no further obligation to inform the Seller Obligor or any other party and BOEM Obligor will place the proceeds of the Bond into an appropriate account and dedicate the proceeds to the performance of activities to address the Decommissioning Obligations then requiring performance.

- 2.14** Upon Default, Seller Obligor may call the Bond by demand upon the Surety if (a) Seller Obligor provides BOEM Obligor with thirty (30) calendar days' advance written notice ("***Seller Notice Period***") of its intention to call the Bond (or portion thereof), and (b) agrees in writing to use the proceeds of the Bond exclusively to diligently and continuously prosecute the performance of the requisite operations and activities until such time as the Decommissioning Obligations then requiring performance are satisfied. Seller Obligor hereby acknowledges that this Bond and the procedures relating to utilization of Bond proceeds do not reduce or otherwise modify its regulatory liabilities associated with the Decommissioning Obligations.
- 2.15** If Seller Obligor receives Bond proceeds under any of the provisions of this Section 2, the proceeds will be placed into an escrow or other appropriate account in a federally-insured bank or a federally-insured thrift institution, from which the Seller Obligor may make a withdrawal or series of withdrawals upon submitting to BSEE applicable permits for the contemplated decommissioning operations made the subject of the Default. Seller Obligor pledges to use funds from this escrow or other appropriate account only for satisfying the Decommissioning Obligations then requiring performance.
- 2.16** If Seller Obligor receives bond proceeds under Paragraph 2.12 or withdraws Bond proceeds under Paragraph 2.15, but fails to commence performance of the Decommissioning Obligations, as specified in the regulations at 30 C.F.R., Part 250, subpart Q, within ninety (90) calendar days of receiving/withdrawing the Bond proceeds, or as otherwise mutually agreed in writing, Seller Obligor shall immediately tender to BOEM Obligor the proceeds of the Bond to arrange for performance of the requisite activities to address the Decommissioning Obligations then requiring performance. In order to give BOEM Obligor immediate access to the remaining Bond proceeds pursuant to this Paragraph 2.16, the Seller Obligor will provide, in the agreement establishing the escrow or other appropriate account into which Seller Obligor deposits the Bond proceeds, terms that authorize BOEM Obligor, after notifying Seller Obligor of Seller Obligor's failure to timely commence Decommissioning Obligations, to make withdrawals from the account consistent with this Paragraph 2.16.
- 2.17** Regardless of which Co-Obligor calls the Bond, and notwithstanding anything else to the contrary herein, any and all proceeds attributable to forfeiture, or call, of the Bond must be applied solely and exclusively to extinguish the Decommissioning Obligations, regardless of insolvency, bankruptcy, or default of the Principal, or an assignment by the Principal of all or part of its interests in the Lease, and all operations and activities necessary to be performed to extinguish such Decommissioning Obligations must be timely performed in accordance with the regulations of the Department of the Interior.

3. Miscellaneous

- 3.1 Nothing in this Bond expands the obligations and liabilities of Seller Obligee associated with the Lease pursuant to contract or law, and all such obligations and liabilities will be limited to the obligations and liabilities that accrued while Seller Obligee was a Lessee, as that term is used herein.
- 3.2 If either Co-Obligee decides to commence suit to enforce its rights, it may commence and prosecute any claim, suit, action, or other proceeding against the Principal and Surety, or either of them, whether or not the other Co-Obligee joins such proceeding.
- 3.3 In the event there is more than one surety, or there are other types of financial assurance securing the Principal's performance of the Decommissioning Obligations, the Surety's obligation and liability under this Bond is on a "solidary" or "joint and several" basis along with such other surety(ies) and along with any other providers of such financial assurance.
- 3.4 The Surety agrees that, within five (5) calendar days after learning that it has been de-listed from the Circular No. 570, and/or of any action filed alleging the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Surety, or alleging any violation that would result in suspension or revocation of the Surety's certificate of suretyship, charter, or license to do business, the Surety will give notice to the Principal and the Co-Obligees.
- 3.5 The Principal agrees that, within five (5) calendar days after learning that the Surety has become bankrupt or, insolvent, or the Surety has had its charter or license to do business suspended or revoked, or is no longer named in the current Circular 570, the Principal will substitute a bond identical in all material respects to this Bond from another Qualified Surety (as defined above).
- 3.6 The Principal agrees that, within five (5) calendar days of learning of any action filed alleging the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Principal, or alleging any violation that would result in suspension or revocation of the Principal's charter, or license to do business, it will notify the Co-Obligees and the Surety.
- 3.7 The Surety's obligation and liabilities under this Bond are binding upon the Surety's successors and assigns, if any. Nothing in this Bond permits assignment of the Surety's obligation without the written consent of each of the Co-Obligees.
- 3.8 The Surety hereby waives any defenses to liability on this Bond based on an unauthorized Principal signature.
- 3.9 No forbearance by either of the Co-Obligees will release the Principal and the Surety from any liability under this Bond to any Co-Obligee.
- 3.10 The penal sum of the Bond will be reduced by and to the extent of any payments made by Surety hereunder, or its successors and assigns, if any; however the Bond will remain in full force and effect for the remaining balance of the Bond until all the Decommissioning Obligations are satisfied, or until a replacement bond from a Qualified Surety is provided.

- 3.11** No right or action will accrue on this Bond to or for the use of any person other than the Principal, Surety, the Seller Obligee, and the BOEM Obligee, and their respective heirs, executors, debtor(s) in possession, administrators, assigns, or successors, pursuant to the terms of this Bond and applicable law.
- 3.12** A notice or communication under or in connection with this Bond shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when (a) delivered by hand by a recognized courier delivery service, on the date shown on the receipt, or (b) in the case of delivery by United States certified mail with return receipt requested and postage prepaid, on the date of delivery. The addresses for all notices are as follows:

GOME 1271 LLC (Principal)
Three Allen Center
333 Clay Street, Suite 2900
Houston, Texas 77002
Attention: Jonathan Wilson
Telephone: (281) 878-0061

U.S. Specialty Insurance Company (Surety)
13403 Northwest Freeway
Houston, Texas 77040
Attention: President
Telephone: (713) 774-3700

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM Obligee)
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard
New Orleans, Louisiana 70161
Attention: Michael A. Celata
Telephone: (800) 200-4853

McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC (Seller Obligee)
1615 Poydras Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112
Attention: Pamela Q. Masson
Telephone: (504) 582-4695

A party to this Bond may change its address for notices by written notice to the other parties.

- 3.13** BOEM Obligee acknowledges that Seller Obligee and Principal are parties to the Assignment Transaction, whereby Principal acquired interests in the Lease, and BOEM Obligee agrees that it has no rights, duties or obligations pursuant to the Assignment Transaction, and it is not a third-party beneficiary under the agreements relevant to the Assignment Transaction. Seller Obligee and Principal acknowledge that BOEM Obligee may enforce its regulations concerning the obligations of assignors and assignees.

- 3.14** This Bond will be subject to, and interpreted in accordance with, federal law and, in the absence of federal law, the law of the State of Louisiana, the state adjacent to which the Lease is located. All disputes arising out of or in connection with this Bond shall be resolved exclusively in the federal courts in Louisiana and the parties hereto consent to the jurisdiction and venue of such courts. Without limiting the foregoing, all regulations governing surety bonds included within 30 CFR 556.900, *et seq.* are incorporated herein by reference for the benefit of both BOEM Obligee and Seller Obligee.
- 3.15** Any decommissioning obligations associated with the Lease and for which Seller Obligee has no liability shall be covered by separate and distinct financial assurance provided to BOEM Obligee by Principal or another party.
- 3.16** This Bond may be executed in any number of counterparts each of which shall be an original, but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument. Any .pdf (portable document format) or other electronic transmission hereof or signatures hereon shall, for all purposes, be deemed originals.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above bound parties have executed this instrument to be effective on the 14th day of November, 2018, the name of each corporate party duly signed by its undersigned representative pursuant to authority of its governing body.

[Signature Pages Follow]

Executed in Duplicate

PRINCIPAL: GOME 1271 LLC

WITNESSES:

Vanessa V. Veltman
R. H.

By: *[Signature]*

Name: Jonathan Wilson

Title: Vice President

Date: November 14, 2018

SURETY: U.S. Specialty Insurance Company

WITNESSES:

Wendy Pierson
Sam Ady

By: *Michelle K. Tyson*

Name: Michele K. Tyson

Title: Attorney-in-Fact

Date: November 14, 2018

SELLER OBLIGEE: McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC

WITNESSES:

Smiley Dunder
Chad K. Latta

By: *Pamela Q. Masson*

Name: Pamela Q. Masson

Title: Senior Vice President

Date: November 14, 2018

BOEM OBLIGEE: United States Department of the Interior

By: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

WITNESSES:

P. L.
Floyd J. Jarmey

By: *Michael A. Celata*

Name: Michael A. Celata

Title: Regional Director

Date: 11-21-18

TEXAS COMPLAINT NOTICE

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- 1 To obtain information or make a complaint:
- 2 You may contact your agent.
- 3 You may call the company's toll free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at:

1-800-486-6695

- 4 You may also write to the company:

601 S. Figueroa St., Suite 1600
Los Angeles, CA 90017

- 5 You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights or complaints at:

(800) 252-3439

- 6 You may write the Texas Department of Insurance:
P.O. Box 149091
Austin, TX 78714-9091
Fax No.: (512) 490-1007
Web: <http://www.tdi.texas.gov>
E-mail: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

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PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:

Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim you should contact the agent or the company first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:

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AVISO IMPORTANTE

Para obtener informacion o para someter una queja:
Puede comunicarse con su agente.
Usted puede llamar de numerero de telefono gratis de la compania para informacion o para someter una queja al:

1-800-486-6695

Usted tambien puede escribir a la compa ia:

601 S. Figueroa St., Suite 1600
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener informacion acerca de companias, coberturas, derechos o quejas al:

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DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS:

Si tiene una disputa concerniente a su prima o a un reclamo, debe comunicarse con el agente o la companie primero. Si no se resuelve la disputa, prede entonces comunicarse con el departamento (TDI).

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