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In Reply Refer To: MS GM 266A
B001744

October 12, 2022

Sojitz Energy Venture, Inc.
2000 West Sam Houston Parkway South, Suite 1450
Houston, TX 77042
Attn: Toshinori Iwasaki

Dear Mr. Iwasaki:

Your letter dated September 22, 2022, requesting termination of the period of liability of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's or Operator's Bond No. B001744, in the amount of \$300,000, was received by our office on September 26, 2022. This bond, conditioned to cover the principal's leasehold interest held now or hereafter in the Gulf of Mexico, was executed on June 16, 2005, with Sojitz Energy Venture, Inc. as principal and U.S. Specialty Insurance Company as surety.

We are unable to grant your request at this time due to an objection from the Risk Management Operations Group. Please contact them for further information at boemrmog@boem.gov.

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

Sincerely,
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DUPLANTIS** Digitally signed by
BRIDGETTE DUPLANTIS
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Bridgette Duplantis, Section Chief
Leasing and Financial Responsibility Section
Leasing and Plans

cc: Toshinori Iwasaki (toshi@sojitz-ev.com)
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Submitted via email: boemGOMRfinancialassurance@boem.gov

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Attn: Ms. Bridgette Duplantis
Chief, Leasing and Financial Responsibility Section

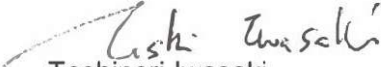
RE: **Request for Bond Termination**
Outer Continental Shelf Mineral Lessee's or Operator's Bond

Ms. Duplantis:

Pursuant to regulations contained in Title 30 CFR 550.906, Sojitz Energy Venture, Inc. hereby submits for your review and consideration a request to terminate our "Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's or Operator's Bond and Act of Suretyship" (Bond No. B001744) in the amount of \$300,000. Sojitz requests the bond be terminated effective on this day.

Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Kelley Pisciola at 281.698.8519 or by email at kelly.pisciola@jccteam.com.

Sincerely,
Sojitz Energy Venture, Inc.


Toshinori Iwasaki
Senior Vice President

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