

United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT New Orleans Office 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard New Orleans, LA 70123-2394

In Reply Refer To: MS GM 266A 307275

November 1, 2022

BHP Billiton Petroleum (Americas) Inc. c/o Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America One Tower Square Hartford, CT 06120-2912 Attn: Timothy R. Tofil

Dear Mr. Tofil:

Your letter dated October 17, 2022, requesting termination and cancellation of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's and Operator's Bond and Act of Suretyship No. 307275, in the amount of \$3,000,000, was received by our office on that same date. This bond, conditioned to cover the principal's leasehold interest held now or hereafter in the Gulf of Mexico, was executed on April 24, 1995, with BHP Petroleum (Americas) Inc. as principal and Seaboard Surety Company as surety.

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

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has no objection to cancellation of the above bond. Therefore, Bond No. 307275 is considered cancelled without residual liability, effective October 31, 2022, the date of final concurrence with such cancellation.

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

> Sincerely, BERNADET Digitally signed by BERNADETTE THOMAS TE THOMAS Date: 2022.11.01 07:26:37 -05'00'

Bernadette Thomas **Regional Supervisor** Leasing and Plans

cc: Bruce Young (bruce.young@aon.com) Terri Morrison (terri.morrison@aon.com) Jennifer Lopez (jennifer.lopez@woodside.com) Travelers (cmanuel@travelers.com) BHP Petroleum (Americas) Inc. (amparo.nunez@bhp.com)



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October 17, 2022

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Leasing & Financial Responsibility Section

RE: Principal: BHP Billiton Petroleum (Americas) Inc. Surety: Seaboard Surety Company Request for Cancellation of Bond

Bond No: 307275 OCS- Areawide Bond Effective Date: April 24, 1995 Bond Amount: \$3,000,000.00

To: Kathleen Lee, Bond Adjudication Department

Since BHP Billiton Petroleum (Americas) Inc. has an existing bond issued by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company (Bond No. 022233461) which was accepted by the BOEM and effective as of September 1, 2022, we ask that the BOEM cancel the referenced bond for BHP Billiton Petroleum (Americas) Inc. (Bond No. 307275).

Seaboard Surety Company merged with and into Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America on January 1, 2009.

Sincerely,

Timothy R. Tofil

Timothy R. Tofil Underwriting Director

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