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AUG 21 2013

Mr. James Fairley
Hess Corporation
1501 McKinney Street
Houston, Texas 77010

Dear Mr. Fairley:

By letter dated June 21, 2013, Hess Corporation (Hess) requests a revised Suspension of Production (SOP) activity schedule for the Mississippi Canyon Block 725 Unit, Agreement No. 754306003.

The unit consists of Leases OCS-G 16636, 18272, 21776, 22897, 22898, 24101, and 35106 and is held by ongoing drilling operations. Fabrication of the hull has been delayed due to design modifications and construction issues.

We hereby approve the revised SOP activity schedule for the Mississippi Canyon Block 725 Unit. Hess is to follow the enclosed schedule and to notify this office in writing (progress report) by the end of each month in which a deadline is scheduled. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Mike Nixdorff at (504) 736-2660.

Sincerely,

(Org. Signed) Richie D. Baud

Richie D. Baud
Regional Supervisor
Production and Development

Enclosure

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