



# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

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Shell Gulf of Mexico Inc.

Attn: Susan Childs- Alaska Venture Support Integrator, Manager

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Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Ms. Childs:

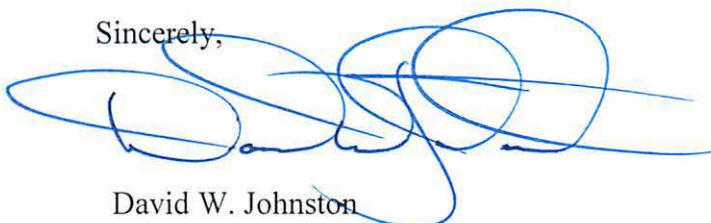
The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has received your letter dated January 7, 2016, requesting to withdraw the Shell Gulf of Mexico Inc. and Shell Offshore Inc. (Shell) Revised Outer Continental Shelf Lease Exploration Plan Revision 2, Chukchi Sea, Alaska, approved May 11, 2015, and Revised Outer Continental Shelf Lease Exploration Plan, Camden Bay, Beaufort Sea, Alaska, approved August 4, 2011 (hereinafter "EPs").

BOEM acknowledges Shell's decision not to conduct any further exploration drilling activities as described in the two EPs and Shell's desire that its decision be reflected in BOEM's records regarding the existing EP approvals. BOEM therefore accepts Shell's notice to withdraw the current EPs for purposes of future exploration. The EPs and their terms will, however, remain applicable to decommissioning and any other obligations that accrued from exploration activities already conducted. Shell's remaining obligations must be performed in compliance with relevant mitigations and conditions required by BOEM and other relevant agencies to which Shell committed in its EP or which formed the basis of the EP approval. We request an authorized signature below from each Shell company acknowledging Shell's agreement with BOEM's qualified acceptance of Shell's withdrawal.

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) advises that among Shell's continuing obligations is Shell's responsibility to clear the Burger A and Burger J well sites in the Chukchi Sea, and the Sivulliq N well site in the Beaufort Sea, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.1740 to 250.1742. Shell may have additional outstanding obligations that accrued from operations under these EPs. Nothing in BOEM's qualified acceptance of Shell withdrawal affects such accrued obligations or Shell's responsibility to satisfy those obligations in compliance with relevant conditions of Shell's plan approvals. Shell is no longer authorized to undertake further exploration under the EPs. BOEM, by copy of this letter, will notify BSEE of Shell's voluntary withdrawal of the EPs and BOEM's qualified acceptance of the same. Absent

another approved EP authorizing further exploration, BSEE may not approve new exploratory drilling. This letter is neither a disapproval action nor an adverse decision by BOEM that affects lessee rights pursuant to 30 CFR 550.182.

Sincerely,



David W. Johnston  
Regional Supervisor, Office of Leasing and Plans

Shell Gulf of Mexico, Inc.:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Shell Offshore Inc.:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

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