

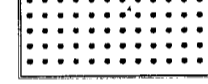



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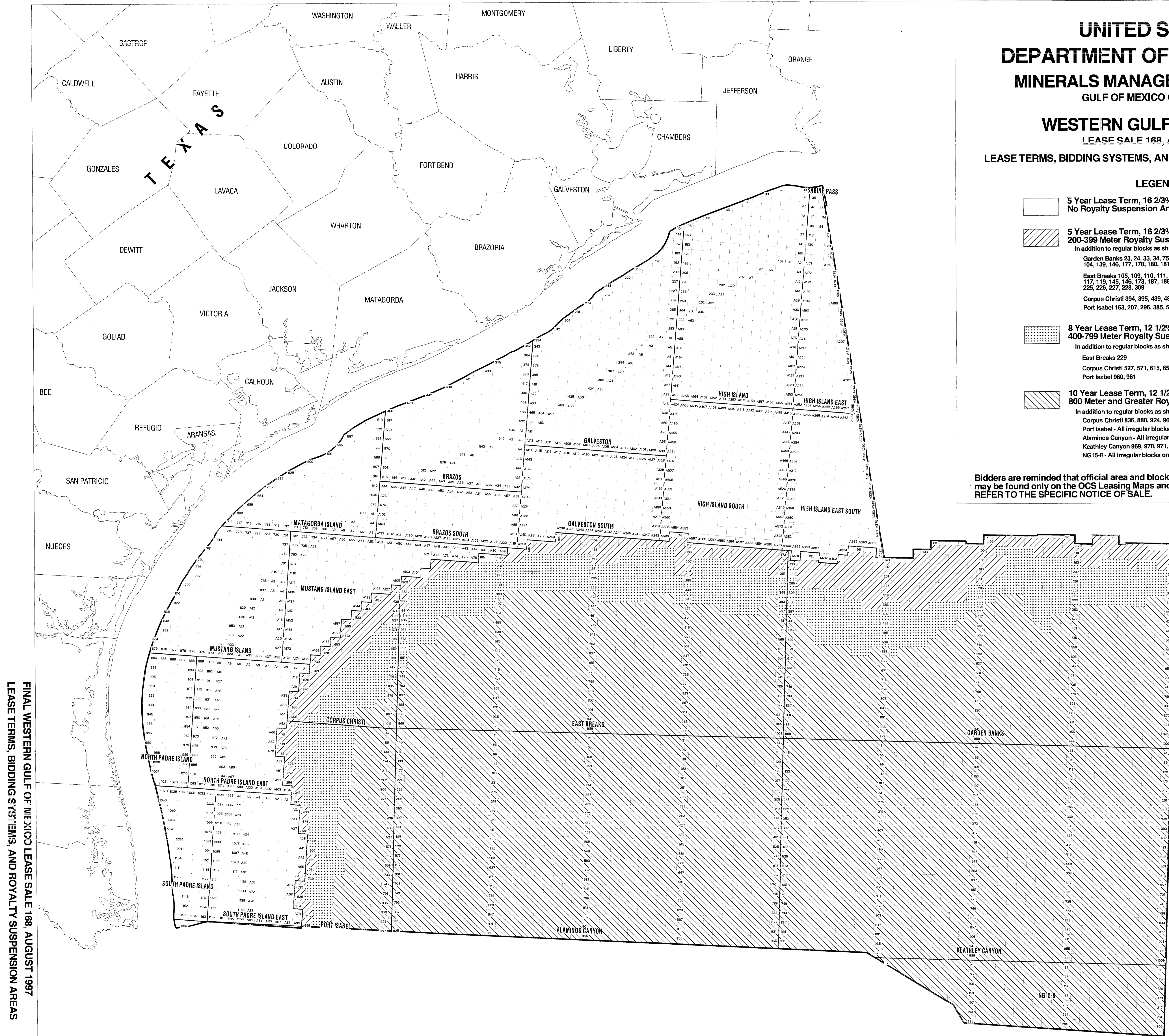
WESTERN GULF OF MEXICO
LEASE SALE 168, AUGUST 1997

LEASE TERMS, BIDDING SYSTEMS, AND ROYALTY SUSPENSION AREAS

LEGEND

-  5 Year Lease Term, 16 2/3% Royalty Rate, and No Royalty Suspension Area
-  5 Year Lease Term, 16 2/3% Royalty Rate, and 200-399 Meter Royalty Suspension Area
In addition to regular blocks as shown, includes the following irregular blocks:
Garden Banks 23, 24, 33, 34, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 104, 139, 146, 177, 178, 180, 181, 182
East Breaks 105, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 119, 145, 146, 173, 187, 188, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 309
Corpus Christi 394, 395, 439, 483, 609, 869
Port Isabel 163, 207, 296, 385, 518, 562, 738, 870, 914, 959
-  8 Year Lease Term, 12 1/2% Royalty Rate, and 400-799 Meter Royalty Suspension Area
In addition to regular blocks as shown, includes the following irregular blocks:
East Breaks 229
Corpus Christi 527, 571, 615, 659, 660, 704, 748, 792
Port Isabel 960, 961
-  10 Year Lease Term, 12 1/2% Royalty Rate, and 800 Meter and Greater Royalty Suspension Area
In addition to regular blocks as shown, includes the following irregular blocks:
Corpus Christi 836, 880, 924, 968, 1012
Port Isabel - All irregular blocks on the eastern boundary and 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967
Alaminos Canyon - All irregular blocks on the southern boundary
Keathley Canyon 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979
NG15-8 - All irregular blocks on the western and southern boundaries

Bidders are reminded that official area and block designations and locations may be found only on the OCS Leasing Maps and Official Protraction Diagrams. REFER TO THE SPECIFIC NOTICE OF SALE.



FINAL WESTERN GULF OF MEXICO LEASE SALE 168, AUGUST 1997
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