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MMS to Hold Chukchi Sea Lease Sale 193 *Bid Opening in Anchorage*

ANCHORAGE – The Department of the Interior’s Minerals Management Service (MMS) on February 6, 2008, will open bids for oil and gas leases in Federal Chukchi Sea Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Sale 193. MMS Director Randall Luthi and Regional Director John Goll will announce the results of the sale immediately after the bid reading. Both will be available for interviews immediately after the sale.

The Sale 193 area includes approximately 5,355 blocks covering about 29.4 million acres in Federal waters offshore Alaska from north of Point Barrow to northwest of Cape Lisburne. The near shore boundary is 25 to 50 miles offshore, with water depths in the sale area ranging from 95 feet to 262 feet. The northeast corner of the sale area drops to approximately 9,800 feet. The sale includes a package of economic incentives, in addition to special requirements for safeguarding subsistence hunting and minimizing environmental impact in the area. Sale 193 is the first sale since 1991 held in the Chukchi Sea.

What: Chukchi Sea Lease Sale 193

When: 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 6, 2008

Where: Wilda Marston Theatre
Loussac Library
3600 Denali Street
Anchorage, Alaska

Relevant Web Site: mms.gov/alaska

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