

*Sale Day Statistics*

Sale Number: 168  
Sale Identifier: WESTERN GULF OF MEXICO  
Sale Date: 27-AUG-1997  
Region Name: Gulf of Mexico OCS Region

1.	a. Sum of High Bids:		\$616,212,499.00	
	b. Sum of All Bids:		\$939,196,128.00	
2.	a. Tracts/Blocks Offered:		4710 / 4710	
	b. Acres/Hectares Offered:		25,809,125.99 ac	
3.	a. Tracts/Blocks Receiving Bids:		804 / 804	
	b. Acres/Hectares Receiving Bids:		4,545,350.11 ac	
4.	a. Total Number of Bids:		1224	
	b. Average Number of Bids per Block:		1.52	
5.	Total Number of Companies Participating:		82	
6.	Bidding Statistics by Water Depth:			
	Water Depth	Blocks w/Bids	Acres/Hectares Receiving Bids	
			Sum of High Bids	
			Sum of All Bids	
	0-200 meters:	130	704,866.98	
	200-400 meters:	19	109,440.00	
	400-800 meters:	52	299,520.00	
	800+ meters:	603	3,431,523.13	
			\$65,853,702	
			\$12,905,979	
			\$72,850,352	
			\$464,602,466	
			\$89,134,831	
			\$17,458,504	
			\$98,555,157	
			\$734,047,636	
7.	Blocks Receiving Bids by Number of Bids per Block by Water Depth:			
	total	0-200 m	200-400 m	400-800 m
				800+m
	1 Bid(s):	563	104	16
				27
				416
	2 Bid(s):	137	14	2
				16
				105
	3 Bid(s):	66	7	0
				6
				53
	4 Bid(s):	26	3	1
				2
				20
	5 Bid(s):	3	1	0
				1
				1
	6 Bid(s):	2	0	0
				0
				2
	7 Bid(s):	3	1	0
				0
				2
	8 Bid(s):	1	0	0
				0
				1
	9 Bid(s):	2	0	0
				0
				2
	10 Bid(s):	0	0	0
				0
				0
	11 Bid(s):	1	0	0
				0
				1
8.	a. Block Receiving Greatest Number of Bids: NG15-05 Keathley Canyon			157
	b. Distance from Shore:			
9.	a. Highest Bid on a Block:			\$9,113,000.00
	b. Area/Block:			949
	c. Number of Bids for Block:			4
	d. Company(s) Participating in High Bid:			Exxon Corporation
10.	a. Highest Bid per Acre/Hectare:			\$1,582.12
	b. Area/Block:			949
	c. Number of Bids for Block:			4
	d. Company(s) Participating in High Bid:			Exxon Corporation

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11. a. Number of 8(g) Blocks Offered:	164	( 568,779.61 ac )
b. Number of 8(g) Blocks Bid On:		21
c. Total Number of Bids on 8(g) Blocks:		27
d. Total Block Acreage/Hectarage of 8(g) Blocks Bid On:		95,387.11 ac
e. Total Acreage/Hectarage of 8(g) Blocks Bid On:		51,142.57 ac
f. Sum of High Bids on 8(g) Blocks:		\$9,457,939
g. Sum of All Bids on 8(g) Blocks:		\$13,412,929
12. a. Deepest Block Receiving a Bid:	NG15-05 Keathley Canyon	925      3118 Meters
b. Number of bids:	1	

13. Bidding Statistics by Lease Term:

Lease Term	Blocks w/Bids	Acres/Hectares Receiving Bids	Sum of High Bids	Sum of All Bids
a. 5 Year:	149	814,306.98	\$78,759,681	\$106,593,335
b. 8 Year:	52	299,520.00	\$72,850,352	\$98,555,157
c. 10 Year:	603	3,431,523.13	\$464,602,466	\$734,047,636

14. Bidding Statistics By Royalty Rate:

Royalty Rate	Blocks w/Bids	Acres/Hectares Receiving Bids	Sum of High Bids	Sum of All Bids
a. 12 1/2%	655	3,731,043.13	\$537,452,818	\$832,602,793
b. 16 2/3%	149	814,306.98	\$78,759,681	\$106,593,335

15. Top Ten Companies Submitting Bids:

Company	Total Bids	Total Amount Exposed
1. Shell Deepwater Development Inc.	218	\$102,225,099
2. BP Exploration & Oil Inc.	130	\$75,466,810
3. Chevron U.S.A. Inc.	101	\$57,111,277
4. Union Oil Company of California	92	\$47,474,180
5. Texaco Exploration and Production Inc.	88	\$38,609,646
6. Amoco Production Company	88	\$21,161,154
7. Exxon Corporation	84	\$72,501,000
8. Sun Operating Limited Partnership	54	\$29,363,286
9. Vastar Resources, Inc.	50	\$28,695,722
10. Amerada Hess Corporation	43	\$22,160,448