

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Minerals Management Service
Minerals Revenue Management

Letter of Credit

Bank _____
Bank Address _____
Bank ABA Number _____
Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. _____
This Letter of Credit is effective _____.
Expiration date is at close of business on _____.

Beneficiary:

Minerals Management Service
Minerals Revenue Management
Attn: Chief, Office of Enforcement
DFC, Building 85, Room A-614
Denver, Colorado 80225

Sir or Madam:

We hereby establish our irrevocable Letter of Credit in your favor and authorize drawing(s) on (Bank) _____ by order(s) and for account of (Company Name, Address) _____, _____ up to an aggregate amount of \$ _____ available by your drafts at sight accompanied by:

Beneficiary's statement certifying that: The signer is a duly authorized official acting on behalf of the Minerals Management Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior and that the amount of the accompanying sight draft is due and payable to the Minerals Management Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior as a result of completion of final administrative adjudication of the appeal of (Bill Number(s)) _____ on (Date) _____ and further that (Company Name) _____ has for a period of more than 15 days neglected, failed, or refused to pay such amount although requested to do so by the Minerals Management Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior.@

We hereby agree with bona fide holders that all drafts drawn under and in compliance with the terms of this credit shall meet with due honor upon presentation and delivery of documents as specified to the drawee if drawn and presented for negotiation on or before the expiration date.

It is a condition of this Letter of Credit that it is deemed to be automatically extended without amendment for additional 1 year periods from the expiration date, unless 30 days prior to any expiration date, we notify you by registered mail that we elect not to consider this Letter of Credit renewed for any such additional period.

Such notice of our intention not to renew this Letter of Credit as provided for herein shall authorize you to draw upon this Letter of Credit, unless (Company Name) _____ provides you, at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the then current expiration date, with a replacement letter of credit with terms and conditions substantially identical to those contained herein.

We certify that the amount of the credit herein established will not be reduced for any reason during the period of this instrument without your written consent.

We will promptly notify you of any notice received or action filed alleging the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Bank, or alleging any violations of regulatory requirements which could result in suspension or revocation of the Bank's charter or license to do business.

In the event the Bank becomes unable to fulfill our obligations under this Letter of Credit for any reason, notice shall be given immediately to you.

This Letter of Credit is subject to the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits (1993 version), International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 500. If this Letter of Credit expires during an interruption of business as described in Article 17 of said Publication No. 500, the bank hereby specifically agrees to effect payment if this Letter of Credit is drawn against within 30 days after the resumption of business.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the bank has hereunto set its signature and seal this _____ day of _____, _____.

(Issuing Bank)

(Authorized Officer)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

On this _____ day of _____, _____, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County of _____, in the State of _____, appeared _____ to me personally known who, being by me duly sworn did say that he/she is _____ of _____, the bank named in and which executed the within instrument, and that the seal affixed to said instrument is the seal of said Bank, and that said instrument was signed, sealed and delivered in behalf of said Bank by authority of its Board of Directors, and he/she, as such, offer acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the day, month and year aforesaid.

My Commission Expires:

Date

Notary Public in and for said
County and State

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