5. If operations for drilling are not commenced on said land or on acreage pooled therewith as above provided on or before one year from this date the lease shall then terminate as to both parties, unless on or before such anniversary date Lessee shall pay or tender to Lessor or to the credit of Lessor

in First Bank of Childersburg Bank at Vincent, Alabama (which bank and its successors are Lessor's agent and shall continue as the depository for all rentals payable, hereunder regardless of changes in ownership of said land or the rentals) the sum of Five Hundred, Ninety & No/100

(S_500.00), (herein called rental), which shall cover the privilege of deferring commencement of drilling operations for a period of twelve (12) months. In like manner and upon like payments or tenders annually the commencement of drilling operations may be further deferred for successive periods of twelve (12) months each during the primary term. The payment or tender of rental may be made by the check or draft of Lessee mailed or delivered to Lessor or to said bank on or before such date of payment. If such bank (or any successor bank) should fail, liquidate or be succeeded by another bank, or for any reason fail or refuse to accept rental, Lessee shall not be held in default for failure to make such payment or tender of rental until thirty (30) days after Lessor shall deliver to Lessee a proper recordable instrument, naming another bank as agent to receive such payments or tenders. The down cash payment is consideration for this lease according to its terms and shall not be allocated as mere rental for a period. Lessee may at any time or times execute and deliver to Lessor or to the depository above named or place of record a release or releases covering any portion or portions of the above described premises and thereby surrender this lease as to such portion or portions and be relieved of all obligations as to the acreage surrendered, and thereafter the rentals payable hereunder shall be reduced in the proportion that the acreage covered bereby is reduced by said release or releases.

6. If prior to discovery of oil, gas or other mineral on said land or on acreage pooled therewith Lessee should drill a dry hole or holes thereon, or if after discovery of oil, gas or other mineral, the production thereof should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within 60 days thereafter or if it be within the primary term, commences or resumes the payment or tender of rentals or commences operations for drilling or reworking on or before the rental paying date next ensuing after the expiration of 60 days from date of completion of dry hole or cessation of production. If at any time subsequent to sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of the last year of the primary term and prior to the discovery of oil, gas or other mineral on said land, or on acreage pooled therewith, Lessee should drill a dry hole thereon, no rental payment or operations are necessary in order to keep the lease in force during the remainder of the primary term. If at the expiration of the primary term, oil, gas or other mineral is not being produced on said land, or on acreage pooled therewith, but Lessee is then engaged in drilling or reworking operations thereon or shall have completed a dry hole thereon within sixty (60) days prior to the end of the primary term, the lease shall remain in force so long as operations are prosecuted with no cessation of more than sixty (60) consecutive days, and if they result in the production of oil, gas or other mineral, so long thereafter as oil, gas or other mineral is produced from said land or acreage pooled therewith. In the event a well or wells producing oil or gas in paying quantities should be brought in on adjacent land and within one hundred fifty (150) feet of and draining the leased premises, or acreage pooled therewith, Lessee agrees to drill such offset wells as a reasonably prudent operator would drill under the same or similar circumstances.

7. Lessee shall have the right at any time during or after the expiration of this lease to remove all property and fixtures placed by Lessee on said land, including the right to draw and remove all casing. When required by Lessor, Lessee will bury all pipe lines below ordinary plow depth, and no well shall be drilled within two hundred (200) feet of any residence or ham now on said land without Lessor's consent. Lessee shall be responsible for all damages caused by Lessee's operations hereunder other than damages necessarily caused by the exercise of the rights herein granted.

8. The rights of either party hereunder may be assigned in whole or in part, and the provisions hereof shall extend to their heirs, successors and assigns; but no change or division in ownership of the land, rentals or royalties, however accomplished, shall operate to enlarge the obligations or diminish. the rights of Lessee; and no change or division in such ownership shall be binding on Lessee until thirty (30) days after Lessee shall have been furnished by registered U. S. mail at Lessee's principal place of business with a certified copy of recorded instrument or instruments evidencing same. In the event of assignment hereof in whole or in part liability for breach of any obligation hereunder shall rest exclusively upon the owner of this lease or of a portion thereof who commits such breach. In the event of the death of any person entitled to rentals hereunder, Leseze may pay or tender such rentals to the credit of the deceased or the estate of the deceased until such time as Lessee is furnished with proper evidence of the appointment and qualifications of an executor or administrator of the estate, or if there be none, then until Lessee is furnished with evidence satisfactory to it as to the heirs or devisees of the deceased, and that all debts of the estate have been paid. If at any time two or more persons be entitled to participate in the rental payable hereunder, Lessee may pay or tender said rental jointly to such persons or to their joint credit in the depository named herein; or, at Lessee's election, the proportionate part of said rental to which each participant is entitled may be paid or tendered to him separately or to his separate credit in said depository; and payment or tender to any participant of his portion of the rentals hereunder shall maintain this lease as to such participant. In event of assignment of this lease as to a segregated portion of said land, the rentals payable hereunder shall be apportionable as between the several leasehold owners ratably according to the surface area of each, and default in rental payment by one shall not affect the rights of other leasehold owners hereunder. If six or more parties become entitled to royalty hereunder, Lessee may withhold payment thereof unless and until furnished with a recordable instrument executed by all such parties designating an agent to receive payment for Fire

| well or wells; and the selected by Lessee so that each forty (40) acre trace in paying quantities on said premises, Lessee shall reasonably develop the acres be required to drill more than one well per forty (40) acres of the area ret quantities. 10. Lessor hereby warrants and agrees to defend the title to said land ar | this lease save as to forty (40) acres for each well being worked on or it will embrace one such well. After the discovery of oil, gas or other mineral age retained hereunder, but in discharging this obligation it shall in no event ained hereunder and capable of producing oil, gas or other mineral in paying and agrees that Lessee at its option may discharge any tax, mortgage or other |
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| lien upon said land, either in whole or in part, and in event Lessee does so rentals and royalties accruing hereunder toward satisfying same. Without implies agreed that if Lessor owns an interest in said land less than the entire featured proportionately. Failure of Lessee to reduce rental paid hereunder covered by this lease (whether or not owned by lessor) shall be paid out of the roward life. Should Lessee be prevented from complying with any express or impute thereon or from producing oil or gas therefrom by reason of scarcity of or inal majeure, or any Federal or state law or any order, rule or regulation of government covenant shall be suspended, and Lessee shall not be liable in damages for failuressee is prevented by any such cause from conducting drilling or reworking of time while Lessee is so prevented shall not be counted against Lessee, anything in | pairment of Lessee's rights under the warranty in event of failure of title, it see simple estate, then the royalties and rentals to be paid Lessor shall be er shall not impair the right of Lessee to reduce royalties. All royalty interest by alty herein provided. The oblighting of this lease, from conducting drilling or reworking operations will be obtain or to use equipment or material, or by operation of force ental authority, then while so prevented, Lessee's obligation to comply with such use to comply therewith; and this lease shall be extended while and so long as perations on or from producing oil or gas from the leased premises: and the |
| 12. The undersigned Lessor, for himself and his heirs, successors and assignees described, in so far as said rights of homestead may in any way affect that the annual drilling deferment rental payments made to Lessor as herein properties. In WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is signed, sealed and delivered or WITNESS: James M. Rowe, Sr. | ms, hereby surrenders and releases all rights of homestead in the premises ect the purpose for which this lease is made as recited herein, and agrees ovided will fully protect this lease as to the full interests of the undersigned. |
| James H. Rowe, Jr. 418 - 22-3855 | SS# 476 84-4002 (SEAL) (SEAL) LOTTATHE NOWE (SEAL) (SEAL) |
| James M. Rowe, III ss#425-66 6465 STATE OF ALABAMA SHELBY | Tina Rowe (SEAL) Lesson. |
| James M. Rowe, Sr, and wife, Lois E. Rowe; James M. Rowe, III, and wife, Tina Rowe | a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that James M. Rowe, Jr, and wife, Lorraine Rowe; |
| who are the day the same bears date. Given under my hand and Official Seal, this day of MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 12-3-83 | |
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