

DECLARATION

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That:**

Champion International Corporation, a New York Corporation, as Lessor, has granted a certain Oil and Gas Lease to The Louisiana Land And Exploration Company, as Lessee, by instrument dated August 1, 1981, by which Lessor leased and let unto Lessee for a valuable consideration and subject to the terms, conditions and provisions of said lease, the following described lands, situated in the County of Shelby, State of Alabama, to-wit:

8,390.75 acres in Township 18 South, Ranges 1 & 2 East; Township 19 South, Ranges 1 & 2 East; Township 20 South, Ranges 1 & 4 West; Township 21 South, Ranges 1 East and 3 & 4 West; Township 22 South, Range 4 West; Township 24 North, Range 12 East.

Said lease is for a primary term of five years from its date and as long thereafter as oil/or gas is produced in paying Quantities from the leased premises and said leased premises is being developed in accordance with the terms and provisions of the lease or is otherwise kept in force in some other manner therein provided.

This Declaration is to be placed of record to serve as notice of the execution and existence of said lease and is in no way intended to supercede, revise, abrogate, change, alter or modify any of the terms or conditions or any of the rights or obligations of any of the parties, all of which are set forth in detail in said lease which is made a part hereof by reference to the same effect as though set out in extenso herein.

Thus done and signed this 1st day of December,  
1981:

Champion International Corporation

BY: W. D. Whiteholt  
Vice-President  
"Lessor"

THE LOUISIANA LAND AND EXPLORATION  
COMPANY

BY: J. P. Dennis  
Vice-President  
"Lessee"  
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STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY OF BUTLER

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for Butler County, Ohio, on this day personally appeared Hall B. Whitworth, Vice-President of Champion International Corporation, known to me to be the person and officer whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as the free act and deed of Champion International Corporation and into full authority for the purpose and consideration therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 1st day of December, 1981.

STATE OF OHIO, SECRETARY OF STATE  
I CERTIFY THIS  
THE 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER

1982 APR 12 AM 8:49

*John A. Shadley*  
JUDGE OF PROBATE

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

Deed TAX 35.50  
Mineral TAX 119.54  
Rec 10.00  
Total 466.04

Norma Jane Booker  
NOTARY PUBLIC

NORMA JANE BOOKER  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires Feb. 28, 1985

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for Orleans Parish, Louisiana, on this day personally appeared JERRY L. DENNIS, Vice-President of The Louisiana Land and Exploration Company, known to me be the person and officer whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as the free act and deed of The Louisiana Land And Exploration Company for the purpose and consideration therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 11 day of DECEMBER, 1981.

Erwin A. Caswell, Jr.  
NOTARY PUBLIC

ERWIN A. CASWELL, JR.

Orleans Parish, Louisiana

Notary Public

My Commission is issued for life.