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### **MORTGAGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT**

**THIS MORTGAGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT** (this "Mortgage"), is made and entered into as of December 16, 2021, by **DIVERSIFIED GAS & OIL CORPORATION**, a Delaware corporation (the "Borrower"), whose address is 1800 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, Attention: John Crain, in favor of **SYNOVUS BANK**, a Georgia banking corporation (the "Bank"), whose address is 800 Shades Creek Parkway, Suite 200, Birmingham, Alabama 35209, Attention: Custis Proctor. Capitalized terms used herein and not defined shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in that certain Credit Agreement of even date herewith between Borrower and Bank (as amended from time to time, the "Credit Agreement").

### **W I T N E S S E T H:**

**WHEREAS**, Borrower is justly indebted to Bank in the principal amount of Five Million Five Hundred Twenty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$5,520,000.00), such indebtedness being evidenced by the Notes and payable to Bank with interest thereon as provided for in the Credit Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, Borrower desires to secure the Obligations, including, but not limited to, the obligation to pay the principal of and interest on the Notes in accordance with the terms thereof and of the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents (including any and all extensions, modifications, and renewals thereof and substitutions therefor), and all Indemnified Losses and Default Costs.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of Bank making the Loans, and to secure the prompt payment and performance of the Obligations, Borrower does hereby irrevocably CONVEY, WARRANT, GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL, ASSIGN, TRANSFER, PLEDGE and set over unto Bank, and its successors and assigns, all of Borrower's Interest in and to the following described land and interests in land, estates, easements, rights, improvements, personal property, fixtures, equipment, furniture, furnishings, appliances and appurtenances, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, and including replacements and additions thereto (herein referred to collectively as the "Mortgaged Property");

(a) All those certain tracts, pieces or parcels of land, and interests in land, located in Shelby County, Alabama, more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof (the "Land");

(b) All buildings, structures and improvements of every nature whatsoever now or hereafter situated on the Land, and all gas and electric fixtures, radiators, heaters, engines and machinery, boilers, ranges, elevators and motors, plumbing and heating fixtures, carpeting and

other floor coverings, water heaters, awnings and storm sashes, and cleaning apparatus which are or shall be attached to said buildings, structures or improvements, and all other furnishings, furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment, appliances, vehicles and personal property of every kind and nature whatsoever now or hereafter owned by Borrower and located in, on or about, or used or intended to be used with or in connection with the construction, use, operation or enjoyment of the Mortgaged Property, including all extensions, additions, improvements, betterments, renewals and replacements, substitutions, or proceeds from a permitted sale of any of the foregoing, and all building materials and supplies of every kind now or hereafter placed or located on the Land (collectively the "Improvements"), all of which are hereby declared and shall be deemed to be fixtures and accessions to the Land and a part of the Mortgaged Property as between the parties hereto and all persons claiming by, through or under them, and which shall be deemed to be a portion of the security for the indebtedness herein described and to be secured by this Mortgage;

(c) All easements, rights of way, strips and gores of land, vaults, streets, ways, alleys, passages, sewer rights, waters, water courses, water rights and powers, minerals, flowers, shrubs, crops, trees, timber and other emblements now or hereafter located on the Land or under or above the same or any part or parcel thereof, and all ground leases, estates, rights, titles, interests, privileges, liberties, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, reversions, and remainders whatsoever, in any way belonging, relating or appertaining to the Mortgaged Property or any part thereof, or which hereafter shall in any way belong, relate or be appurtenant thereto, whether now owned or hereafter acquired by Borrower;

(d) All rents, issues, profits, revenues and proceeds from any sale or other disposition of the Mortgaged Property, or any part thereof, from time to time accruing (including without limitation all payments under leases, ground leases or tenancies, proceeds of insurance, condemnation payments, tenant security deposits and escrow funds), and all of the estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever at law, as well as in equity, of Borrower of, in and to the same; and

(e) All leases presently existing or hereafter made, whether written or verbal, or any letting of, or agreement for the use or occupancy of, any part of the Mortgaged Property, and each modification, extension, renewal and guarantee thereof (collectively, the "Assigned Leases"), including, without limitation, all the rents, issues, and profits now due and which may hereafter become due under or by virtue of the Assigned Leases, together with all claims and rights to the payment of money at any time arising in connection with any rejection or breach of any of the Assigned Leases under Bankruptcy Law, including without limitation, all rights to recover damages arising out of such breach or rejection, all rights to charges payable by a tenant or trustee in respect of the leased premises following the entry of an order for relief under the Bankruptcy Law in respect of a tenant and all rentals and charges outstanding under the Assigned Lease as of the date of entry of such order for relief (collectively, the "Rents").

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the Mortgaged Property and all parts, rights, members and appurtenances thereof, to the use and benefit of Bank and the successors, successors in title and assigns of Bank, forever; and Borrower covenants that Borrower is lawfully seized and possessed of Borrower's Interest in and to the Mortgaged Property as aforesaid and has good right to convey the same, that the same are unencumbered except for those matters expressly set forth in

Exhibit A hereto, and Borrower hereby warrants and will forever defend the title thereto against the claims of all Persons whomsoever, except as to those matters set forth in said Exhibit A.

The Lien of this Mortgage automatically will attach to any further, greater, additional or different estate, rights, titles or interests in or to any of the Mortgaged Property at any time hereafter acquired by Borrower by whatsoever means and without any further action or filing or recording on the part of Borrower or Bank or any other Person.

BORROWER HEREBY COVENANTS AND AGREES WITH BANK AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

1.01 Payment and Performance of Loan Documents. Borrower will perform, observe and comply with all the provisions hereof, and of each of the other Loan Documents, including, but not limited to, the due and punctual payment of the principal amount due under the Credit Agreement and the Notes, together with interest thereon, and all other sums of money required to be paid by Borrower pursuant to any one or more of the Loan Documents.

1.02 Security Agreement. With respect to all personal property (the "Personal Property") constituting part of the Mortgaged Property which is subject to the provisions of Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code as enacted in the state wherein the Land is situated (the "UCC"), this Mortgage is hereby made and declared to be a security agreement encumbering each and every item of such Personal Property in compliance with the provisions of the UCC, and Borrower hereby grants to Bank a security interest in Borrower's Interest in said Personal Property. Borrower authorizes Bank to file one or more financing statements reciting this Mortgage to be a security agreement affecting all of such Personal Property. The remedies for any violation of the covenants, terms and conditions of the security agreement contained in this Mortgage, or otherwise in respect of an Event of Default, shall be (a) as prescribed herein or in any other Loan Document with respect thereto, or (b) as prescribed by applicable Law, including the UCC, all at Bank's sole election. Borrower agrees that the filing of such financing statement(s) in the records normally having to do with personal property shall not in any way affect the agreement of Borrower and Bank that everything used in connection with the production of income from the Mortgaged Property or adapted for use therein or which is described or reflected in this Mortgage, is, and at all times and for all purposes and in all proceedings both legal or equitable, shall be regarded as part of the real estate conveyed hereby regardless of whether (i) any such item is physically attached to the Improvements, (ii) serial numbers are used for the better identification of certain items capable of being thus identified in an Exhibit to this Mortgage, or (iii) any such item is referred to or reflected in any such financing statement(s) so filed at any time. Similarly, the mention in any such financing statement(s) of the rights in and to (A) the proceeds of any fire and/or hazard insurance policy, or (B) any award in eminent domain proceedings for taking or for loss of value, or (C) Borrower's interest as lessor in any present or future lease or rights to income growing out of the use and/or occupancy of the Mortgaged Property, whether pursuant to lease or otherwise, shall not in any way alter any of the rights of Bank as determined by this instrument or affect the priority of Bank's security interest granted hereby or by any other recorded document, it being understood and agreed that such mention in such financing statement(s) is solely for the protection of Bank in the event any court shall at any time hold, with respect to the foregoing items (A), (B), or (C), that notice of Bank's

priority of interest, to be effective against a particular class of persons, must be filed in the UCC records. This Mortgage may be filed as a financing statement in any office where Bank deems such filing necessary or desirable and Borrower will promptly upon demand reimburse Bank for the costs therefor.

1.03 Use of Mortgaged Property. Borrower shall at all times operate the Mortgaged Property in connection with Borrower's business. Borrower shall not be permitted to alter or change the use of the Mortgaged Property in any material respect without the prior written consent of Bank.

1.04 Conveyance of Mortgaged Property. Except as otherwise expressly permitted by the Credit Agreement, Borrower shall not directly or indirectly encumber (by Lien, junior mortgage, or otherwise), pledge, convey, transfer or assign any or all of its interest in the Mortgaged Property without the prior written consent of Bank.

1.05 Acquisition of Collateral. Except as otherwise expressly permitted by the Credit Agreement, Borrower shall not acquire any Personal Property subject to any Lien taking precedence over the Lien of this Mortgage.

## ARTICLE II

2.01 Events of Default. The term "Event of Default", wherever used in this Mortgage, shall mean an "Event of Default" as defined in the Credit Agreement.

### 2.02 Rights and Remedies.

(a) If an Event of Default shall have occurred, then in addition to the rights and remedies provided for under any other Loan Document or under applicable Law, then at the option of Bank this Mortgage may be foreclosed in any manner now or hereafter provided by Alabama law, and to the extent provided or allowed by Alabama law, Bank, or its agent, may sell the Mortgaged Property or any part of the Mortgaged Property at one or more public sales before the front or main door of the courthouse of the county or counties, as may be required, in which the Land or any part of the Land is situated, after having first given notice of the time, place and terms of sale at least once a week for three (3) successive weeks preceding the date of such sale in some newspaper published in said county or counties, as may be required. At any such sale, Bank may execute and deliver to the purchaser a conveyance of the Mortgaged Property or any part of the Mortgaged Property. Bank shall have the right to enforce any of its remedies set forth herein without notice to Borrower, except for such notice as may be required by law. In the event of any sale under this Mortgage by virtue of the exercise of the powers herein granted, or pursuant to any order in any judicial proceedings or otherwise, the Mortgaged Property may be sold as an entirety or in separate parcels and in such manner or order as Bank in its sole discretion may elect, and if Bank so elects, Bank may sell the personal property covered by this Mortgage at one or more separate sales in any manner permitted by the UCC, and one or more exercises of the powers herein granted shall not extinguish or exhaust such powers, until the entire Mortgaged Property is sold or the Obligations are paid in full. If the Obligations are now or hereafter further secured by any chattel mortgages, pledges, contracts of guaranty, assignments of lease or other security instruments, Bank at its option may exhaust the remedies

granted under any of said security instruments or this Mortgage either concurrently or independently, and in such order as Bank may determine.

Said sale may be adjourned by Bank, or its agent, and reset at a later date without additional publication; provided that an announcement to that effect be made at the scheduled place of sale at the time and on the date the sale is originally set.

(b) In the event of any sale of the Mortgaged Property as authorized by this Section, all prerequisites of such sale shall be presumed to have been performed, and in any conveyance given hereunder all statements of facts, or other recitals therein made, as to the nonpayment or non-performance of the Obligations or as to the advertisement of sale, or the time, place and manner of sale, or as to any other fact or thing, shall be taken in all courts of law or equity as prima facie evidence that the facts so stated or recited are true.

2.03 Purchase by Bank. Upon any foreclosure sale or sale of all or any portion of the Mortgaged Property under the power herein granted, Bank may bid for and purchase the Mortgaged Property and shall be entitled to apply all or any part of the Obligations as a credit to the purchase price.

2.04 Borrower as Tenant Holding Over. In the event of any such foreclosure sale or sale under the powers herein granted, Borrower (if Borrower shall remain in possession) and all Persons holding under Borrower shall be deemed tenants holding over and shall forthwith deliver possession to the purchaser or purchasers at such sale or be summarily dispossessed according to provisions of law applicable to tenants holding over.

2.05 Waiver of Appraisement, Valuation, Etc. Borrower agrees, to the full extent permitted by law, that in case of an Event of Default, neither Borrower nor anyone claiming through or under Borrower will set up, claim or seek to take advantage of any appraisement, valuation, stay, extension, homestead, exemption or redemption laws now or hereafter in force, in order to prevent or hinder the enforcement or foreclosure of this Mortgage, or the absolute sale of the Mortgaged Property, or the delivery of possession thereof immediately after such sale to the purchaser at such sale, and Borrower, for itself and all who may at any time claim through or under it, hereby waives to the full extent that it may lawfully so do, the benefit of all such laws, and any and all right to have the assets subject to the security interest of this Mortgage marshaled upon any foreclosure or sale under the power herein granted.

2.06 Waiver of Homestead. Borrower hereby waives and renounces all homestead and exemption rights provided for by the Constitution and the laws of the United States and of any state, in and to the Mortgaged Property as against the collection of the Obligations, or any part thereof.

2.07 Leases. To the extent allowed by applicable Laws, the assignment of Rents and Assigned Leases herein provided for is an absolute assignment and not an assignment for additional security only, provided that except as may be provided otherwise pursuant to any other Loan Document, Borrower shall have the revocable license to take such actions with respect to the Assigned Leases and enter into such agreements and exercise (or refrain from exercising) all its rights and perform its obligations under the Assigned Leases (so long as the

same does not otherwise give rise to a Default), including the right to collect each payment of Rents at the time provided in any applicable Assigned Lease for such payment, it being understood and agreed that if any Law exists requiring Bank to take actual possession of the Mortgaged Property (or some action equivalent to taking possession of the Mortgaged Property (such as securing the appointment of a receiver) for Bank to "perfect" or "activate" the rights and remedies of Bank as provided in this Mortgage or any other Loan Document, Borrower waives the benefit of such Law. Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, (i) the license granted herein shall immediately and automatically cease and terminate and shall be void and of no further force or effect, and (ii) Bank shall immediately be entitled to possession of any Rents (whether or not Bank enters upon or takes control of all or any portion of the Mortgaged Property). Bank, at its option, is authorized to foreclose this Mortgage subject to the rights of any tenants of the Mortgaged Property, and the failure to make any such tenants parties to any such foreclosure proceedings and to foreclose their rights will not be, nor be asserted to be by Borrower, a defense to any proceeding instituted by Bank to collect the sums secured hereby.

2.08 Discontinuance of Proceedings. In case Bank shall have proceeded to enforce any right, power or remedy under this Mortgage by foreclosure, entry or otherwise, and such proceedings shall have been discontinued or abandoned for any reason, or shall have been determined adversely to Bank, then in every such case, Borrower and Bank shall be restored to their former positions and rights hereunder, and all rights, powers and remedies of Bank shall continue as if no such proceedings had occurred.

### ARTICLE III

3.01 Successors and Assigns. This Mortgage shall be binding upon Borrower, its successors and assigns and subsequent owners of the Mortgaged Property, or any part thereof, and shall inure to the benefit of Bank and its successors and assigns and any holder of the Obligations.

3.02 Applicable Law. This Mortgage shall be interpreted, construed and enforced according to the laws of the State of Alabama.

3.03 Notices. All notices provided for herein shall be given and deemed received when given and received in accordance with the terms of the Credit Agreement.

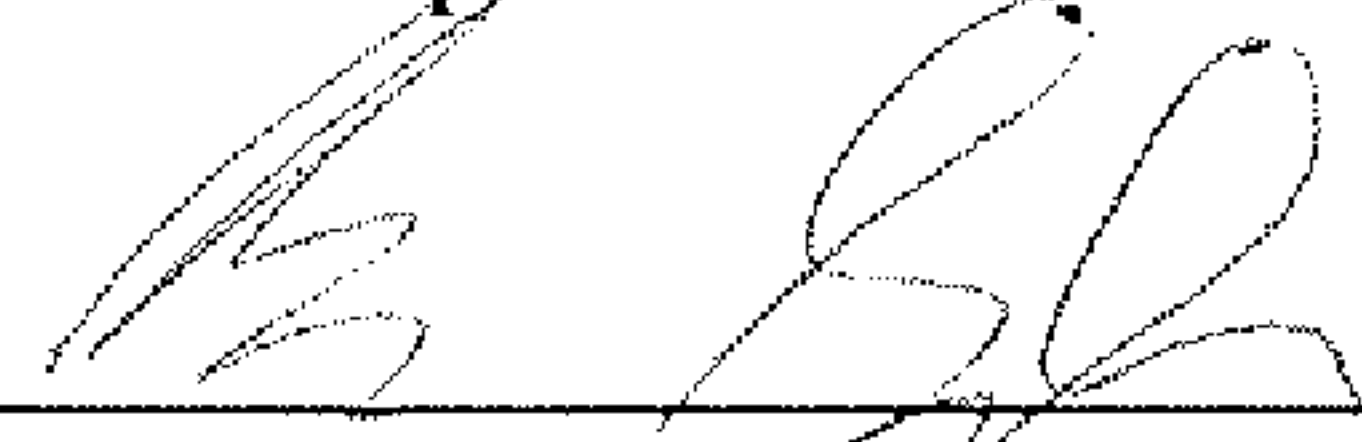
3.04 Assignment. This Mortgage is assignable by Bank and any assignment of this Mortgage by Bank shall operate to vest in the assignee all rights and powers herein conferred upon and granted to Bank.

3.05 Future Advances. Upon request of Borrower, Bank, at Bank's option so long as this Mortgage secures indebtedness held by Bank, may make future advances to Borrower. Such future advances, with interest thereon, shall be secured hereby if made under the terms of this Mortgage, the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document, or if made pursuant to any other promissory note, instrument or agreement stating that sums advanced thereunder are secured hereby.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Mortgage has been executed and delivered as of the date first above written.

DIVERSIFIED GAS & OIL CORPORATION,  
a Delaware corporation

By: 

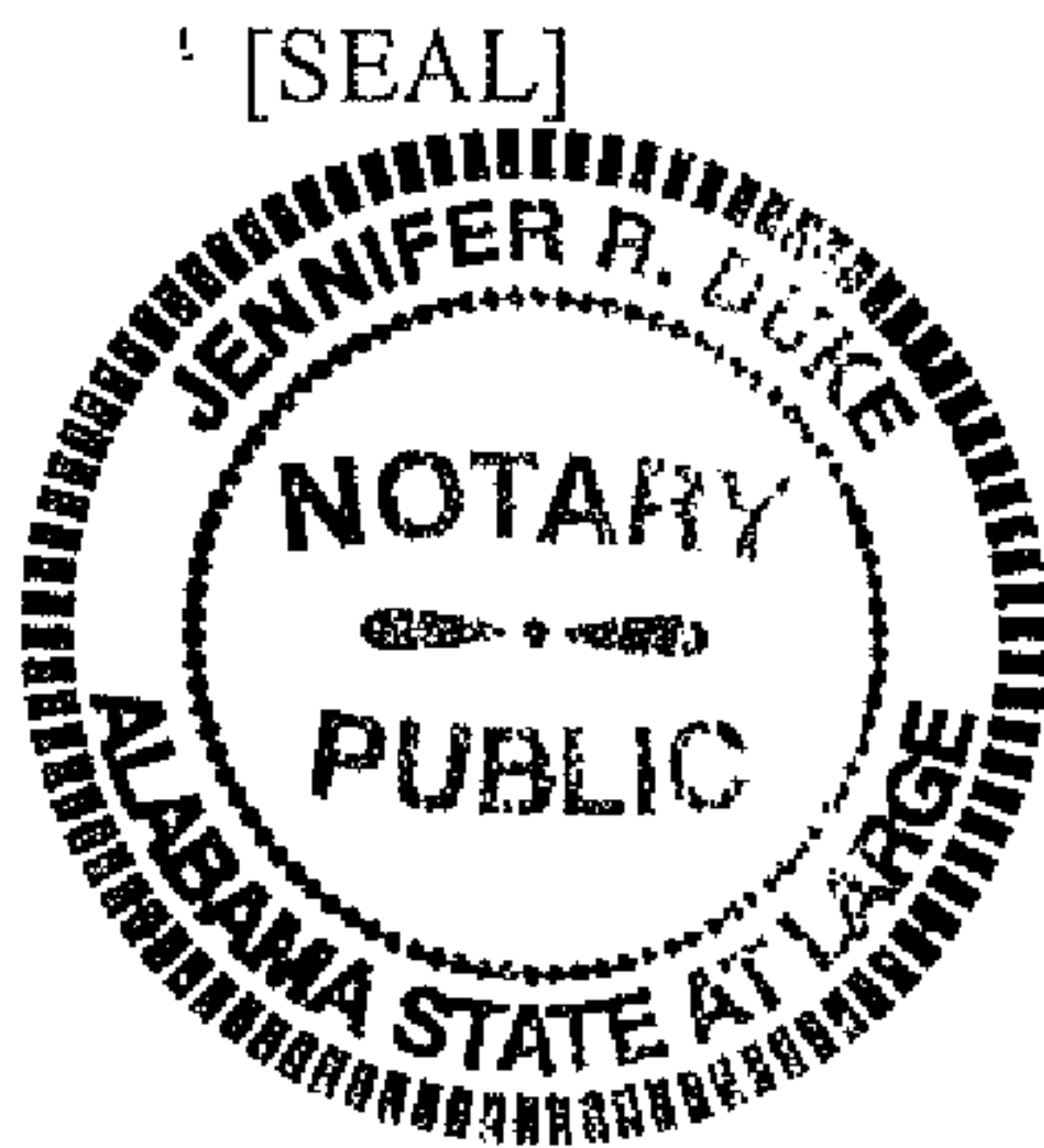
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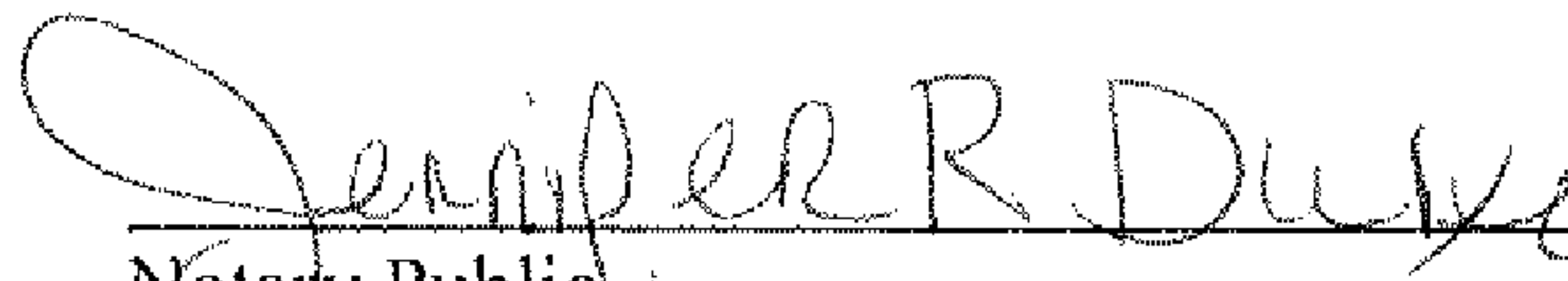
Print Title: Executive Vice President, Secretary  
and General Counsel

STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Benjamin M. Sullivan, whose name as Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, a Delaware corporation, is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me that, being informed of the contents of such instrument, he, as such officer and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of such corporation.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 16<sup>TH</sup> day of December, 2021.



  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 12-18-2022

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Lot 7A-1, according to the Resurvey of Lot 7A Meadow Brook Corporate Park South Phase II as recorded in Map Book 43, Page 40, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama

Together with rights obtained, that constitute an interest in real estate, under that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Meadow Brook Corporation Park, as set out in Real 64, Page 91, along with 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment recorded in Real 95, Page 826; 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment recorded in Real 141, Page 784; 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment recorded in Real 177, Page 244; 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment recorded in Real 243, Page 453; 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment recorded in Real 245, Page 89; 6<sup>th</sup> Amendment recorded as Instrument #1992-23529; 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment recorded as Instrument #1995-03028; 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment recorded as Instrument #1995-04188; 9<sup>th</sup> Amendment recorded as Instrument #1996-5491; 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment recorded as Instrument #1996-2318; 11<sup>th</sup> Amendment recorded as Instrument #1997-30077; 12<sup>th</sup> Amendment recorded as Instrument #1997-37856; 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment recorded as Instrument #1998-5588; 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment recorded as Instrument #1998-41655; 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment recorded as Instrument #1998-46243; 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment recorded as Instrument #1999-2935; 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment recorded as Instrument #20021217000631360; and 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment recorded in Instrument #20100927000316200; and Assignment of Developer Rights recorded as Instrument #2001-35829.



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