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Ms. Jenny Hegg  
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Natural Resources  
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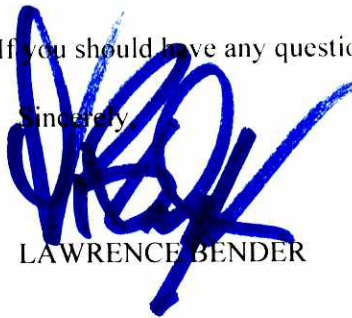
**RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL  
RESOURCES, INC. FOR AN ORDER  
OF THE BOARD GRANTING CHANGE  
OF OPERATOR OF THE CENTRAL  
BUFFALO RED RIVER UNIT FOR  
THE "B" ZONE OF THE RED RIVER  
FORMATION, HARDING COUNTY,  
SOUTH DAKOTA; AND SUCH  
FURTHER AND ADDITIONAL  
RELIEF AS THE BOARD DEEMS  
APPROPRIATE.**

Dear Ms. Hegg:

Please find enclosed herewith for filing a PETITION AND APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC. to be scheduled for the March 21, 2013 hearing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you should have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,



LAWRENCE BENDER

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Enclosure

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES

BOARD OF MINERALS AND ENVIRONMENT

CASE NO. 1-2013

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC. FOR AN  
ORDER OF THE BOARD GRANTING  
CHANGE OF OPERATOR OF THE CENTRAL  
BUFFALO RED RIVER UNIT FOR THE "B"  
ZONE OF THE RED RIVER FORMATION,  
HARDING COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA; AND  
SUCH FURTHER AND ADDITIONAL RELIEF  
AS THE BOARD DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

PETITION AND APPLICATION OF  
CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC.

COMES NOW THE PETITIONER, Continental Resources, Inc. ("Continental") and for  
its petition and application states and alleges as follows:

1.

That Continental is the owner of an interest in the oil and gas leasehold estate in the Central  
Buffalo Red River Unit ("CBRRU"), Harding County, South Dakota.

2.

That the CBRRU was established by virtue of Board Order 12-04 dated January 19, 2005.

3.

That pursuant to Board Order 12-04, Prima Exploration, Inc. ("Prima") was designated as the  
operator of the CBRRU.

4.

That the unit area of the CBRRU includes the following described lands in Harding County,

South Dakota:

Township 22 North, Range 4 East

Section 28: S/2  
Section 29: S/2  
Section 30: All  
Section 31: All  
Section 32: All  
Section 33: W/2

Township 21 North, Range 4 East

Section 4: W/2  
Section 5: All  
Section 6: All

5.

That Continental has currently acquired all of the interests of Prima in the CBRRU, Harding County, South Dakota.

6.

That Prima is no longer the owner of an interest in the CBRRU.

7.

That Continental hereby requests amending Board Order No. 12-04, and all other orders of the Board applicable to the CBRRU, so as to designate Continental as the operator of the CBRRU, Harding County, South Dakota.

8.

That the legal authority and jurisdiction under which a hearing would be held and the particular statutes and rules involved are S.D.C.L. Ch. 1-26, S.D.C.L. Ch. 45-9 and A.R.S.D. § 74:09:01:01.

**WHEREFORE**, Continental respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing and that thereafter the Board of Minerals and Environment grant the following:

- a. That Board Order No. 12-04 be amended so as to authorize Continental as the operator of the CBRRU, Harding County, South Dakota.
- b. That Continental be granted such further and additional relief as the Board deems appropriate.

**DATED** this 7 day of January, 2013.

Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.

By 

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