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VIA FACSIMILE

Department of the Interior
Minerals Management Service
381 Elden Street
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RE: PROPOSED RULE REGARDING
ISSUANCE OF OCS LEASES WITH
ROYALTY SUSPENSIONS BY THE
MMS AFTER NOVEMBER, 2000

Gentlemen:

Samedan Oil Corporation ("Samedan") has reviewed the comments submitted by the American Petroleum Institute ("API"), National Ocean Industries Association ("NOIA"), the Domestic Petroleum Council ("DPC") and the U.S. Oil and Gas Association ("USOGA") concerning the proposed rules by the MMS regarding issuance of OCS leases with royalty suspension after November, 2000. Samedan agrees with comments made and supports these recommendations.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

SAMEDAN OIL CORPORATION

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