

CITATION

**SAFETY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
CAMARILLO DISTRICT
PACIFIC OCS REGION**

**HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.
PLATFORM HERITAGE
DRILLING CONTRACTOR
for EXXON COMPANY, U.S.A.**

This award is presented to Helmerich and Payne, Inc. (H&P) in recognition of its accident-free record and for the professional manner in which it conducted drilling operations on Platform Heritage for the period January 1 through December 31, 1999.

During the rating period, Minerals Management Service (MMS) personnel conducted 9 drilling inspections with no incidents of noncompliance detected. H&P, in conjunction with Exxon Company, U.S.A., successfully utilized state-of-the-art extended reach drilling and completion technology to access oil and gas reserves in the Sacate Field more than three and a half miles away. The well, SA-01, holds the distinction of being the well with the greatest measured depth and longest horizontal distance from surface location to total depth in the Pacific OCS Region. Additionally, H&P consistently maintained an outstanding safety record while conducting similar drilling operations throughout the Santa Ynez Unit.

The Secretary of the Interior and the Director of Minerals Management Service join me in commending H&P for its part in the development of offshore mineral resources while maintaining a constant awareness for the safety of personnel, protection of the environment, and adherence to operating regulations.

**J. Lisle Reed
Regional Director
Pacific OCS Region**