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Reference: Suspension of Operations

Dear Mr. Noah:

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has reviewed your November 5, 2002 request to extend the Suspension of Operations (SOO) for the two federal leases (OCS-Y 1664 and OCS-Y 1665) in the Cosmopolitan Unit. ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. (ConocoPhillips) has committed to drilling a sidetrack to the Hansen #1 in accordance with the First Plan of Exploration/Initial Plan of Operations for the unit. The SOO request did not include a schedule or timeline for commencing unit activities, but in a subsequent telephone conversation you indicated that drilling of a sidetrack could start sometime in the second quarter of 2003. The MMS hereby approves a 6-month extension to the SOO. The SOO will continue in effect to May 15, 2003. This SOO is being granted in order for ConocoPhillips to obtain required permits to conduct the drilling activity pursuant to 30 CFR 250.172(e) and to commence drilling in accordance with 30 CFR 250.175.

Sincerely,

For Jeff Walker
Jeff Walker
Regional Supervisor
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cc: Mr. Pat Pourchot, Commissioner
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