

CITATION

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

**HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.
PLATFORM HERITAGE
DRILLING CONTRACTOR
for EXXONMOBIL COMPANY**

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, 2005.

During the rating period, Minerals Management Service (MMS) personnel conducted several drilling inspections at the facility with no incidents of noncompliance detected. H&P, in conjunction with ExxonMobil Company, successfully utilized a combination of traditional methods and state-of-the-art extended reach drilling and completion technologies to access oil and gas reserves in the Pescado and Sacate Fields in the Santa Ynez Unit. H&P consistently maintained an outstanding safety and environmental protection record while conducting drilling operations. Throughout the year, H&P personnel have consistently demonstrated a keen awareness, knowledge, and application of pertinent regulatory requirements. Cooperation with MMS personnel was excellent.

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.

**Ellen G. Aronson
Regional Manager
Pacific OCS Region**