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Press Release

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**Federal Government Leases Land in
Kentucky and Mississippi for Oil and Gas Exploration**

Thirteen parcels of Federal land in Kentucky and Mississippi brought \$25,718 to the U.S. Treasury through a competitive auction of oil and gas leases conducted by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on Thursday, September 21 in Springfield, Virginia. Bonus bids, filing fees, and rental revenue totaled \$32,250, of which \$6,532 will be shared with the two states.

BLM, Eastern States administers the mineral estate in 31 states east of and adjoining the Mississippi River and offers selected parcels at quarterly competitive auctions. Regulations require the bidding to open at a \$2 per acre minimum. All 13 parcels were sold at the minimum bid. Remington Oil and Gas Corporation from Dallas, Texas purchased the largest tract sold, a 1,470 acre tract in Lamar County, Mississippi.

Leases are awarded for a term of 10 years and as long thereafter as there is production in paying quantities. The Federal Government receives a 12 1/2 percent royalty on the value of the amount of production. Also, each respective State Government receives a 25 percent minimum share of the bonus bids and the royalty from each lease.

Eighteen parcels remained available for noncompetitive, next-day filing.

NOTE: A breakdown of the results of the sale is attached.

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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
EASTERN STATES
RESULTS OF THE COMPETITIVE OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE
September 21, 2000**

<u>State</u>	<u># of Parcels offered/sold</u>		<u>Acreage offered/sold</u>		<u>Federal Revenue*</u>	<u>State Revenue*</u>
Kentucky	1	1	844.960	844.960	2,293	739
Mississippi	29	12	16,767.967	8,084.362	23,425	5,793
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TOTALS	30	13	17,612.927	8,929.322	25,718	6,532

*Revenue rounded to nearest dollar