

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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**LEASE**

PART 1. LEASE RIGHTS GRANTED.

This  Lease  Lease Renewal  Lease Readjustment entered into by and between the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), hereinafter called lessor and *(Name and Address)*

Hereinafter called lessee, is effective *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_, for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ years,

*Sodium, Sulphur –*

with preferential right in the lessee to renew for successive periods of \_\_\_\_\_ years under such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, unless otherwise provided by law at the expiration of any period.

*Hardrock –*

with right in the lessee to renew for successive periods of \_\_\_\_\_ years under such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, including as may be identified in the special stipulations section in this lease, unless otherwise provided by law at the expiration of any period.

*Potassium, Phosphate, Gilsomite –*

and for so long thereafter as lessee complies with the terms and conditions of this lease which are subject to readjustment at the end of each \_\_\_\_\_ year period, unless otherwise provided by law,

Sec. 1. This lease / lease renewal / lease readjustment is issued pursuant and subject to the terms and provisions of the:

- Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, and supplemented, 41 Stat. 437, 30 U.S.C. 181-287, hereinafter referred to as the Act;
- Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands, Act of August 7, 1947, 61 Stat. 913, 30 U.S.C. 351-359;
- Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1946, 60 Stat. 1099 and 43 U.S.C. 1457c;
- (Other)* \_\_\_\_\_;

and to the regulations and formal orders of the Secretary of the Interior in effect as of this lease / lease renewal / lease readjustment issuance, and to regulations and formal orders hereafter promulgated when not inconsistent with the specific provisions of this lease / lease renewal / lease readjustment.

Sec. 2. Lessor, in consideration of any bonuses, rents, and royalties to be paid, and the conditions and covenants to be observed as herein set forth, hereby grants and leases to lessee the exclusive right and privilege to explore for, drill for, mine, extract, remove, beneficiate, concentrate, or otherwise process and dispose of the \_\_\_\_\_ deposits \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter referred to as "leased deposits," in, upon, or under the following described lands:

containing \_\_\_\_\_ acres, more or less, together with the right to construct such works, buildings, plants, structures, equipment and appliances and the right to use such on-lease rights-of-way which may be necessary and convenient in the exercise of the rights and privileges granted, subject to the conditions herein provided.

*Phosphate –*

In accordance with section 11 of the Act (30 U.S.C. 213), lessee may use deposits of silica, limestone, or other rock in the processing of refining of the phosphates, phosphate rock, and associated or related minerals mined from the leased lands or other lands upon payments of royalty as set forth on the attachment to this lease. *(Phosphate leases only.)*

PART II. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Sec. 1. (a) RENTAL RATE – Lessee shall pay lessor rental annually and in advance for each acre or fraction thereof during the continuance of the lease at the rate indicated below:

*Sulphur, Gilsonite –*

50 cents for the first lease year and each succeeding lease year;

*Hardrock –*

\$1 for the first lease year and \$1 for each succeeding lease year;

*Phosphate –*

25 cents for the first lease year, 50 cents for the second and third lease years, and \$1 for each and every lease year thereafter;

*Potassium Sodium –*

25 cents for the first calendar year or fraction thereof, 50 cents for the second, third, fourth, and fifth calendar years respectively, and \$1 for the sixth and each succeeding calendar year; or

*Sodium, Sulphur, Asphalt, and Hardrock Renewal Leases–*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for each lease year;

(b) RENTAL CREDITS – The rental for any year will be credited against the first royalties as they accrue under the lease during the year for which rental was paid.

Sec. 2. (a) PRODUCTION ROYALTIES – Lessee must pay lessor a production royalty in accordance with the attached schedule. Such production royalty is due the last day of the month next following the month in which the minerals are sold or removed from the leased lands.

(b) MINIMUM ANNUAL PRODUCTION AND MINIMUM ROYALTY – (1) Beginning in the sixth lease year or the first full year of a renewed or readjusted lease, whichever comes first, the lessee must produce on an annual basis a minimum amount of \_\_\_\_\_ tons, except when production is interrupted by strikes, the elements, or casualties not attributable to the lessee. Lessor may permit suspension of operations under the lease when marketing conditions are such that the lease cannot be operated except at a loss. (2) Beginning in the sixth lease year or the first full year of a renewed or readjusted lease, whichever comes first, if the lessee does not produce the minimum annual production amount specified above for any particular lease year, the lessee must pay a \$3.00 per acre or fraction thereof minimum royalty in lieu of production. Leases issued before April 22, 1986, may have a different minimum royalty rate (see section 14, Special Stipulations, below). Minimum royalty payments must be credited to production royalties for that year.

Sec. 3. REDUCTION AND SUSPENSION – In accordance with Section 39 of the Mineral Leasing Act, 30 U.S.C. 209, or the applicable regulations, the lessor reserves the authority to waive, suspend or reduce rental or minimum royalty, or to reduce royalty and reserves the authority to assent to or order the suspension of this lease.

Sec. 4. BONDS – Lessee must maintain in the proper office a lease bond in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, or in lieu thereof, an acceptable statewide or nationwide bond. The BLM may require an increase in this amount when additional coverage is determined appropriate.

Sec. 5. DOCUMENTS, EVIDENCE AND INSPECTION – At such times and in such form as lessor may prescribe, lessee must furnish detailed statements showing the amounts and quality of all products removed and sold from the lease, the proceeds therefrom, and the amount used for production purposes or unavoidably lost.

Lessee must keep open at all reasonable times for the inspection of any duly prescribed employee of lessor, the leased premises and all surface and underground improvements, work, machinery, ore stockpiles, equipment, and all books, accounts, maps, and records relative to operations, surveys, or investigations on or under the leased lands.

Lessee must either submit or provide lessor access to and copying of documents reasonably necessary to verify lessee compliance with terms and conditions of the lease.

While this lease remains in effect, information obtained under this section must be closed to inspection by the public in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Sec. 6. DAMAGES TO PROPERTY AND CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS – Lessee must exercise reasonable diligence, skill, and care in the operation of the property, and carry on all operations in accordance with approved methods and practices as provided in the applicable exploration and mining operating regulations, having due regard for the prevention of injury to life, health or property and of waste or damage to any water or mineral deposits.

Lessee must not conduct exploration or operations, other than causal use, prior to receipt of necessary permits or approval of plans of operations by lessor.

Lessee must carry on all operations in accordance with approved methods and practices as provided in the applicable exploration and mining operating regulations, and the approved mining plans in a manner that minimizes adverse impacts to the land, air, and water, to cultural, biological, visual, minerals, and other resources, and to other land uses or users. Lessee must take measures deemed necessary by lessor to accomplish the intent of this lease term. Such measures may include, but are not limited to, modification to proposed siting or design of facilities, timing of operations, and specification of interim and final reclamation procedures.

Lessor reserves to itself the right to lease, sell, or otherwise dispose of the surface or other mineral deposits in the lands and the right to continue existing uses and to authorize future uses upon or in the leased lands, including issuing leases for mineral deposits not covered hereunder or the approval of easements or rights-of-way. Lessor will condition such uses to prevent unnecessary or unreasonable interference with rights of lessee as may be consistent with concepts of multiple use and multiple mineral development.

Sec. 7. PROTECTION OF DIVERSE INTERESTS, AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY – Lessee must: pay when due all taxes and legally assessed and levied under the laws of the State or the United States; accord all employees complete freedom of purchase; pay all wages at least twice each month in lawful money of the United States; maintain a safe working environment in accordance with standard industry practices; restrict the workday to not more than 8 hours in any one day for underground workers, except in emergencies; and take measures necessary to protect the health and safety of the public. No person under the age of 16 years must be employed in any mine below the surface. To the extent that laws of the State in which the lands are situated are more reactive than the provisions in this paragraph, then the State laws apply.

Neither lessee or lessee's subcontractors must maintain segregated facilities.

Sec. 8. (a) TRANSFERS – This lease may be transferred in whole or in part to any person, association or corporation qualified to hold such lease interest.

(b) RELINQUISHMENT - The lessee may relinquish in writing at any time all rights under this lease or any portion thereof as provided in the regulations. Upon lessor's acceptance of the relinquishment, lessee must be relieved of all future obligations under the lease or the relinquished portion thereof, whichever is applicable.

Sec. 9. DELIVERY OF PREMISES, REMOVAL OF MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, ETC. – At such time as all or portions of this lease are returned to lessor, lessee must deliver up to lessor the land leased, underground timbering, and such other supports and structures necessary for the preservation of the mine workings on the leased premises or deposits and place all wells in condition for suspension or abandonment. Within 180 days thereof, lessee must remove from the premises all other structures, machinery, equipment, tools, and materials that it elects to or as required by BLM. Any such structures, machinery, equipment, tools, and materials remaining on the leased lands beyond 180 days, or approved extension thereof, will become the property of the lessor, but lessee must either remove any or all such property or must continue to be liable for the cost of removal and disposal in the amount actually incurred by the lessor. If the surface is owned by third parties, lessor will waive the requirement for removal, provided the third parties do not object to such waiver.

Sec. 14. SPECIAL STIPULATIONS -

Lessee must, prior to the termination of bond liability or at any other time when required and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, reclaim all lands the surface of which has been disturbed, dispose of all debris or solid waste, repair the offsite and onsite damage caused by lessee's activity or activities on the leased lands, and reclaim access roads or trails.

Sec. 10. PROCEEDINGS IN CASE OF DEFAULT – If lessee fails to comply with applicable laws, now existing regulations, or the terms, conditions and stipulations of this lease, and noncompliance continues for 30 days after written notice thereof, this lease will be subject to cancellation by the lessor only by judicial proceedings. This provision will not be construed to prevent the exercise by lessor of any other legal and equitable remedy, including waiver of the default. Any such remedy or waiver will not prevent later cancellation for the same default occurring at any other time.

Sec. 11. HEIRS AND SUCCESSORS-IN-INTEREST – Each obligation of this lease must extend to and be binding upon, and every benefit hereof must inure to, the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns of the respective parties hereto.

Sec. 12. INDEMNIFICATION – Lessee must indemnify and hold harmless the United States from any and all claims arising out of the lessee's activities and operations under this lease.

Sec. 13. SPECIAL STATUTES – This lease is subject to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1151-1175), the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857 et seq.), and to all other applicable laws pertaining to exploration activities, mining operations and reclamation.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By

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(Company or Lessee Name)

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(Signing Officer's Printed Name)

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(Signature of Lessee)

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(Signing Officer)

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Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

## NOTICES

The Privacy Act of 1974 and the regulation in 43 CFR 2.48(d) provide that you be furnished with the following information required by this application.

**AUTHORITY:** 30 U.S.C. 181 et seq., 30 U.S.C. 351-359, 60 Stat. 1099, 43 U.S.C. 1457c, 43 C.F.R. 3500

**PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:** The BLM will use the information you provide to verify your compliance with lease terms.

**ROUTINE USES:** In accordance with the System of Records titled, "Land and Minerals Authorization Tracking System—Interior, LLM-32," disclosure outside the Department of the Interior may be made: (1) To appropriate Federal agencies when concurrence or supporting information is required prior to granting or acquiring a right or interest in lands or resources, (2) To Federal, State, or local agencies or a member of the general public in response to a specific request for pertinent information, (3) To the U.S. Department of Justice or in a proceeding before a court or adjudicative body when (a) the United States, the Department of the Interior, a component of the Department, or when represented by the government, an employee of the Department is a party to litigation or anticipated litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and (b) the Department of the Interior determines that the disclosure is relevant or necessary to the litigation and is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled, (4) To an appropriate Federal, State, local, or foreign agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing a statute, regulation, rule, or order, where the disclosing agency becomes aware of an indication of a violation or potential violation of civil or criminal law or regulation, (5) To a member of Congress or a Congressional staff member from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry made at the request of that individual, (6) To the Department of the Treasury to effect payment to Federal, State, and local government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and individuals, and (7) To individuals involved in responding to a breach of Federal data. The BLM will only disclose this information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the Privacy Act, and the provision in 43 CFR 2.56(c).

**EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION:** Filing of the information is required to obtain and keep a benefit. If you do not provide the information, BLM may seek to cancel your lease.

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires us to inform you that:

The BLM collects this information to comply with the regulations at 43 CFR 3500, which implement the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended; the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947; Section 402 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1946; or other special leasing acts. The BLM uses the information to verify that you are complying with lease terms.

Response to this request is required to obtain and keep a benefit.

The BLM would like you to know that you do not have to respond to this or any other Federal agency-sponsored information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**BURDEN HOURS STATEMENT:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 300 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this form to: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (1004-0121), Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630), 1849 C Street, N.W., Room 2134 LM, Washington, D.C. 20240.