

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
BOARD OF MINERALS AND ENVIRONMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC. FOR AN ORDER OF THE BOARD GRANTING CHANGE OF OPERATOR OF THE CENTRAL BUFFALO RED RIVER UNIT FOR THE "B" ZONE OF THE RED RIVER FORMATION, HARDING COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA; AND FOR OTHER RELIEF AS THE BOARD DEEMS APPROPRIATE.	OIL AND GAS CASE NO. 1-2013 ORDER
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SECRETARY'S ORDER UNDER SDCL 45-9-74

A Petition and Application of Continental Resources, Inc. ("Continental") was submitted to the South Dakota Board of Minerals and Environment ("Board") on January 7, 2013. The Board prepared and published a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. The Board received no notice of intervention to said application. Therefore, pursuant to SDCL 45-9-74, SDCL 45-9-20 through -29, ARSD 74:12:02:06, and based upon Continental's application and supporting documents, the Secretary makes and enters the following Order:

Continental is the owner of an interest in the oil and gas leasehold estate in the Central Buffalo Red River Unit ("CBRRU"), Harding County, South Dakota, consisting of the following lands:

Township 22 North, Range 4 East

Section 28: S/2
Section 29: S/2
Section 30: All
Section 31: All
Section 32: All
Section 33: W/2

Township 21 North, Range 4 East

Section 4: W/2
Section 5: All
Section 6: All

By Order No. 12-04, dated January 19, 2005, the CBRRU was established and Prima Exploration, Inc. ("Prima") was designated as the operator of the CBRRU.

Continental has currently acquired all of the interests of Prima in the CBRRU, Harding County, South Dakota.

Prima is no longer the owner of an interest in the CBRRU.

Continental has requested that the Board amend Board Order No. 12-04, and all other orders of the Board applicable to the CBRRU, so as to designate Continental as the operator of the CBRRU, Harding County, South Dakota.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED

A. That Board Order No. 12-2004 and No. 15-2004 be amended so as to designate Continental as the operator of the CBRRU, Harding County, South Dakota.

B. That all portions of previous orders of the Board, if any, which are not specifically amended by this Order remain in full force and effect until further order of the Board or Secretary.

Dated and signed this 19th day of March 2013.



Steven M. Pirner
Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources