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Information To Lessees Consolidated Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 216/222 Proposed Notice of Sale

This document contains Information to Lessees (ITL) clauses designed to inform potential bidders of select applicable Federal requirements and other information that may be of benefit to bidders participating in this sale.

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(a) Navigation Safety. Bidders are advised that operations on certain blocks may be restricted by the designation of fairways, precautionary zones, anchorages, safety zones, or traffic separation schemes established by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) pursuant to the Ports and Waterways Safety Act (33 U.S.C. 1221 et seq.), as amended, and the Deepwater Port Act (33 U.S.C. 1501-1524). Bidders are advised to review the USCG regulations at 33 CFR Part 150, including Appendix A, Deepwater Port Safety Zone Boundaries, and Annex A Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP) Safety Zones.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permits are required for construction of any artificial islands, installations, and other devices permanently or temporarily attached to the seabed located on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) in accordance with section 4(e) of the OCS Lands Act, as amended.

For more USCG information contact Lieutenant Commander Marcie Kohn, Waterways Management Branch, Sector New Orleans, 200 Hendee Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70114, (504) 365-2281. For more USACE information contact Mr. Pete Serio CEMVN-OD-S, P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267 at (504) 862-2255.

(b) Ordnance Disposal Areas. Bidders are advised that two inactive ordnance disposal areas are located in Mississippi Canyon, as shown on the map “Stipulations and Deferred Blocks” included in the Notice of Sale (NOS) Package. These areas were used to dispose of ordnance of unknown quantity and composition in approximate water depths of 750 to 1,525 meters. Bottom sediments in both disposal areas are soft, consisting of silty clays. Exploration and development activities in these areas require precautions commensurate with the potential hazards.

The U.S. Air Force (USAF) has released an indeterminable amount of unexploded ordnance throughout Eglin Water Test Areas 1, 3, and 4. The exact location of the unexploded ordnance is unknown, and lessees are advised that all lease blocks within these water test areas should be considered potentially hazardous to drilling and platform /pipeline placement.

(c) Communication Towers. Bidders are advised that the USAF has installed seven military communications towers in the Chandeleur/Mobile/Viosca Knoll area that support Air Combat Maneuvering Instrumentation (ACMI). This project may impose certain restrictions on oil and gas activities in that area since no activity can take place within 500 feet of a tower site and unobstructed lines of sight must be maintained between towers. The seven towers are located within Mobile Blocks 769, 819, and 990; Viosca Knoll Block 116; Chandeleur Area Blocks 33 and 61; and Chandeleur Area, East Addition, Block 39.

For information and maps of the specific locations and line of sight crossings for ACMI towers contact: Mr. Carrol Williams at (504) 736-2803, in BOEM Gulf of Mexico (GOM) OCS Region (GOMR).

Also see Notice to Lessees (NTL) 2009-G26, available from BOEM GOMR Public Information Unit at the address below, or BOEM website at:

<http://www.boem.gov/Regulations/Notices-To-Lessees/Notices-to-Lessees-and-Operators.aspx> .

(d) Existing and Proposed Artificial Reefs/Rigs-to-Reefs. Bidders are advised that there are OCS artificial reef planning and general permit areas for the GOMR in which reef sites are or may be established for use in the Rigs-to-Reefs program. Proposals for reefing structures must be accepted by the appropriate state and approved by BSEE GOMR and receive a permit from the USACE. Also, each State’s Artificial Reefs/Rigs to Reefs program is managed under that State’s Artificial Reef Plan. For more information, see the contact information in the table below.

State	Coordinator	Phone	URL
AL	Kevin Anson	(251) 968-7577	http://www.outdooralabama.com/fishing/saltwater/where/artificial-reefs/
FL	Jon Dodrill	(850) 487-0580, ext. 209	http://myfwc.com/conservation/saltwater/artificial-reefs/
LA	Doug Peter	(225) 765-2375	http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/fishing/programs/habitat/artificialreef.cfm
MS	K. Cuevas	(228) 523-4061	http://www.dmr.state.ms.us/Fisheries/Reefs/offshore-reefs.htm
TX	Dale Shively	(512) 389-4686	http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/water/habitats/artificial_reef/

(e) Lightering Zones. Bidders are advised that the USCG has designated certain areas of the GOM as lightering zones for the purpose of permitting single hull vessels to offload oil within the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Such designation may have implications for oil and gas operations in the areas. See 33 CFR 156.300 for the regulations concerning lightering zones. For more information contact USCG Attorney Advisor, Shelley R. Miller, USCG, D8 Waterways Management at (504) 671-2139 or via email to Shelley.R.Miller@uscg.mil.

(f) Indicated Hydrocarbons List. Bidders are advised that approximately three months prior to a lease sale, BOEM makes available a list of unleased blocks in the Central, Western, and Eastern Planning Areas that have wellbores with indicated hydrocarbons. Information relating to production, wellbores, and pay range for each block is included. See BOEM website at: <http://www.boem.gov/Oil-and-Gas-Energy-Program/Resource-Evaluation/Gulf-OCS-Region-Activities/Indicated-Hydrocarbon-List.aspx>

(g) Military Areas. Bidders are advised that Stipulation No. 3, Military Areas, in “Lease Stipulations” included in the NOS Package, will apply to leases in any new areas that may be established by that publication and any blocks that were previously subject to the stipulation.

The stipulation also applies to the Eglin Water Test Areas (EWTAs) established by agreement between the USAF (Eglin Air Force Base) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). A small portion of the extreme eastern portion of the Central Planning Area is included in EWTAs 1, 3, and 4.

Military Warning Areas are established in the FAA Air Traffic Document JO 7400.8T “Title 14-Aeronautics and Space - Chapter 1 Federal Aviation Administration - Subchapter Airspace - Part 73- Special Use Airspace Regulatory and Nonregulatory.” This document may

be downloaded from the FAA website at:

<http://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Order/SUA.pdf>

It is the lessees' responsibility to establish and maintain contact and coordinate with the military commander(s) in any Military Warning Area, in which operations, radio communications or flights are planned during the occupation and development of any leases, including flights that pass through a Military Warning Area to a leased block that is not in a Military Warning Area.

Lessees should establish and maintain contact and coordinate with the appropriate military commander(s) whether or not their lease is subject to a Military Areas Stipulation.

For more information contact:

Federal Aviation Administration- Airspace Office
Houston Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC)
Attention: Steve Stooksberry
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Houston, Texas 77032
Telephone: (281) 230-5563 (mission support)
Telephone: (281) 230-5520 (airspace and procedures)

For more information, including a map of the Military Warning Areas and Water Test Areas, see Notice to Lessees (NTL) 2009-G06, available from BOEM GOMR Public Information Unit at the address listed below or see BOEM website at:

<http://www.boem.gov/Regulations/Notices-To-Lessees/Notices-to-Lessees-and-Operators.aspx>

(h) Safety Zones for Certain Production Facilities. Bidders are advised to review the USCG regulations at 33 CFR, Chapter I, Part 147 - Safety Zones. These regulations establish a 500-meter (1,640.4-foot) safety zone around several oil and gas production facilities on the GOM OCS, measured from each point on its outer edge or from its construction site, not to interfere with the use of recognized sea lanes essential to navigation. These regulations prevent all vessels from entering or remaining in the safety zones except as follows: an attending vessel, a vessel under 100 feet in length overall not engaged in towing, or a vessel authorized by the Eighth Coast Guard District Commander. These facilities and their locations are specifically identified at 33 CFR Sections 147.801 through 147.847.

(i) BSEE Inspection and Enforcement of Certain Coast Guard Regulations. Bidders are advised to review the USCG regulations at 33 CFR, Chapter I, Part 140, Subpart B – Inspections. These regulations authorize BSEE to perform inspections on fixed OCS facilities engaged in OCS activities and to enforce USCG regulations applicable to those facilities in accordance with 33 CFR, Chapter I, Subchapter N. For more information contact: USCG, Eighth District, Sector New Orleans, 200 Hendee Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112.

(j) Deepwater Port Applications for Offshore Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities. Bidders are advised that the USCG and the Maritime Administration (MARAD) have received

17 applications for the licensing of deepwater ports involving proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) importation facilities in the GOMR; one of these applications has since been formally withdrawn. One of these projects, Gulf Landing on West Cameron Area, Block 213 (currently unleased), surrendered its license to MARAD on April 30, 2009, officially terminating the project. The remaining active or proposed facilities are designed to receive LNG ships, re-gasify the LNG offshore, and transport the natural gas to onshore markets either through new pipelines to onshore facilities or through pre-existing pipeline systems. Two of these LNG projects have been granted licenses by MARAD to operate in the Central GOM OCS planning area: Gulf Gateway Energy Bridge® on West Cameron Area, South Addition, Block 603 (currently unleased) and Port Pelican on Vermilion Area, Blocks 139 and 140 (currently unleased). A third LNG project, Main Pass Energy Hub, has received a positive record of decision from MARAD but has not met the requirements to be issued a license.

The Gulf Gateway facility has been constructed and has received periodic LNG shipments. As of April 14, 2011, Excelerate announced they intend to retire the Gulf Gateway deepwater port. Per the conditions of the license, Excelerate must prepare a decommissioning plan for review and approval by MARAD, USCG, and cooperating federal agencies prior to removal of port components. Once approved, Excelerate will complete decommissioning in 70 days and relocate the reusable components to another site within 18 months (Federal Docket for Gulf Gateway Docket Number: USCG-2003-14294). As of October 28, 2009, MARAD received notification from Port Pelican LLC of the relinquishment of its License. In response, MARAD, in the December 9, 2009 *Federal Register*, announced the cancellation of all actions related to the License (Federal Docket for Port Pelican Docket Number: USCG-2002-14134).

Lessees are also advised to review relevant deepwater port applications, MARAD records of decision, and port licenses to assess safety zones, no anchoring zones, avoidance areas, recommended routes, and other ships' routing measures that could prevent or otherwise impact oil and gas operations on and around both existing and proposed deepwater port locations.

For more information contact:

Deepwater Ports Standards Division (CG-5225)
U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters (Room 1508)
2100 Second Street, SW STOP 7126
Washington, DC 20593-7126
(202) 372-1440/1401

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USCG Deepwater Port Standards Division website at:
<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg522/cg5225/>

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For information on specific deepwater port projects search by the docket numbers noted below on the website at: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

License Issued: Port Dolphin Energy L.L.C. Deepwater Port License Application.
Docket Number: USCG-2007-28532.

Bienville LNG Offshore Energy Terminal Deepwater Port License Application. Docket Number: USCG-2006-24644.

Freeport McMoRan Energy L.L.C. Main Pass Energy Hub Deepwater Port License Application. Docket Number: USCG-2004-17696.

Compass Port L.L.C. LNG Deepwater Port License Application. Docket Number: USCG-2004-17659.

Calypso LNG, L.L.C. LNG Deepwater Port License Application. Docket Number: USCG-2006-26009.

Beacon Port L.L.C. LNG Deepwater Port License Application. Docket Number: USCG-2005-21232.

Texas OffShore Port System. LNG Deepwater Port License Application. Docket Number: USCG-2008-1239.

Intend to Retire: Gulf Gateway (formerly El Paso Energy Bridge Gulf of Mexico L.L.C.) Deepwater Port License Application. Docket Number: USCG-2003-14294.

(k) Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Sites. Bidders are advised that pursuant to the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (MPRSA) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has the responsibility for designating and managing Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Sites (ODMDS). The USEPA currently has six ODMDS in the GOMR. Four of these ODMDS are located within the Central Planning Area, offshore Pascagoula and Gulfport, Mississippi, and Mobile, Alabama. Another two are located within the Eastern Planning Area, offshore Pensacola, Florida (located in Pensacola Blocks 846 and 847 and another site in State waters). In addition, USEPA is considering designation of an additional ODMDS offshore Gulfport, Mississippi, and enlarging the existing or designating a new ODMDS offshore Mobile, Alabama. The USEPA Final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), General Permit No. GMG460000 for Offshore Oil and Gas Activities in the Eastern GOM does not allow the discharge of any drilling fluids, drill cuttings, or wastewaters from those facilities within 1,000 meters of, or within, any USEPA-designated ODMDS. Coordinates for each ODMDS are found at 40 CFR 228.15(h) or on the website at: <http://www.epa.gov/region4/water/oceans/sites.html>.

For more information contact:

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(1) Potential Sand Dredging Activities. Bidders are advised that in the next 5 years offshore dredging activities to obtain OCS sand for beach nourishment and coastal restoration projects will occur in some of the blocks listed below:

(Western and Central Planning Areas) Chandeleur Blocks 30-34; Main Pass Blocks 86-90, 92, 93-114, 118, 119, and 120; Main Pass South and East Addition Blocks 161, 162, 180, and 181; High Island Area, Blocks 38, 39, 45-48, 71-76, 88, 89, 114, 199, 200, and 202; Sabine Pass Area, Blocks 10-16, 39, 40, 44-47; West Cameron Area, Blocks 20-22, 43-45, 56-58, 90-93, 113-118, 128-134, 147-149, 155-157, 160-162, and 168-172; Vermillion Area, Blocks 11, 30, 51-54, 68-72, 74-76, 87-96, and 108-111; South Marsh Island Area, North Addition, Blocks 207-237, 241-249, 259, and 260; Eugene Island Area, Blocks 10, 18-35, 37-69, and 71-93; Ship Shoal Area, Blocks 64, 71, 84-100, and 107-110; South Pelto Area, Blocks 11-14, and 17-20; West Delta Area, Blocks 20-31, 43-50, and 56-61; and Mobile, Blocks 816-821, 860-865, 904-909. Additional blocks were added recently in the Chandeleur Area, Main Pass Area, Sabine Pass Area, West Cameron Area, Vermillion Area, and South Pelto Area.

Central Planning Area: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana (CPRA) plan to use approximately 5.5 million cubic yards of sand from the Sandy Point borrow areas in the West Delta Area, Blocks 26, 27, and 49, to restore Pelican Island. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service and the CPRA plan to use 0.75 million cubic yards of OCS material from a borrow area immediately north of the Ship Shoal Area, Blocks 64 and 71, to restore the marsh on Raccoon Island. The CPRA has requested a non-competitive negotiated agreement from BOEM to mine sand from the Sabine Bank sand body in West Cameron Area Blocks 114 and 117 to renourish Holly Beach. Further, CPRA has requested a non-competitive negotiated agreement from BOEM to mine sand from Ship Shoal in the South Pelto Area, Blocks 12-14, for restoration of the Caminada Headland in Lafourche and Jefferson Parishes. In July 2004, the USACE released a draft plan that identified Ship, Tiger, and Trinity Shoals as possible sand sources for the coastal restoration portion of a 10-year, \$1.9 billion Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) program to address the most critical ecological needs facing coastal Louisiana. In late 2007, the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 authorized the LCA Restoration Plan. More than 60 million cubic yards of OCS sand may be required for barrier island and headland

restoration. It is anticipated that USACE and CPRA will request a three party memorandum of agreement with BOEM for use of sand from Ship Shoal Area, Blocks 88 and 89, to restore a portion of Whiskey Island under the LCA program. Additionally, St. Bernard Shoals have been identified as a possible sand target for the restoration of Breton and Chandeleur Islands.

Western Planning Area: BOEM-Texas Cooperative Sand Program identified offshore sand deposits at Heald Bank and Sabine Bank for possible use in coastal restoration projects along the Texas coast. Although no specific beach renourishment or coastal restoration projects have been identified, future projects in this area may occur.

For more information or to obtain a map of the potentially affected blocks, contact GOMR Regional Supervisor, Office of Environment, BOEM, at (504) 736-2759. Also see BOEM website at: <http://www.boem.gov/Non-Energy-Minerals/Managing-Multiple-Uses-in-the-Gulf-of-Mexico.aspx> and the NTL No. 2009-G04, Significant OCS Sediment resources in the Gulf of Mexico.

(m) Below Seabed Operations. Rights-of-use and easements have been granted for the blocks listed below to allow permanent mooring of floating production facilities. As a result, any lessee in this oil and gas lease agrees that no activities, including, but not limited to, the construction and use of structures, operation of drilling rigs, laying of pipelines, and/or anchoring, will occur or be located on the seafloor or in the water column within the areas depicted by the attached maps. Subsurface activities that are part of exploration, development, and production activities from outside the lease may be allowed, including the use of directional drilling or other techniques. For more specific information on this matter, see Stipulation No. 9 within the "Lease Stipulations" document within the NOS Package.

Blocks:

Mississippi Canyon 920

Mississippi Canyon 650

Mississippi Canyon 692 and 735

Walker Ridge 293 and 294

(n) Commercial Waste Disposal Areas. Bidders are advised that an inactive commercial waste disposal site exists on all or portions of blocks in the Mississippi Canyon Area. Said site is more particularly described as being 28°00' 00" N to 28°10' 00" N by 89°15' 00" W to 89°30' 00" W, as depicted on the map "Stipulations and Deferred Blocks" included in the NOS Package. The disposal site was established in the 1970s to facilitate the USEPA's permitting for the seafloor deposition of thousands of steel barrels containing chemical wastes. According to limited USEPA documentation, the chemical wastes consist mostly of chlorinated hydrocarbons and liquid metal salts. The exact location of the waste material is unknown because the geospatial data was not collected when the barrels were jettisoned. Hazards surveys are required before bottom-disturbing activities are approved in plans and permits. Hundreds of barrels have been detected during hazards surveys conducted on blocks over 10 miles away from the designated disposal site boundaries making the actual disposal site area much larger than the USEPA-permitted site shown on the map. Therefore, lessees are advised that the blocks associated with the disposal site and adjacent blocks associated with the disposal site that are

included in the sale should be considered potentially hazardous. Drilling and platform/pipeline placement may require precautions such as avoidance upon identification and any other appropriate precautions.

(o) Air Quality Permits. Bidders are advised that Section 328(a) (1) of the Clean Air Act requires the USEPA to establish requirements to control air pollution from the OCS. Implementing regulations in 40 CFR Part 55 apply to all OCS sources except those located in the GOM OCS westward of 87°30'W longitude which are subject to BOEM regulations at 30 CFR 550 Subpart C. Therefore, lessees who plan activity eastward of 87°30'W longitude must consult with the USEPA.

Bidders are advised to refer to NTL 2009-N11, Air Quality Jurisdiction, effective December 4, 2009. See BOEM website at:
<http://www.boem.gov/Regulations/Notices-To-Lessees/Notices-to-Lessees-and-Operators.aspx>

For more USEPA information contact:

Ms. Kelly Fortin - 404-562-9117
USEPA, Region 4, APTMD
61 Forsyth Street SW
Atlanta, Georgia, 30303
Attention: Kelly Fortin, Air Permits
E-mail: fortin.kelly@epa.gov

(p) Notice of Arrival on the Outer Continental Shelf. Bidders are advised that the USCG has published a Final Rule on the Notice of Arrival on the Outer Continental Shelf (76 FR 2254, dated January 13, 2011). This Final Rule revises the USCG regulations on OCS activities to enhance maritime domain safety and security awareness on the OCS. These revised regulations require notice of arrival for floating facilities, mobile offshore drilling units (MODUs), and vessels planning to engage in OCS activities. This Final Rule implements provisions of the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006 and increases overall maritime domain awareness by requiring owner or operators of U.S. and foreign flag floating facilities, MODUs, and vessels to submit notice of arrival information to the National Vessel Movement Center (<http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov>) prior to engaging in OCS activities. This rule became effective on February 14, 2011.

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(q) Bids on Blocks Near U.S.-Mexico Maritime and Continental Shelf Boundary. Bidders are advised to refer to the Proposed NOS Document for detailed information pertaining to the ongoing negotiations with the Government of Mexico on the transboundary agreement. Bids submitted on blocks in the Boundary Area may not be opened on the date scheduled for the sale, but may be opened at a later date. On or before 30 days following execution of a Transboundary Agreement or December 20, 2012, whichever occurs first, the Secretary of the

Interior will determine whether it is in the best interest of the United States either to open bids for Boundary Area blocks or to return the bids unopened. The following blocks comprise the Boundary Area:

Sigsbee Escarpment – 151, 152, 195, 196, 197, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288*, 289*, 290*, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349

Amery Terrace – 118, 119, 120*, 121*, 122*, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164*, 165*, 166*, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 265, 266, 267, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359

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