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Minerals Management Service Director Johnnie Burton to Host Central Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 198

NEW ORLEANS –Director Johnnie Burton will be in New Orleans on March 15 to host the Central Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 198. Director Burton will open the sale at 9:00 a.m. in the Napoleon Ballroom with brief remarks. Immediately following the bid reading, she will hold a media availability to discuss the results of the sale.

Who: Director of Minerals Management Service Johnnie Burton

What: Central Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 198

When: Wednesday, March 15, 2006
9:00 a.m.

Where: The Hilton New Orleans Riverside
Napoleon Ballroom
Two Poydras Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70140

Sale 198 encompasses about 21.3 million acres in the Central Gulf of Mexico OCS Planning Area offshore Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. For more information about Sale 198, visit <http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/lseale/198/cgom198.html> on the MMS website.

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