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Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is the 2012 Alaska Oil and Gas Related Business Property Statement which provides for the reporting of property used, or committed by contract or other agreement for use, in the exploration for, production of, or pipeline transportation of gas or unrefined oil. If you are an owner of or control an interest in such property, perhaps acting as a sales outlet, contractor, subcontractor, service company, and/or are engaged in seismic exploration or drilling operations, please complete the enclosed reporting form, which must be filed **no later than January 15, 2012**.

If at all possible, and if you are reporting over fifty assets, please provide the detail electronically on a computer generated excel spreadsheet. We request that the spreadsheet be similarly formatted to our Detail Schedule Form 04-832C. You can attach the file electronically with the completed Business Statement or you can mail it in on a disk.

Requests for extensions of time to file the reporting form are discouraged and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause for extending the deadline. Mere need for more time to complete the return is not good cause for an extension unless there are also extenuating circumstances that prevented you from meeting the deadline.

Authority for the 20 mill oil and gas property tax is provided by Alaska Statute 43.56, and is administered by the Tax Division of the Alaska Department of Revenue. A copy of the statute is available by contacting this office or on the web at:

<http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/programs/statutes/index.aspx?60018>

Taxable property under this statute is defined as follows:

Sec 43.56.210(5) "taxable property";

(A) means real and tangible personal property used or committed by contract or other agreement for use within this state primarily in the exploration for, production of, or pipeline transportation of gas or unrefined oil (except for property used solely for the retail distribution of or liquefaction of natural gas), or in the operation or maintenance of facilities used in the exploration for, production of, or pipeline transportation of gas or unrefined oil; "taxable property" includes:

(i) machinery, appliances, supplies, and equipment;

(ii) drilling rigs, wells (whether producing or not), gathering lines and transmission lines, pumping stations, compressor stations, power plants, topping plants, and processing units;

(iii) roads, tank farms, tanker terminals, docks and other facilities, and air strips;

(iv) aircraft and motor vehicles owned by a person whose principal business in the state is the exploration for, production of, or pipeline transportation of gas or unrefined oil and whose operation of the aircraft or motor vehicle directly relates to the conduct of that business;

(v) maintenance equipment and facilities, and maintenance camps and other related facilities; and

(vi) communications facilities owned by a person whose principal business in the state is the exploration for, production of, or pipeline transportation of gas or unrefined oil and whose operation of the communications facilities directly relates to the conduct of that business.

(B) does not include:

(i) permanent residences;

(ii) office buildings requiring substantial local government services;

(iii) oil and gas pipeline systems owned and operated by a public utility that is certified under AS 42.05.221 and is regulated by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska;

(iv) aircraft and motor vehicles, except for aircraft and motor vehicles taxable under (A)(iv) of this paragraph; and

(v) communications facilities, except for communications facilities taxable under (A)(vi) of this paragraph.

If you do not own taxable property within the state of Alaska as described above, make a note of this on the cover sheet of the property statement and complete items 1 through 5.

Return the completed property statement **no later than January 15, 2012** to:

**Alaska Department of Revenue
Tax Division
550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 500
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Attention: State Petroleum Property Assessor**

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions, please call the Tax Technician, Sharon Lane, at (907) 269-1027.

Sincerely,

James H. Greeley, Jr.
State Petroleum Property Assessor