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Honorable Philip N. Asprodites (2)
Commissioner of Conservation
P.O. Box 94275- Capitol Station
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

Re: Marg Howei Sand, Reservoir F
Kaplan Field
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Exxon Mobil Corporation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order covering the following matters pertaining to the Marg Howei Sand, Reservoir F, of the Kaplan Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Marg Howei Sand, Reservoir F, in the Kaplan Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, and to create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 367 acres.

2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases, and other property interests within the proposed unit set forth in No. 1 hereinabove with each tract sharing in unit production in the proportion that the surface acres of said tract bear to the total surface acres included within the entire unit.

3. To designate a unit well and unit operator for the unit set forth in No. 1 hereinabove.

4. To consider such other matters as the Commissioner of Conservation may deem appropriate under the circumstances.

The Marg Howei Sand, Reservoir F, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate

bearing sand encountered between the depths of 15,036' and 15,061' (electric log measurements) in the Exxon Mobil Corporation – L. D. Kidder No. 1 Well, located in Section 12, Township 12 South, Range 1 East, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

In accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, applicant will post a copy of the Legal Notice of the hearing in a prominent place in the area affected and publish a copy of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the vicinity or general area of the affected field at least fifteen days prior to the date of the hearing.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, a letter dated April 5, 2001, was mailed to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and all Interested Parties notifying them of applicant's intention to file this application and scheduling a conference to be held in Lafayette, Louisiana, on Wednesday, May 2, 2001. At the request of an Interested Owner the conference was held as scheduled.

At the conference, the undersigned explained the purpose of the conference and then Mr. Louis Gilbert presented applicant's plan along with the geological and other bases for the plan. On behalf of J. G. Broussard, et al, Mr. David Sturlese presented a unit plan of approximately 388 acres. It differed from applicant's plan in the placement of the shale out on the west and the APL on the north and east. On behalf of Marlene Romero, et al, Mr. David Comeaux presented a unit plan of approximately 243 acres. It also differed from applicant's plan in the placement of the shale out on the west and the APL on the north and east.

A list of the attendees at the conference is attached.

All parties who presented plans at the conference have been able to work out their differences and applicant will present a revised plan at the hearing. The revised proposed unit differs from the original proposed unit in the placement of the shale out on the west and the APL on the north and east. Its size has not changed. It is not known at the present whether any other party will present a counterplan or appear in opposition to the revised plan.

Attached hereto is a plat showing the revised proposed unit. Also attached is a list of the names of Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and all Interested Parties to whom copies of this application are being sent. A reasonable effort has been made to determine the proper persons to whom the application should be sent. Applicant will mail copies of the Legal Notice to all parties on the list. The list will be furnished to any party upon request. A copy of this application is also being mailed this date to your

District Manager in Lafayette, Louisiana. Enclosed you will find a check to cover the application fee.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS, MAYHALL
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E. M. Harold Jr.

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Enclosures

Cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manager

Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and all Interested Parties

EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION

KAPLAN FIELD

VERMILION PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT PLAT

MARG HOWEI SAND

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LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

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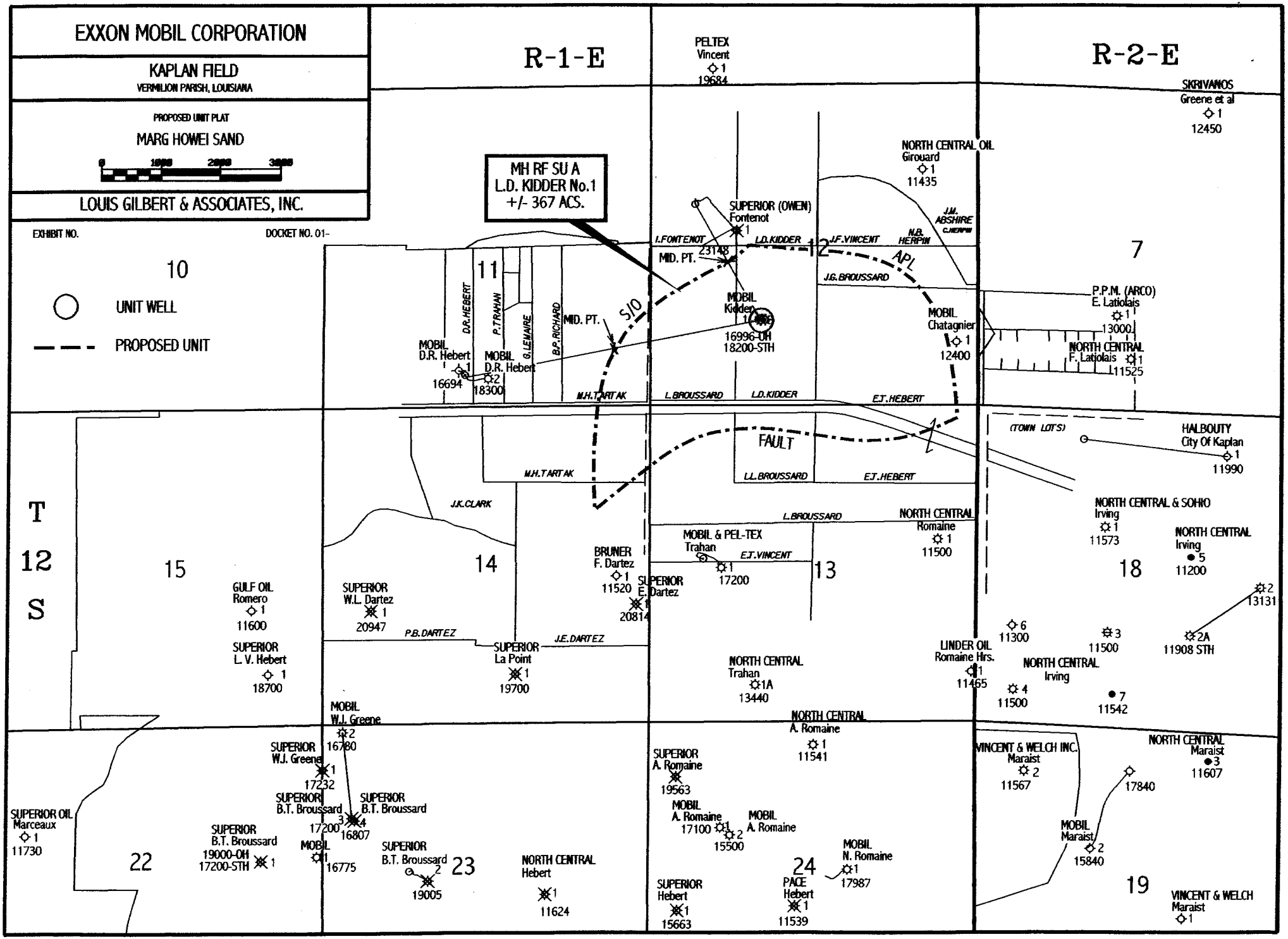
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