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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Outer Continental Shelf
Central Gulf of Mexico
Oil and Gas Lease Sale 139

1. Authority. This Notice is published pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331-1356, (1988)), and the regulations issued thereunder (30 CFR Part 256).

2. Filing of Bids. Sealed bids will be received by the Regional Director (RD), Gulf of Mexico Region, Minerals Management Service (MMS), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394. Bids may be delivered in person to that address during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Central Standard Time (c.s.t.)) until the Bid Submission Deadline at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 12, 1992. Hereinafter, all times cited in this Notice refer to c.s.t. unless otherwise stated. Bids will not be accepted the day of Bid Opening, Wednesday, May 13, 1992. Bids received by the RD later than the time and date specified above will be returned unopened to the bidders. Bids may not be modified or withdrawn unless written modification or written withdrawal request is received by the RD before 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 12, 1992. Bid Opening Time will be 9 a.m., Wednesday, May 13, 1992, at the Hilton Towers Hotel, 2 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. All bids must be submitted and will be considered in accordance with applicable regulations, including 30 CFR Part 256. The list of restricted joint bidders which will apply to this sale will be published in the Federal Register in April 1992, replacing the existing list which appeared in the issue of October 30, 1991.

3. Method of Bidding. A separate signed bid in a sealed envelope labeled "Sealed Bid for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 139, (map number, map name, and block number(s)), not to be opened until 9 a.m., Wednesday, May 13, 1992," must be submitted for each block or prescribed bidding unit bid upon. The company name and qualification number should also appear on the envelope. For example, a label would read as follows: "Sealed Bid for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 139, NG 16-1, Atwater Valley, Block 701, not to be opened until 9 a.m., Wednesday, May 13, 1992, Overthrust Inc., No. 1093." For those blocks which must be bid upon as a bidding unit (see paragraph 12), it is recommended that all numbers of blocks comprising the bidding unit appear on the sealed envelope. A suggested bid form appears in 30 CFR Part 256, Appendix A. In addition, the total amount bid must be in whole dollar amounts (no cents). Bidders must submit with each bid one-fifth of the cash bonus, in cash or by cashier's check, bank draft, or certified

check, payable to the order of the U.S. Department of the Interior--Minerals Management Service. For identification purposes, the company name (abbreviations acceptable) and company qualification number should also appear on the check or draft together with bid block identification (abbreviations acceptable). No bid for less than all of the unleased portions of a block or bidding unit, as referenced in paragraph 12, will be considered. Bidders are advised to use the description "All the Unleased Federal Portions" for those blocks having only aliquot or irregular portions currently available for leasing.

All documents must be executed in conformance with signatory authorizations on file in the Gulf of Mexico regional office. Partnerships also need to submit or have on file a list of signatories authorized to bind the partnership. Bidders submitting joint bids must state on the bid form the proportionate interest of each participating bidder, in percent to a maximum of five decimal places, e.g., 33.33333 percent. Other documents may be required of bidders under 30 CFR 256.46. Bidders are warned against violation of 18 U.S.C. 1860, prohibiting unlawful combination or intimidation of bidders.

4. Bidding, Yearly Rental, and Royalty Systems. The following bidding, yearly rental, and royalty systems apply to this sale:

(a) Bidding Systems. All bids submitted at this sale must provide for a cash bonus in the amount of \$25 or more per acre or fraction thereof.

(b) Yearly Rental. All leases awarded will provide for a yearly rental payment of \$3 per acre or fraction thereof.

(c) Royalty Systems. All leases will provide for a minimum royalty of \$3 per acre or fraction thereof. The following royalty systems will be used:

(1) Leases with a 12 1/2-Percent Royalty.
This royalty rate applies to blocks in water depths of 400 meters or greater as shown on map 2 (see paragraph 12). Leases issued on the blocks and bidding units offered in this area will have a fixed royalty rate of 12 1/2 percent.

(2) Leases with a 16 2/3-Percent Royalty.
This royalty rate applies to blocks in water depths of less than 400 meters (see map 2). Leases issued on the blocks and bidding units offered in this area will have a fixed royalty rate of 16 2/3 percent.

5. Equal Opportunity. Each bidder must qualify for the sale by submitting prior to the Bid Submission Deadline stated in paragraph 2, the certification required by 41 CFR 60-1.7(b) and Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended by Executive Order No. 11375 of October 13, 1967, on the Compliance Report Certification Form, Form MMS-2033 (June 1985), and the Affirmative Action Representation Form, Form MMS-2032 (June 1985). See paragraph 14(e).

6. Bid Opening. Bid opening will begin at the Bid Opening Time stated in paragraph 2. The opening of the bids is for the sole purpose of publicly announcing bids received, and no bids will be accepted or rejected at that time. If the Department is prohibited for any reason from opening any bid before midnight on the day of Bid Opening, that bid will be returned unopened to the bidder as soon thereafter as possible.

7. Deposit of Payment. Any cash, cashier's checks, certified checks, or bank drafts submitted with a bid may be deposited by the Government in an interest-bearing account in the U.S. Treasury during the period the bids are being considered. Such a deposit does not constitute and shall not be construed as acceptance of any bid on behalf of the United States.

8. Withdrawal of Blocks. The United States reserves the right to withdraw any block from this sale prior to issuance of a written acceptance of a bid for the block.

9. Acceptance, Rejection, or Return of Bids. The United States reserves the right to reject any and all bids. In any case, no bid will be accepted, and no lease for any block or bidding unit will be awarded to any bidder, unless:

(a) the bidder has complied with all requirements of this Notice and applicable regulations;

(b) the bid is the highest valid bid; and

(c) the amount of the bid has been determined to be adequate by the authorized officer.

No bonus bid will be considered for acceptance unless it provides for a cash bonus in the amount of \$25 or more per acre or fraction thereof. Any bid submitted which does not conform to the requirements of this Notice, the OCS Lands Act, as amended, and other applicable regulations may be returned to the person submitting that bid by the RD and not considered for acceptance.

10. Successful Bidders. Each person who has submitted a bid accepted by the authorized officer will be required to execute copies of the lease, pay the balance of the cash bonus bid along with the first year's annual rental for each lease issued, by

electronic funds transfer in accordance with the requirements of 30 CFR 219.155, and satisfy the bonding requirements of 30 CFR 256, Subpart I.

11. Leasing Maps and Official Protraction Diagrams. Blocks or bidding units offered for lease may be located on the following Leasing Maps or Official Protraction Diagrams which may be purchased from the Gulf of Mexico regional office (see paragraph 14(a)):

(a) Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Leasing Maps, Louisiana Nos. 1 through 12. This set of 29 maps sells for \$32.

(b) Outer Continental Shelf Official Protraction Diagrams. These diagrams sell for \$2.00 each.

NH 15-12	Ewing Bank	(revised December 2, 1976).
NH 16-4	Mobile	(revised November 8, 1988).
NH 16-7	Viosca Knoll	(revised December 2, 1976).
NH 16-10	Mississippi Canyon	(revised December 2, 1976).
NG 15-3	Green Canyon	(revised December 2, 1976).
NG 15-6	Walker Ridge	(revised December 2, 1976).
NG 15-9	(No Name)	(revised April 27, 1989).
NG 16-1	Atwater Valley	(revised November 10, 1983).
NG 16-4	Lund	(revised August 22, 1986).
NG 16-7	(No Name)	(revised April 27, 1989).

(c) A complete set of all the above OCS Leasing Maps and Official Protraction Diagrams is available on microfiche for \$5.00 per set.

12. Description of the Areas Offered for Bids.

(a) Acreages of blocks are shown on Leasing Maps and Official Protraction Diagrams. Some of these blocks, however, may be partially leased, or transected by administrative lines such as the Federal/State jurisdictional line. In these cases, the following supplemental documents to this Notice are available from the Gulf of Mexico regional office (see paragraph 14(a)).

- (1) Central Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 139 - Final. Unleased Split Blocks.
- (2) Central Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 139 - Final. Unleased Acreage of Blocks with Aliquots or Irregular Acreage Under Lease.

(b) References to Maps 1, 2, and 3 in this Notice refer to the following maps which are available on request from the Gulf of Mexico regional office:

Map 1 entitled "Central Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 139 - Final. Stipulations, Lease Terms, and Warning Areas."

Map 2 entitled "Central Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 139 - Final. Bidding Systems and Bidding Units," refers largely to Royalty Rates and Bidding Units.

Map 3 entitled "Central Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 139 - Final. Detailed Maps of Biologically Sensitive Areas," pertains to areas referenced in Stipulation No. 2.

(c) In several instances, two or more blocks have been joined together into bidding units totaling up to 5,760 acres. Any bid submitted for a bidding unit having two or more blocks must be for all of the unleased Federal acreage within all of the blocks in that bidding unit. The list of those bidding units with their total acreages appears on Map 2.

(d) The areas offered for leasing include all those blocks shown on the OCS Leasing Maps and Official Protraction Diagrams listed in paragraph 11(a), (b), and (c), except for those leased blocks described on pages 7 through 17.

(e) The proposed Notice for this sale, which was approved in January 1992, listed all Federal blocks under lease at that time. Subsequent changes in the lease status of certain of those blocks have made them available for leasing at this time. These newly available blocks are listed on page 6 of this Notice.

Central Gulf of Mexico Leasing Update List

The following blocks have become available for leasing since the proposed notice of sale was published. This list is being furnished for your convenience. If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Ms. Pat Bryars at 504-736-2763.

West Cameron, West Addition	Vermilion	South Timbalier
311	54	167
West Cameron, South Addition	Vermilion, South Addition	South Timbalier, South Addition
487	258	246
597	326	
East Cameron	South Marsh Island	Grand Isle
65	50	72
71		Mobile
121	Ship Shoal	950
122	165	951
	186	

CENTRAL GULF OF MEXICO LEASED LANDS

(1) Descriptions of blocks listed represent all Federal acreage leased unless otherwise noted.

	Sabine Pass	62	145	215		West	363	438
		63	146	216		Cameron,	365	445
	3	64	148	217		West	367	443
	6	65	149	218		Addition	368	444
	8	66	150	219			369	
	9	67	151	220	154		370	
	10	68	152	221	155		379	
	12	69	153	222	157		380	
	13	71	165	223	161		382	
	14	72	166	224	163		383	
	15	73	167	225	164		385	
		76	168	228	187		390	
		77	169	228	289		391	
		79	170	229	290		392	445
		81	171	230	291		395	446
		82	172	231	292		398	447
	West Cameron	83	173	235	293		397	450
		90	174	236	294		398	452
		93	175	237	296		398	453
	17	94	176	238	298		399	454
	18	95	177	239	298		400	457
	(SW 1/4)	96	178	240	299		401	458
		97	179	241	300		404	459
	20	98	180	243	301		405	463
	21	99	181	244	305		408	464
	23	99	181	244	306		407	466
	24	100	182	246	310		408	470
	27	101	183	247	312		409	471
	28	102	184	248	313		410	472
	33	103	186	249	314		411	473
	34	104	187	250	314		412	474
	35	105	188	251	315		413	475
	36	106	191	252	318		414	477
	38	107	192	253	319		415	478
	40	108	(S 1/2)	254	320		416	479
	41	109	193	255	321		418	483
	42	110	194	258	324		419	485
	44	111	196	259	328		420	488
	45	112	196	261	329		421	489
	46	113	197	262	331		422	490
	47	114	198	263	332		423	491
	48	115	198	264	333		424	492
	49	116	202	265	334		425	493
	53	118	202	266	337		428	494
	54	129	203	272	338		427	495
	56	130	205	277	340		428	496
	(N 1/2)	131	206	279	342		430	498
	57	132	207	280	343		431	499
	58	134	210	282	344		432	502
	59	135	211	283	351		433	504
	50	136	212	284	352		434	505
	60	140	213	285	359		435	507
	61	143	214	286	360		436	509
		144			362		437	
						West Cameron		
						South Addition		

510	588	13	92	185	251	324
512	587	14	94	187	254	325
513	589	(See	95	189	255	326
516	590	ward of	96	190	256	327
517	583	8(g) line and	98	192	257	328
518	594	E½SW¼;	99	193	259	330
521	598	NE¼);	101	194	260	331
522	600	15	102	195	261	332
523	601	16	103	(S½)	262	334
524	604	20	105	196	263	335
526	605	21	106	197	264	336
528	606	22	107	198	265	337
529	607	23	108	199	266	338
530	609	24	110	200	267	341
531	612	29	111	201	268	343
532	613	30	112	202	270	344
533	615	32	113	204	272	345
534	616	33	114	(N½NW½)	274	346
535	617	34	115	207	275	347
536	618	36	116	210	276	348
537	619	37	117	211	277	349
538	620	38	118	213	281	351
539	621	39	119	214	282	352
540	622	40	120	215	283	354
541	623	41	124	218	284	357
542	624	42	125	219	285	358
543	625	43	126	220	286	359
544	628	44	135	221	287	360
547	630	45	136	222	289	361
548	633	46	137	223	292	362
549	634	47	138	226	293	363
551	635	48	139	227	294	365
553	638	49	141	228	295	367
554	639	50	142	229	296	368
555	642	53	143	230	297	369
556	643	55	144	231	298	370
557	644	56	145	232	299	371
559	645	57	148	233	300	376
560	648	60	151	234	303	378
561	653	61	152	235	304	379
563	656	63	153		305	381
564	657	64	154		306	
565	660	66	155		307	
568	663	67	157		308	
569		70	158		309	
570		72	160		310	
571		75	161	East Cameron,	311	
572		76	164	S. Addition	312	
573		80	165		313	
574	East Cameron	81	166		314	
575		82	167		316	12
576	2	83	168	236	317	16
577	9	84	169	237	318	17
579	(SE¼;	85	170	239	319	18
580	E½SW¼)	86	171	240	320	19
581	11	88	172	242	321	21
582	(See	89	178	243	322	22
583	ward of 8g	90	179	245	323	23
584	line)	91	182	246		24
	12			249		25
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26	96	179	Vermilion, S.	318	409	243
27	99	180	Addition	320	410	244
28	100	182		321	411	245
29	101	185		324	412	249
30	102	186		325	413	250
31	103	187		327		251
32	104	188		328		252
34	(SE 1/4, NW 1/4; E 1/2 SW 1/4; E 1/2 NW 1/2 SW 1/4)	189		329		253
35		190		330		255
36		191		331		256
37		193		332	S. Marsh Island, N. Addition	257
38		194		333		258
39		195		335		260
40		197		336		261
41		198		338		264
42		199		339	207	265
44		200		340	208	266
45	(E 1/2)	201		342	209	267
46		202		344	210	268
47		203		346	211	269
48		204		347	212	270
50		205		348	213	271
55		206		349	214	273
56		208		350	215	275
57		213		351	216	277
58		214		352	217	278
59		215		354	218	280
60		216		355	219	281
61		217		357	220	282
62		218		358	(Landward of lease 03) stip. line)	283
63		283		359		285
64		284	(E 1/2 NW 1/4 SE 1/4, N E 1/2 SW 1/4 SE 1/4, E 1/2 SE 1/4)	360	(Landward of lease 0310 stip. line)	287
65		286		362		288
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68		289		365	222	
69		292		367	223	
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71		294		369	225	
72		295		370	226	South Marsh Island
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74		297		373	228	
75		298		374	229	2
76		299		375	230	4
77		300		376	(Landward of lease 0310 stip. line)	5
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80		302		385		8
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84		305		391	231	10
85		306		393	232	11
86		307		394	233	12
87		308		395	234	13
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89		310		398	236	15
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316	388	69	140	209	271	340
318	389	71	141	211	272	341
319	390	(W½)	143	212	273	342
320	391		145	214	274	343
322	392	72	146	215	275	344
323	393	73	147	216	276	348
324	394	75	148	218	277	348
325	395	76	149	219	278	349
326	396	77	150	220	279	350
327	397	78	151	221	280	351
329		80	153	222	281	352
330		81	154	223	282	354
331		84	155	224	283	355
332		85	156	225	284	356
333		86	157	226	285	357
334	Ship Shoal	87	158	227	286	358
335		89	159	229	287	359
336	2	91	160	230	288	360
337	10	92	163	232	289	361
338	11	93	164	233	290	362
339	12	94	166	235	291	365
340	13	96	167		292	366
341	14	98	168		293	368
342	(S½S½)	100	169		296	
343	15	101	170		298	
344	16	103	171		299	
347	25	104	172	Ship Shoal,	300	
348	(Seaward of	105	173	South Addition	301	South Timber
349	Zone 2)	106	174		302	
350	26	108	175		303	10
351	27	109	176	237	304	11
352	28	110	177	238	305	21
353	29	111	178	239	307	22
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357	31	113	180	241	309	24
358	32	114	181	242	310	25
359	33	115	182	243	311	26
360	34	117	183	246	312	27
361	36	(N½)	184	247	313	(N½)
362	37	118	186	248	314	N½S½W½)
363	38	(N½)	189	249	315	
364	49	119	190	250	316	
366	50	120	191	251	317	29
367	51	122	192	252	321	30
368	52	123	193	253	322	33
370	53	126	194	255	323	34
371	58	127	196	256	325	35
372	59	128	197	257	326	36
374	62	129	198	258	327	37
375	(Landward of	130	199	259	328	47
376	Line)	132	200	260	329	48
380	63	133	201	261	330	50
381	64	134	202	262	332	51
382	(W½)	135	203	263	333	52
383	65	136	204	264	334	53
384	66	137	205	266	335	54
385	67	138	206	267	337	55
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67	162	285		58	
68	163	286		59	
69	164	287		62	
70	165	288		63	
72	166	289	Bay Marchand	65	West Delta
73	169	290		66	17
74	170	291	2	67	18
75	171	292	3	68	19
76	172	293	4	69	20
77	173	294	5	70	21
79	176	295		73	(S1/2N1/2S1/2: S1/2S1/2)
81	177	296		75	22
82	178	297		76	23
83	179	300		77	24
85	180	301		78	26
86	181	302	Grand Isle	79	27
(N1/2)	182	304		81	28
87	184	305		82	29
88	185	308	15	83	30
97	186	308	16	85	31
98	187	310	17		32
99	188	311	18		33
100	(NW1/4)	312	20		34
101	189	313	21		37
102	190	315	22	Grand Isle, South Addition	39
106	191	316	23		40
107	192	318	24		41
109	193	319	25		42
110	194	320	26	86	43
111	195	250	27	88	44
112	196	251	28	89	45
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124	198	253	30	91	47
127	199	254	31	93	48
128	200	255	32	94	49
129	201	257	33	95	50
130	202	258	34	96	57
131	203	259	35	99	58
132	204	260	36	100	59
133	205	261	37	101	60
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138	208	265	40	106	63
142	209	266	41	107	64
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145		269	44	111	69
146		271	(N1/2)	113	70
147		272		114	71
148		273	45	115	72
149		276	46	116	73
151		277	47	117	74
152		278	48	118	75
		279	49	119	76

70	141	South Pass,	42	123	181	274
80	143	South & East	43	124	182	276
85	144	Addition	(N1/2)	125	183	277
86	146		W1/2NE1/2SW1/4;	126	185	278
88	147		NW1/4SW1/4)	127	186	279
89	148	62	44	(N1/2)	187	280
90	149	64	55	128	188	281
91	152	65	56	129	193	284
92		66	57	130	194	287
93		(Seaward of	(N1/2)	133	197	288
94		1965 Decree	58	134	199	289
95		Line)	59	138	201	290
96			61	140	202	291
97	South Pass	66	62	141	203	292
98		70	63	142	206	293
99	6	71	64	144	207	294
100	17	72	65	146	208	295
101	(Seaward of the	73	66	146	209	296
102	4th Supp.	74	69	147	210	297
103	Decree to 1/4	75	70	148	218	299
104	sec. of 3rd	76	71	149	219	300
105	Supp. Decree)	77	72	151	220	301
106	18	78	73	152	222	303
107	19	82	74	(Seaward of	223	304
108	27	83	77	1965 Decree	224	305
108	28	85	78	Line)	225	306
108	31	87	86	153	226	308
108	32	88	87		227	309
108	33	89	88		231	310
108	34	90	90		233	311
108	35	92	91		234	312
108	36	93	92		236	313
108	37	94	93	Main Pass,	236	315
108	38	95	(Seaward of 8g	South & East	237	
108	42	96	Line)	Addition	241	
110	43		94		242	
111	44		95	154	243	
113	45		96	157	244	
114	46		97	158	248	
115	47		98	159	249	
116	48	Main Pass	99	160	251	Breton Sound
117	49		100	161	252	39
118	50		102	162	253	41
118	51	6	103	163	254	42
120	52	7	105	164	255	53
123	(Seaward of 8g	(N1/2,N1/2,S1/2, In	106	165	256	(W1/2 Portion
124	Line)	Zone 2)	107	166	257	Seaward of 75
125	54		108	167	258	Decree Line)
126	55	(S1/2)	110	168	259	54
128	56		111	169	260	55
129	(Seaward of line		112	170	261	56
130	3mi. sec. of 3rd		113	171	262	
131	Supp. Decree)		118	172	264	
132	57		117	173	265	
133	58		118	175	266	
136	59		119	176	267	
137	60		120	179	272	Chandeleur
138	61		121	180	273	
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12	862	69	741	958	872	1008
13	863	73	772	959	873	1010
14	864	74	773	967	874	1011
15	865	76	774	968	875	
17	867	77	780	969	876	
18	868	79	781	960	878	
(Seaward of 8g Line)	869	110	783	962	879	
19	870	111	784	963	903	
20	871	115	785	965	904	Mississippi
21	872	117	786	967	905	Canyon
22	873	118	814	969	906	
23	904	123	815	1000	908	20
24	905	124	817	1001	910	21
25	906	155	818	1002	911	24
26	907	156	821	1003	912	25
28	908	159	822		913	26
29	909	181	823		914	27
30	910	170	824		915	28
31	911	203	825		916	29
32	912	204	826	Ewing Bank	917	30
33	913	206	827		918	31
34	914	207	828		920	32
	915	208	829	305	921	34
	918	209	830	306	922	35
	917	211	851	347	923	36
	918	212	852	350	944	37
	945	213	853	438	947	39
Chandeleur, East Addition	947	250	855	481	948	40
	948	251	856	482	949	63
	949	252	867	525	950	64
	952	253	868	526	952	65
37	953	256	869	570	954	66
38	954	294	870	658	955	68
40	955	295	871	701	958	69
41	956	296	872	702	959	70
42	958	300	898	743	961	72
43	959	301	899	744	962	75
	960	340	900	745	963	76
	961	341	903	746	964	78
	962	343	905	781	965	79
	960	344	906	782	966	80
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		390	909	786	965	84
778		429	910	787	966	85
779		430	911	789	967	108
819		434	912	790	968	109
820		474	913	824	989	113
821	Vioeca Knoll	518	914	825	991	114
822		519	915	826	993	115
823		564	916	828	994	116
824	22	609	942	830	995	117
825	24	609	942	831	996	118
826	27	692	945	832	998	119
827	29	693	947	833	1002	123
828	31	694	953	867	1003	124
830	32	695	954	868	1004	125
859	34	697	955	869	1005	127
860	65	698	956	869		

126	280	308	533	656	770	806
128	281	309	536	657	771	800
147	286	400	537	661	772	806
148	287	401	538	663	773	809
149	288	402	539	664	774	811
150	288	407	547	665	775	812
151	290	415	551	675	776	828
152	291	418	553	678	777	829
153	292	426	554	677	778	832
154	295	427	555	678	796	833
159	299	428	560	679	797	834
180	300	429	561	680	801	835
181	301	430	562	681	802	836
182	302	431	563	682	803	837
183	305	436	564	686	804	838
186	309	437	565	687	806	839
187	311	441	568	688	807	840
188	312	443	568	692	808	842
189	320	444	573	694	809	842
173	321	446	574	695	810	852
191	322	447	575	698	811	853
185	323	448	576	705	818	855
185	324	449	577	707	819	856
194	325	450	579	708	831	860
195	326	451	580	711	832	876
199	329	470	583	713	837	877
201	330	471	590	714	841	878
204	331	474	591	717	842	879
205	333	475	592	718	844	880
208	335	476	593	719	845	880
209	336	480	594	720	846	882
210	339	481	595	721	847	883
211	340	485	596	724	848	884
212	341	488	597	725	849	885
213	342	487	600	726	850	886
214	343	488	601	727	851	892
215	344	489	603	728	852	893
218	345	492	605	730	853	895
217	346	493	608	731	854	896
226	348	494	607	732	855	899
228	353	495	608	734	856	1000
237	354	503	612	738	855	1007
236	355	504	613	739	858	1008
243	356	506	617	749	875	
244	357	509	619	750	878	
246	358	514	622	751	881	
246	359	515	627	752	885	
252	364	518	628	753	887	
253	365	517	631	755	888	
254	371	518	632	756	889	
256	372	519	633	757	890	4
256	378	520	634	758	891	5
257	382	521	635	760	892	6
258	383	522	636	762	893	7
259	384	524	637	763	894	8
265	385	529	638	764	895	9
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23	101	152	261	363	435	45
24	103	153	269	370	441	46
25	104	157	287	371	444	66
26	105	158	288	375	445	120
50	106	180	278	378	446	121
51	107	181	277	377	450	164
52	108	162	284	378	451	189
55	112	163	289	379	452	197
56	113	165	290	380	453	198
57	114	177	291	381	455	205
58	115	178	299	383	456	206
59	116	179	300	384	457	207
60	117	180	310	387	458	234
61	118	181	311	388	478	249
62	119	182	312	389	479	250
63	121	189	313	390	480	251
64	122	190	321	391	488	425
65	123	209	327	397	489	426
67	127	210	332	401	490	469
68	128	217	333	405	498	470
70	133	222	334	406	573	653
71	134	223	335	407	574	678
79	135	224	336	408	575	707
84	136	225	339	413	617	723
85	137	226	340	414	618	724
90	141	233	341	415	622	766
91	142	234	343	425	623	767
92	143	253	344	429	666	768
93	145	254	345	430	667	811

End of Listing

13. Lease Terms and Stipulations.

(a) Leases resulting from this sale will have initial terms as shown on Map 1 and will be on Form MMS-2005 (March 1986). Copies of the lease form are available from the Gulf of Mexico regional office (see paragraph 14(a)).

(b) The applicability of the stipulations which follow is as shown on Map 1 and Map 3 and as supplemented by references in this Notice.

Stipulation No.1--Protection of Archaeological Resources.

(This stipulation will apply to all blocks offered for lease in this sale.)

(a) "Archaeological resource" means any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object (including shipwrecks); such term includes artifacts, records, and remains which are related to such a district, site, building, structure, or object (16 U.S.C. 470w(5)). "Operations" means any drilling, mining, or construction or placement of any structure for exploration, development, or production of the lease.

(b) If the Regional Director (RD) believes an archaeological resource may exist in the lease area, the RD will notify the lessee in writing. The lessee shall then comply with subparagraphs (1) through (3).

(1) Prior to commencing any operations, the lessee shall prepare a report, as specified by the RD, to determine the potential existence of any archaeological resource that may be affected by operations. The report, prepared by an archaeologist and a geophysicist, shall be based on an assessment of data from remote-sensing surveys and of other pertinent archaeological and environmental information. The lessee shall submit this report to the RD for review.

(2) If the evidence suggests that an archaeological resource may be present, the lessee shall either:

(i) Locate the site of any operation so as not to adversely affect the area where the archaeological resource may be; or

(ii) Establish to the satisfaction of the RD that an archaeological resource does not exist or will not be adversely affected by operations. This shall be done by further archaeological investigation, conducted by an archaeologist and a geophysicist, using survey equipment and techniques deemed necessary by the RD. A report on the investigation shall be submitted to the RD for review.

(3) If the RD determines that an archaeological resource is likely to be present in the lease area and may be adversely affected by operations, the RD will notify the lessee immediately. The lessee shall take no action that may adversely affect the archaeological resource until the RD has told the lessee how to protect it.

(c) If the lessee discovers any archaeological resource while conducting operations on the lease area, the lessee shall report the discovery immediately to the RD. The lessee shall make every reasonable effort to preserve the archaeological resource until the RD has told the lessee how to protect it.

Stipulation No. 2--Topographic Features.

(This stipulation will be included in leases located in the areas so indicated on Maps 1 and 3 described in paragraph 12.)

The banks which cause this stipulation to be applied to blocks of the Central Gulf of Mexico are:

<u>Bank Name</u>	<u>No Activity Zone Defined by Isobath (meters)</u>	<u>Bank Name</u>	<u>No Activity Zone Defined by Isobath (meters)</u>
McGrail Bank	85	Jakkula Bank	85
Bouma Bank	85	Sweet Bank ¹	85
Rezak Bank	85	Bright Bank	85
Sidner Bank	85	Geyer Bank ³	85
Rankin Bank	85	MacNeil Bank ¹	82
Sackett Bank ²	85	Alderdice Bank	80
Ewing Bank	85	Fishnet Bank ²	76
Diaphus Bank ²	85	29 Fathom Bank	64
Parker Bank	85	Sonnier Bank	55

¹Only paragraph (a) of the stipulation applies.

²Only paragraphs (a) and (b) apply.

³Western Gulf of Mexico bank with a portion of its "3-Mile Zone" in the Central Gulf of Mexico.

(a) No activity including structures, drilling rigs, pipelines, or anchoring will be allowed within the listed isobath ("No Activity Zone" as shown on Map 3) of the banks as listed above.

(b) Operations within the area shown as "1,000-Meter Zone" on Map 3 shall be restricted by shunting all drill cuttings and drilling fluids to the bottom through a downpipe that terminates an appropriate distance, but no more than 10 meters, from the bottom.

(c) Operations within the area shown as "1-Mile Zone" on Map 3 shall be restricted by shunting all drill cuttings and drilling fluids to the bottom through a downpipe that terminates an appropriate distance, but no more than 10 meters, from the bottom. (Where there is a "1-Mile Zone" designated, the "1,000-Meter Zone" in paragraph (b) is not designated.)

(d) Operations within the area shown as "3-Mile Zone" on Map 3 shall be restricted by shunting all drill cuttings and drilling fluids from development operations to the bottom through a downpipe that terminates an appropriate distance, but no more than 10 meters, from the bottom.

Stipulation No. 3--Live Bottoms.

(To be included only in leases on the following blocks:
Main Pass Area, South and East Addition, Blocks 190, 194, 198,
219-226, 244-266, 276-290; Viosca Knoll, Blocks 473-476, 521, 522,
564, 565, 566, 609, 610, 654, 692-698, 734, 778.)

For the purpose of this stipulation, "live bottom areas" are defined as seagrass communities; or those areas which contain biological assemblages consisting of such sessile invertebrates as sea fans, sea whips, hydroids, anemones, ascidians, sponges, bryozoans, or corals living upon and attached to naturally occurring hard or rocky formations with rough, broken, or smooth topography; or areas whose lithology favors the accumulation of turtles, fishes, and other fauna.

Prior to any drilling activities or the construction or placement of any structure for exploration or development on this lease, including, but not limited to, anchoring, well drilling, and pipeline and platform placement, the lessee will submit to the Regional Director (RD) a live bottom survey report containing a bathymetry map prepared utilizing remote sensing techniques. The bathymetry map shall be prepared for the purpose of determining the presence or absence of live bottoms which could be impacted by the proposed activity. This map shall encompass such an area of the seafloor where surface disturbing activities, including anchoring, may occur.

If it is determined that the live bottoms might be adversely impacted by the proposed activity, the RD will require the lessee to undertake any measure deemed economically, environmentally, and technically feasible to protect the pinnacle area. These measures may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) the relocation of operations; and
- (b) the monitoring to assess the impact of the activity on the live bottoms.

Stipulation No. 4--Military Areas.

(This stipulation will be included in leases located within the Warning Areas and Eglin Water Test Areas 1 and 3, as shown on Map 1 described in paragraph 12.)

(a) Hold and Save Harmless

Whether compensation for such damage or injury might be due under a theory of strict or absolute liability or otherwise, the lessee assumes all risks of damage or injury to persons or property, which occur in, on, or above the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) to any persons or to any property of any person or persons who are agents, employees, or invitees of the lessee, its agents, independent contractors, or subcontractors doing business with the lessee in connection with any activities being performed by the lessee in, on, or above the OCS, if such injury or damage to such person or property occurs by reason of the activities of any agency of the U. S. Government, its contractors or subcontractors, or any of their officers, agents or employees, being conducted as a part of, or in connection with the programs and activities of the command headquarters listed in the following table.

Notwithstanding any limitation of the lessee's liability in section 14 of the lease, the lessee assumes this risk whether such injury or damage is caused in whole or in part by any act or omission, regardless of negligence or fault, of the United States, its contractors or subcontractors, or any of its officers, agents, or employees. The lessee further agrees to indemnify and hold and save harmless the United States against all claims for loss, damage, or injury sustained by the lessee, or to indemnify and hold and save harmless the United States against all claims for loss, damage, or injury sustained by the agents, employees, or invitees of the lessee, its agents, or any independent contractors or subcontractors doing business with the lessee in connection with the programs and activities of the aforementioned military installation, whether the same be caused in whole or in part by the negligence or fault of the United States, its contractors, or subcontractors, or any of its officers, agents, or employees, and whether such claims might be sustained under a theory of strict or absolute liability or otherwise.

(b) Electromagnetic Emissions

The lessee agrees to control its own electromagnetic emissions and those of its agents, employees, invitees, independent contractors or subcontractors emanating from individual designated defense warning areas in accordance with requirements specified by the

commander of the command headquarters listed in the following table to the degree necessary to prevent damage to, or unacceptable interference with, Department of Defense flight, testing, or operational activities, conducted within individual designated warning areas. Necessary monitoring control, and coordination with the lessee, its agents, employees, invitees, independent contractors or subcontractors, will be effected by the commander of the appropriate onshore military installation conducting operations in the particular warning area; provided, however, that control of such electromagnetic emissions shall in no instance prohibit all manner of electromagnetic communication during any period of time between a lessee, its agents, employees, invitees, independent contractors or subcontractors and onshore facilities.

(c) Operational

The lessee, when operating or causing to be operated on its behalf, boat or aircraft traffic in the individual designated warning areas shall enter into an agreement with the commander of the individual command headquarters listed in the following table, upon utilizing an individual designated warning area prior to commencing such traffic. Such an agreement will provide for positive control of boats and aircraft operating in the warning areas at all times.

Warning Areas' Command Headquarters

Warning Areas

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W-155-B
(For Agreement)

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W-155-B
(For Operational Control)

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Command Headquarters

Chief, Naval Air Training
Naval Air Station
ATTN: Lt. Commander Velez, USN,
or Lt. Jex
Corpus Christi, Texas 78419-5100
Telephone: (512) 939-3862/3902

Fleet Area Control & Surveillance
Facility (FACSFAC)
Naval Air Station
ATTN: OSI Reser
Pensacola, Florida 32508
Telephone: (904) 452-2735/4671

Naval Air Station
Air Operations Department
Air Traffic Division/Code 52
ATTN: ACC Henry
New Orleans, Louisiana 70146-5000
Telephone: (504) 393-3100/3101

Warning Areas

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Eglin Water
Test Areas
1 and 3

Command Headquarters

Air National Guard - CRTK
Gulfport/ACMI
ATTN: Tech. Sgt. Crawford
or Staff. Sgt. Wyche
Gulfport, Mississippi 39507
Telephone: (601) 867-2433

Air Force Development Test Center
3246th Test Wing/CCU
ATTN: Mr. Vickory
Eglin AFB, Florida 32542
Telephone: (904) 882-8963/9757

14. Information to Lessees.

(a) Supplemental Documents. For copies of the various documents identified as available from the Gulf of Mexico regional office, prospective bidders should contact the Public Information Unit, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, either in writing or by telephone at (504) 736-2519. For additional information, contact the Regional Supervisor for Leasing and Environment at that address or by telephone at (504) 736-2759.

(b) Navigation Safety. Operations on some of the blocks offered for lease may be restricted by designation of fairways, precautionary zones, anchorages, safety zones, or traffic separation schemes established by the U.S. Coast Guard 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 that the U.S. Coast Guard published a notice of petition for rulemaking to expand the existing safety zone around the Louisiana Offshore Oil Platform (Federal Register, Vol. 57, No. 13, p. 2236, January 21, 1992).

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

For additional information, prospective bidders should contact Lt. Commander William P. Prosser, Assistant Marine Port Safety Officer, 8th Coast Guard District, Hale Boggs Federal Building, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130, telephone (504) 589-6901. For COE information, prospective bidders should contact Mr. Ron Ventola, CELMN-OD-S, Post Office Box 60267, New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267, or telephone (504) 862-2255.

(c) Offshore Pipelines. Bidders are advised that the Department of the Interior and the Department of Transportation have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding, dated May 6, 1976, concerning the design, installation, operation, and maintenance of offshore pipelines. Bidders should consult both Departments for regulations applicable to offshore pipelines.

(d) 3-Year Leases. Bidders are advised that any lease issued for a term of 3 years will be cancelled after 5 years, following notice pursuant to the OCS Lands Act, as amended, if within the initial 5-year period of the lease, the drilling of an exploratory well has not been initiated, or if initiated, the well has not been drilled in conformance with the approved exploration plan criteria, or if there is not a suspension of operations in effect. See 30 CFR 256.37.

(e) Affirmative Action. Revision of Department of Labor regulations on affirmative action requirements for Government contractors (including lessees) has been deferred, pending review of those regulations (see Federal Register of August 25, 1981, at 46 FR 42865 and 42968). Should changes become effective at any time before the issuance of leases resulting from this sale, section 18 of the lease form (Form MMS-2005, March 1986), would be deleted from leases resulting from this sale. In addition, existing stocks of the affirmative action forms described in paragraph 5 of this Notice contain language that would be superseded by the revised regulations at 41 CFR 60-1.5(a)(1) and 60-1.7(a)(1). Submission of Form MMS-2032 (June 1985) and Form MMS-2033 (June 1985) will not invalidate an otherwise acceptable bid, and the revised regulations' requirements will be deemed to be part of the existing affirmative action forms.

(f) Ordnance Disposal Areas. Bidders are cautioned as to the existence of two inactive ordnance disposal areas in the Mississippi Canyon area, shown on Map 1. See paragraph 12(b). These areas were used to dispose of ordnance of unknown quantity and composition. Water depths range from 750 to 1,525 meters. Bottom sediments in both 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 has released an indeterminable amount of unexploded ordnance throughout Eglin Water Test Areas 1 and 3. The exact location of the unexploded ordnance is unknown, and lessees are advised that all lease blocks included in this sale within these water test areas should be considered potentially hazardous to drilling and platform and pipeline placement.

(g) Proposed Naval Barge-Mounted Operation. Bidders are advised that the U.S. Navy has released a Final Environmental Impact Statement on its plans for operation of an Electromagnetic Pulse Radiation Environment Simulator for Ships (Empress II) on a barge 29 miles south of the Mississippi-Alabama border. The project is expected to last 20 years and would run about 60 days a

year between November and April. For further information, bidders may contact Lt. Comdr. Joseph Osborne at (703) 602-3348, or write Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command (PMS-423), Department of the Navy, Washington, D.C. 20362-5101.

(h) Communications Towers. The Department of Defense, U.S. Air Force, has installed seven military communications towers in the Chandeaur/Mobile/Viosca Knoll area which 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; and Chandeaur Area, Blocks 33, and 61; and Chandeaur Area, East Addition, Block 39. Information and maps of the specific locations and line of sight crossings for ACMI towers may be obtained from Mr. Wallace Williams, Minerals Management Service, (504) 736-2772.

(i) Archaeological Resources. Bidders are advised of the Notice to Lessees (NTL) affecting the historic shipwreck survey requirement published in the Federal Register December 20, 1991, pages 66076-66082, with an effective date of February 17, 1992. The NTL details the survey methodology, including a more intensive survey with line spacing 50 meters apart, and report writing requirements. A Letter to Lessees (LTL) of November 30, 1990, lists those blocks identified as having a high probability for encountering historic shipwrecks. Copies of both the NTL and LTL may be obtained by contacting the MMS Public Information Unit (see paragraph 14(e)).

(j) Live Bottoms. Bidders are advised of the addition of three blocks to Stipulation No. 3--Live Bottoms. These blocks are located in Main Pass, South and East Addition, blocks 190, 194, and 198.

(k) Proposed Rigs to Rafts. Bidders are advised that there are OCS artificial reef sites and planning sites for the Gulf of Mexico. These are generally located in water depths of less than 200 meters. While all existing and proposed sites require a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, this "Rigs to Rafts" program is implemented through State sponsorship. For more information, prospective bidders should contact the State Artificial Reef Coordinator for their areas of interest:

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Mr. Walter M. Tetun
(205) 968-7578

Louisiana
Mr. Rick Kasprzac
(504) 765-2375

Mississippi
Mr. Mike Buchanan
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf
Central Gulf of Mexico

Notice of Leasing Systems, Sale 139

Section 8(a)(8) (43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(8)) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) requires that, at least 30 days before any lease sale, a Notice be submitted to the Congress and published in the Federal Register:

1. identifying the bidding systems to be used and the reasons for such use; and
2. designating the tracts to be offered under each bidding system and the reasons for such designation.

This Notice is published pursuant to these requirements.

1. Bidding systems to be used. In the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Sale 139, blocks will be offered under the following two bidding systems as authorized by section 8(a)(1) (43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(1)): (a) bonus bidding with a fixed 16 2/3-percent royalty on all unleased blocks in less than 400 meters of water; and (b) bonus bidding with a fixed 12 1/2-percent royalty on all remaining unleased blocks.

a. Bonus Bidding with a 16 2/3-Percent Royalty. This system is authorized by section 8(a)(1)(A) of the OCSLA. This system has been used extensively since the passage of the OCSLA in 1953 and imposes greater risks on the lessee than systems with higher contingency payments but may yield more rewards if a commercial field is discovered. The relatively high front-end bonus payments may encourage rapid exploration.

b. Bonus Bidding with a 12 1/2-Percent Royalty. This system is authorized by section 8(a)(1)(A) of the OCSLA. It has been chosen for certain deeper water blocks proposed for the Central Gulf of Mexico (Sale 139) because these blocks are expected to require substantially higher exploration, development, and production costs, as well as longer times before initial production, in comparison to shallow water blocks. Department of the Interior analyses indicate that the minimum economically developable discovery on a block in such high-cost areas under a 12 1/2-percent royalty system would be less than for the same blocks under a 16 2/3-percent royalty system.

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As a result, more blocks may be explored and developed. In addition, the lower royalty rate system is expected to encourage more rapid production and higher economic profits. It is not anticipated, however, that the larger cash bonus bid associated with a lower royalty rate will significantly reduce competition, since the higher costs for exploration and development are the primary constraints to competition.

2. Designation of Blocks. The selection of blocks to be offered under the two systems was based on the following factors:

a. Lease terms on adjacent, previously leased blocks were considered to enhance orderly development of each field.

b. Blocks in deep water were selected for the 12 1/2-percent royalty system based on the favorable performance of this system in these high-cost areas as evidenced in our analyses.

The specific blocks to be offered under each system are shown on Map 2 entitled "Central Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 139 - Final. Bidding Systems and Bidding Units." This map is available from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394.

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