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LEGAL DEPARTMENT
3636 RICHMOND AVENUE
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77027

The Honorable Bob Armstrong
Commissioner of the General Land Office
Austin, Texas

Attention: Mr. Herman Forbes

Re: Blocks G-4 and G-11, Brewster County,
Texas

Gentlemen:

This is for the purpose of responding to those certain letters of September 12 and September 15, 1975 from Mr. Thomas of Atlantic Richfield Company transmitting to the General Land Office two plats prepared by a Mr. C. C. Cool. At the outset, let me say that our company is somewhat mystified at Atlantic Richfield's action in view of the present dispute over the referenced boundaries existing between our respective companies.

Inasmuch as The Dow Chemical Company has an interest at stake in land covered by these plats, we feel compelled to object to Mr. Thomas' statements to you concerning this matter. It is our contention that the construction of the boundaries between Surveys 3 and 4, Block G-11 in Brewster County, Texas, does not represent the intention of the original surveyor, John T. Gano. We have several reasons why we feel this construction does not represent the original intention, but for the moment, a more detailed discussion is not necessary.

In the above letters, Mr. Thomas indicated that the work performed by Mr. Cool was in compliance with instructions from Mr. Wisdom of the Land Office in an earlier letter dated December 19, 1972 which is enclosed for your reference. This is simply not borne out by the facts and we must deny any statement tending to indicate compliance by Mr. Cool with these instructions for the following reasons:

- (1) Mr. Cool did not extend his survey from Gano's tie line to the Northeast corner of Section 55, Block G-4, as instructed.

Ans
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- (2) Mr. Cool did not conduct a search for the original existing Northeast corner of Block G-4, implicit in Mr. Wisdom's instructions, in order to locate the Southeast corner of Block G-11 and retrace the remaining sections of G-11 therein on the ground.
- (3) Mr. Cool did not extend Gano's tie line No. 9 to the Northwest corner of Survey No. 485, G. C. & S. F. and conduct a search for the original corner Gano used there.

With respect to other mineral fee lands which Atlantic Richfield may own, other than those in Block G-11, we have no interest. We would, however, appreciate your furnishing to this office certified copies of the plats actually filed by Atlantic Richfield Company.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Karl R. Nordquist

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Enclosures

cc: C. B. Thomas
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James F. Benton, Jr.



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December 19, 1972

Mr. C. C. Cool
Box 574
Midland, Texas 79701

Re: Blks. G-4 & G-11
Brewster County

Dear Mr. Cool:

This will confirm the decision reached in this office on December 14, 1972 as a result of a conference at which you and representatives of Atlantic Richfield and Dow Chemical Company were present.

Accordingly, you are instructed to use John T. Gano's tie line, being the only evidence on the ground of the original surveyor, as re-covered by you, to reconstruct Blk. G-4 and its northeast corner in order to locate the beginning and southeast corner of Blk. G-11 and the sections therein on the ground.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Armstrong

By: R. C. Wisdom
Director, Surveying Division

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