

AGENDA

OCTOBER 2, 2000

SPECIAL MEETING

- I. Call to order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Consider consent of assignment of Ambar Lease**
- V. Adjournment**

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
October 2, 2000

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in special session in the Conference Room of the Administration Building in Galliano, Louisiana on Monday, October 2, 2000 at 11:00 AM pursuant to the provision of due notice in writing to each and every member thereof and duly posted in the manner prescribed by law.

Vice-President Melancon called the meeting to order and requested that Secretary Terrebonne call the roll.

PRESENT: Johnny Melancon, Rodney Terrebonne, Larry Griffin, Wilbert Collins, Chester Cheramie, Harry Cheramie, Donald Vizier, and Ervin Bruce

ABSENT: Dudley Bernard

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; Davie J. Breaux, Assistant Director; Loulan Pitre, Port Attorney; and Addie D. Callais, Administrative Specialist.

Vice-President Melancon led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-President Melancon presented for Commission approval a request from Ambar, Inc. to consent to the assignment of lease to Ambar Drilling Fluids, LLLP, a division of Patterson Energy. Vice-President Melancon asked Director Falgout to elaborate on the request.

Director Falgout reminded the Commissioners of the recent committee meeting where they reviewed Ambar's Estoppel Agreement and had some legal problems with it because it would have allowed Ambar Drilling to assume Ambar, Inc.'s lease without assuming any of the responsibility.

Director Falgout reported that since that time, he and Attorney Pitre had discussions with Ambar Drilling and resolved that they agree to assume all of the obligations of the Lessee when they assume the lease. He also reported that in the past, when the Commission allowed an assignment of this nature, a transaction fee equal to one year's rent was assessed. Following precedence, a transaction fee will be imposed on Ambar, Inc. in the amount of \$52,645.54. Ambar, Inc. is prepared to pay this fee, and Ambar Drilling is ready to assume all of the obligations.

Board Member Vizier questioned who would be paying the fee, and Director Falgout reported that it is the company who currently is leasing from the Commission.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Wilbert Collins, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the assignment of Ambar Inc.'s lease to Ambar Drilling Fluids, LLLP, a subsidiary of Patterson Energy, and authorized Executive

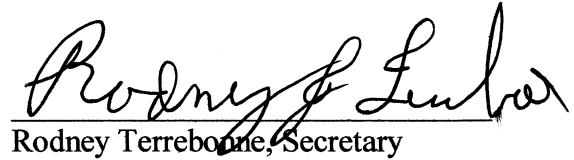
Director Ted Falgout to execute said agreement on behalf of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Rodney Terrebonne, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved adjourning the special meeting.

ATTEST:



Johnny Melancon, Vice President



Rodney Terrebonne, Secretary