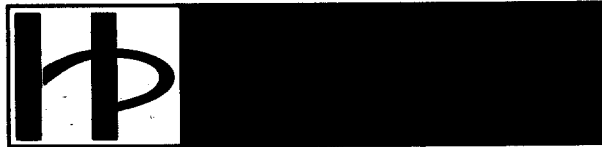


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Re: Notice Under DOL Reg. §2520.104-23 for Exemption for Top Hat Plan
Maintained by Hough Petroleum Corp., EIN No. 22-1757627

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is intended to constitute a statement meeting the requirements of DOL Reg. §2520.104-23 providing an alternative method of compliance with the reporting and disclosure requirements applicable under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (the "Act") to pension plans for selected employees. The information required under DOL Reg. §2520.104-23 is as follows:

- (1) Employer: Hough Petroleum Corp.
- (2) Address: Hough Petroleum Corp.
340 Fourth Street
Trenton, NJ 08638
- (3) EIN: 22 - 1757627

(4) Hough Petroleum Corp. maintains the Hough Petroleum Corp. Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (the "Plan") primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management and highly compensated employees. The Plan was adopted May 28 2002, effective for the 2002 calendar year. Under the Plan, benefits are paid as needed solely from the general assets of Hough Petroleum Corp. Hough Petroleum Corp. maintains one plan of this type.

(5) The Plan covers two employees.

(6) The Plan Administrator, will provide to the Department of Labor any plan documents relating to the Plan upon request as required by section 104(a)(1) of the Act.

Please acknowledge receipt of the filing of this Notice by signing the enclosed duplicate copy of this statement and returning it to me in the envelope provided.

Very truly yours,

Hough Petroleum Corp.
Plan Administrator

By

Gary W. Hough

Acknowledgement

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