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WINNIPEG, CANADA.

20th June 1929.

REFER TO No. 28636-GHD.

Re: Hudson's Bay Marland Oil Co. Ltd.

Dear Sir:-

The above named Company is one formed some 2 years ago by the Hudson's Bay Company, whom you will know, in association with the Marland Oil Company of Oklahoma, one of the largest producing and distributing organizations in the oil industry in U.S.A., its primary object being to investigate the oil producing possibilities of Western Canada, particularly in relation to lands of the Hudson's Bay Company.

During its 2 years it has spent in comprehensive, scientific, systematic and geologic investigation a large sum of money provided entirely by the 2 principals named without any appeal, actual or prospective, to the public for funds. Naturally, as its work proceeded, certain areas were selected where there were signs of favorable structure which seemed to justify more extended investigation and included in such areas are lands within or adjacent to the Stoney Indian Reserve. We are accordingly instructed by the Company to write to you to ascertain whether Indian lands are available to responsible applicants for the prospecting for oil and gas on terms somewhat similar to those governing ordinary Crown or "Dominion" lands.

We should say that the Company in question is a responsible one and any lease it might be granted of Indian territory would be developed by the Company and would not be sought for the purposes of speculation.

Our clients understand that some oil and gas Prospecting Permits have been issued on Indian lands, but we do not know where information as to the lines of policy adopted by the Department can be obtained and we would be glad if you would write us as fully as possible as to the terms upon which such Permits and Leases might be granted and as to the procedure to be followed for transaction thereof.

Yours truly,
MUNSON ALLAN LAIRD DAVIS HAFFNER & HOBKIRK,
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Superintendent-General, C. H. Davis.
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Ottawa, Ont.

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