



IN RE:

RAAM GLOBAL ENERGY COMPANY, \$ CASE NO. 15-35615

et al.

B (Chapter 11)

S JOINTLY ADMINISTERED

# ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND COMPENSATION OF PROFESSIONALS UTILIZED IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS NUNC PRO TUNC

On December , 2015, the Court considered the Amended Motion for an Order Authorizing the Retention and Compensation of Professionals Utilized in the Ordinary Course of Business Nunc Pro Tunc [Docket No. 226] (the "Motion")¹ filed by the above-referenced debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors").² The Court finds that (a) it has jurisdiction over the matters raised in the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334(b), (b) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), (c) the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors and their respective estates, creditors, and equity security holders, (d) proper and adequate notice of the Motion and hearing thereon has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary, and (e) good and sufficient cause exists for the granting of the relief requested in the Motion after having given due deliberation upon the Motion and all of the proceedings had before the Court in connection with the Motion. Therefore, it is

**ORDERED** that, pursuant to Bankruptcy Code §§ 105(a), 327(e), and 330, to the extent deemed necessary or appropriate by the Debtors, the Debtors are hereby authorized to retain,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms not defined herein have the meaning set forth in the Motion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Debtors are RAAM Global Energy Company [2973], Century Exploration New Orleans, LLC [4948], Century Exploration Houston, LLC [9624], and Century Exploration Resources, LLC [7252].

employ, and compensate the Ordinary Course Professionals listed on **Exhibit A** to the Motion, without the need to file individual retention or interim or final fee applications, except as set forth below. It is further

**ORDERED** that the Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to retain, employ, and compensate each Ordinary Course Professional listed on **Exhibit A** to the Motion in the ordinary course of business, effective *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date. It is further

**ORDERED** that, except as set forth below, the following procedures (the "<u>Procedures</u>") for Ordinary Course Professionals are hereby approved:

- (a) Each Ordinary Course Professional shall file with the Court an affidavit of disinterestedness (the "Affidavit of Disinterestedness") similar in form and substance to the form attached to the Motion as **Exhibit B**.
- (b) Parties shall have fourteen (14) days after the filing of each Affidavit of Disinterestedness (the "Objection Deadline") to object to the retention of an Ordinary Course Professional. The objecting party shall file any such objections with the Court on or before the Objection Deadline. If any such objection cannot be resolved within ten (10) days of filing, the matter shall be scheduled for hearing before the Court at the next regularly scheduled omnibus hearing date or another date otherwise agreeable to the parties. If no objection is submitted by the Objection Deadline with respect to any particular Ordinary Course Professional, the Debtors shall be authorized as a final matter to retain such Ordinary Course Professional as to whom an objection was not filed.
- (c) The Debtors shall be authorized to pay, without formal application to the Court by any Ordinary Course Professional, 100% of the fees and disbursements to each Ordinary Course Professional retained by the Debtors in accordance with these Procedures, upon the submission to the Debtors of an appropriate invoice setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of the services rendered after the Petition Date, provided that the average monthly total over a rolling three-month period of such fees, excluding costs and disbursements, does not exceed \$40,000 per Ordinary Course Professional (the "Monthly Cap"). The Debtors may seek approval from the Court of an increase of the Monthly Cap in their sole discretion.
- (d) Any invoices submitted in excess of the Monthly Cap shall be subject to Court approval in accordance with Bankruptcy Code §§ 330 and 331, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Local Rules"), and any applicable Court orders.

- (e) Within fourteen (14) days following the conclusion of the first three-month period (each such three-month period, a "Quarter") after the Petition Date and continuing thereafter for each successive Quarter during the pendency of the Cases, the Debtors shall file with the Court a statement with respect to the immediately preceding Quarter (each such statement, a "Quarterly Statement"). Each Quarterly Statement shall include the following information for each Ordinary Course Professional: (i) the name of the Ordinary Course Professional; (ii) the aggregate amounts paid as compensation for services rendered and reimbursements of expenses incurred by such Ordinary Course Professional during the reported Quarter; and (iii) a general description of the services rendered by such Ordinary Course Professional.
- (f) The Debtors may supplement the list of Ordinary Course Professionals, in their sole discretion, from time to time, as necessary to add or remove Ordinary Course Professionals, without the need to file individual retention applications. In the event of an addition to the list of Ordinary Course Professionals, the Debtors shall file a notice with the Court listing the additional Ordinary Course Professional the Debtors intend to employ (the "Supplement Notice"), along with such professional's Affidavit of Disinterestedness. If no objections to any such Ordinary Course Professional are submitted within fourteen (14) days after filing the Supplement Notice, then the retention of the Ordinary Course Professional shall be deemed approved by the Court, effective as of the date of the executed engagement letter with such additional Ordinary Course Professional, without the necessity of a hearing or further order.

It is further

**ORDERED** that this Order shall not apply to any professional retained by the Debtors pursuant to a separate order of the Court. It is further

**ORDERED** that notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any payment to be made, or authorization contained hereunder, shall be subject to the terms and conditions of, and requirements imposed on the Debtors under, any order regarding the use of cash collateral and any budget in connection therewith. It is further

**ORDERED** that any Ordinary Course Professional with fees and disbursements in excess of the Monthly Cap shall be subject to the procedures for all other Court-retained professionals in accordance with Bankruptcy Code §§ 330 and 331, the Bankruptcy Rules, the

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Bankruptcy Local Rules, any applicable orders of the Court regarding the payment of

professionals, and the fee guidelines promulgated by the Office of the UST, but the Debtors shall

not be required to file additional retention applications with respect to such Ordinary Course

Professionals. It is further

**ORDERED** that the Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the

relief granted pursuant to this Order. It is further

**ORDERED** that the terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective

and enforceable upon its entry. It is further

**ORDERED** that this Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and consider all disputes

arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Order.

Dated: December 4, 2015.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Texas

In re:

RAAM Global Energy Company
Century Exploration New Orleans, LLC

Case No. 15-35615-mi
Chapter 11

Debtors

#### **CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE**

District/off: 0541-4 User: mrios Page 1 of 3 Date Rcvd: Dec 14, 2015 Form ID: pdf002 Total Noticed: 17 Notice by first class mail was sent to the following persons/entities by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center on Dec 16, 2015. db +Century Exploration Houston, LLC, 10210 Grogans Mill Road, Suite 300, The Woodlands, TX 77380-1144db +Century Exploration Resources, LLC, 10210 Grogans Mill Road, Suite 300, The Woodlands, TX 77380-1144 1537 Bull Lea Road, Suite 200, db +RAAM Global Energy Company, Lexington, KY 40511-1200 +Acock Consulting, L.L.C., San Antonio, TX 78213-4304 c/o Law Offices of Elizabeth G. Smith, 6655 First Park Ten, #240, cr +BGI Gulf Coast, LLC, c/o Okin & Adams LLP, 1113 Vine St., Ste. 201, cr Houston, TX 77002-1045 c/o Okin & Adams LLP, 1113 Vine St., Ste. 201, +Champion Exploration, LLC, cr Houston, TX 77002-1045 Department of the Interior, intp c/o Department of Justice, P. O. Box 875, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044-0875 Island Operating Company, Inc., +Island Operating Company, Inc., 770 S. Post Oak Lane, cr Houston, TX 77056-6666, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Suite 400, cr +Lakeside Energy Partners Participation Ltd. & Flin, c/o Gray Reed & McGraw, 1300 Post Oak Blvd., Ste. 2000, Houston, TX 77056-8000 +Oracle America, Inc., Buchalter Nemer, c/o Shawn M. Christiansoon, CI 55 Second St., 17th Floor, San Francisco, Ca 94105-3493 617 North Third Street, +State of Louisiana, Department of Natural Resource, cr Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5432 +Superior Natural Gas Corporation, c/o Wells & Cuellar, P.C., 440 Louisiana, Suite 718, CY Houston, TX 77002-1637 Attention: D. Brent Wells, +Targa Resources, c/o Law Office of Patricia Williams Prew, 10953 Vista Lake Ct., Navasota, TX 77868-6981 Notice by electronic transmission was sent to the following persons/entities by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center. db +E-mail/Text: michael.willis@centuryx.com Dec 14 2015 21:59:49 Century Exploration New Orleans, LLC, Three Lakeway Center, 3838 North Causeway Blvd., Suite 2800, Metairie, LA 70002-8319 E-mail/Text: houston\_bankruptcy@LGBS.com Dec 14 2015 22:01:19 cr Jasper County, Houston, TX 77253-3064 PO BOX 3064, c/o John P. Dillman, E-mail/Text: houston\_bankruptcy@LGBS.com Dec 14 2015 22:01:19 Montgomery County, cr Houston, TX 77253-3064 c/o John P. Dillman, Post Office Box 3064, cr E-mail/Text: houston\_bankruptcy@LGBS.com Dec 14 2015 22:01:19 Houston, TX 77253-3064 Post Office Box 3064, c/o John P. Dillman, TOTAL: 4 \*\*\*\*\* BYPASSED RECIPIENTS (undeliverable, \* duplicate) \*\*\*\*\* ACE American Insurance Company cr Ad Hoc Committee of Senior Secured Noteholders intp Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. cr cr Business Property Lending, Inc./Everbank cr Crown Pine Timber 1, LP by and through its authori Highbridge Principal Strategies, LLC cr Montco Oilfield Contractors cr Montoc Offshore, Inc. cr Power Land, LLC intp Sheldon Independent School District cr The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors crcm Weatherford U.S., L.P. cr Westchester Fire Insurance Company cr cr Wilmington Trust, National Association

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I, Joseph Speetjens, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

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Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 9): Pursuant to Fed. R. Bank. P. 2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

Date: Dec 16, 2015 Signature: <u>/s/Joseph Speetjens</u>

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