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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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IN RE:

RAAM GLOBAL ENERGY COMPANY, et al.

DEBTORS.

CASE NO. 15-35615

(Chapter 11)

JOINTLY ADMINISTERED

ORDER AUTHORIZING DEBTORS TO EMPLOY RYAN, LLC AS TAX CONSULTANTS FOR THE DEBTORS

On January 22 2016, the Court considered the Expedited Application to Employ Ryan, LLC as Tax Consultants for the Debtors [Docket No. 21] (the "Application") and the Declaration of Stephen J. Allen on Behalf of Ryan, LLC and Bankruptcy Rule 2014 Disclosure (the "Declaration") attached thereto as Exhibit A.¹ filed by the above-captioned debtors (the "Debtors"),² the Court finds that: (a) it has jurisdiction over the matters raised in the Application 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 Application is in the best interests of the Debtors and their respective estates, creditors, and equity security holders; (d) proper and adequate notice of the Application 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 Application after having given due deliberation upon the Application and all of the proceedings before the Court in connection therewith. Based upon the Declaration and the representations of counsel at the hearing on the Application, the Court further finds that Ryan, LLC ("Ryan") holds or

¹ Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning given to them in the Application.

² 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].

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represents no interests adverse to the Debtors or their estates, that it is disinterested, and that its employment is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates. Therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED that, pursuant to Bankruptcy Code §§ 327(a), 328, and 1007 and Bankruptcy Rule 2014, the Debtors are authorized to employ and retain Ryan as their tax consultants, effective as of December 10, 2015, pursuant to the terms of the Engagement Letter attached as **Exhibit B** to the Application. It is further

ORDERED that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Engagement Letter, in the event Ryan is entitled to any compensation under the terms of the Engagement Letter, Ryan shall file a fee application with the Court, and the Debtors shall not be required to compensate Ryan unless and until such fee application is approved by the Court. It is further

ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from the implementation of this Order.

Dated: January <u>20</u>, 2016

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE