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County of Alameda Department of Environmental Health Hazardous Materials Division 80 Swan Way, Room 200 Oakland, CA 94621

> Re: Service Stations Operated by Desert Petroleum, Inc., Situated at 277 No. "L" Street, Livermore 94550, 1310 Central Avenue, Alameda; 4035 Park Blvd., Oakland; 2008 First Street, Livermore; 2844 Mountain Blvd., Oakland

Gentlemen:

On February 11, 1992, Desert Petroleum, Inc. filed a petition under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The case (No. LA 92-14240RR) is pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California.

I am enclosing a copy of the "Notice of Filing of Bankruptcy Petition" which was prepared by Desert's Bankruptcy counsel, Mr. Robert Bass.

As with most chapter 11 cases, the company will operate as a "debtor in possession" and will concentrate its efforts initially in the direction of making new credit and supply arrangements, without which it cannot continue its operations. Most actions which involve the expenditure of funds will require coordination with lenders, creditors and authorization from the Bankruptcy Court. Operating in such a climate, the company loses much of its independence and autonomy and experiences limitations and restrictions in its ability to deal with the requests and demands from third parties, including creditors and regulatory agencies.

With respect to environmental directives involving its stations, the company will attempt to channel its immediate energies and limited resources, subject of course to Bankruptcy

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Court approvals, to those locations where on-going releases pose a threat to the environment or persons. This letter is intended to apprise you of this development and to ask for your indulgence, patience and cooperation as the company arranges its affairs, wends its way through the bankruptcy maze and prepares its plan of reorganization.

The company will continue its efforts to collect continuing payments from any insurers who may be obligated under pollution policies to pay for site investigation and clean up. However, the company which insured Desert Petroleum for pollution insured is disputing coverage for the majority of Desert's sites, which will unfortunately result in desert having to expend further funds to pursue the insurers in litigation. That expenditure too will require Bankruptcy Court approval.

If you have any questions concerning this, please do not hestitate to call the undersigned or Mr. John Rutherford, who continues to handle these matters for the debtor in possession.

Very truly yours,

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In Re:

DESERT PETROLEUM, INC. dba

GASCO, adba UNOCAL, adba ULTRAMAR, adba ARCO, adba BP,

Debtor.

CASE NO. LA 92-14240-RR

CHAPTER 11

NOTICE OF FILING OF BANKRUPTCY PETITION

(No Hearing Date Required)

TO ALL PARTIES IN INTEREST:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-captioned Debtor filed a Voluntary Petition for Relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on February 11, 1992. The case is designated as Case No. LA 92-14240-RR and is now pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California.

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