

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION

A Resolution Entitled: Authorization to enter into a Consultant contract With Robert G. Knoll d/b/a H-Tech. Petroleum Consulting Inc. And John Kingsbury d/b/a Gas Processing Management Inc."

- WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act and having adopted a Constitution and By-laws pursuant to said Act; and
- WHEREAS, Article III of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5 (l) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt resolutions regulating the procedure of the Tribal Business Council and other Tribal agencies and Tribal officials on the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS Article VI Section 5(j) provides that the Tribal Business Council has the power to protect and preserve the property, wildlife and natural resources of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council has Established the MHA Energy Department which includes the Exploration and Production Division; and
- WHEREAS, The Exploration and Production Division is proposing to develop a strategic plan and business plan for tribal participation in oil and gas development on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and
- **WHEREAS,** The Production and Exploration Division is also proposing to utilize consultants to develop said plans including Robert Knoll and John Kingsbury who have years of experience in the oil and gas industry; and



WHEREAS, The Tribal Business council believes it is in the best interests of the Tribes to develop said strategic and business plans with the services of consultants provided that said services will not be paid for with tribal funds; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes the Exploration and Production and Division to enter into consultant agreements with Robert Knoll and John Kingsbury for the development of a strategic and business plan for tribal participation in oil and gas production and exploration on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and

- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That these consultant services shall not be funded by the Three Affiliated Tribes and the Production and Exploration Division shall seek outside funding for these services; and
- **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that any contracts entered into pursuant this resolution shall be subject to the approval of the Three Affiliated Tribes' Legal Department.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, \bigcirc were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the $\boxed{2^{4^{+}}}$ day of $\boxed{0 \text{ cmber}}$ 2009; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of $(\bigcirc$ members, \bigcirc members opposed, \bigcirc members abstained, \bigcirc members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [Voting. [] not voting.

Dated this 12th day of Arvember 2009.

ATTEST:

Tribal Secretary, V. Judy Brugh Tribal Business Council **Three Affiliated Tribes**

Tribal Chairman, Marcus Levings Tribal Business Council **Three Affiliated Tribes**