

# The United States of America

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS,

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

is, pursuant to Public Law No. 93-435, as amended, entitled, subject to any existing lease, permit, or other interest previously granted by the United States, to all right, title, and interest of the United States in deposits of oil, gas, and other minerals in the submerged lands conveyed to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands on January 16, 2014, namely:

Lands permanently or periodically covered by tidal waters up to but not above the line of mean high tide and seaward to a line three geographical miles distant from the coastlines of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands as heretofore or hereafter modified by accretion, erosion, and reliction, and in artificially made, filled in, or reclaimed lands which were formerly permanently or periodically covered by tidal waters.

**NOW KNOW YE**, that there is, therefore, granted by the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, unto the said Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, a patent for the deposits of oil, gas, and other minerals described above, subject to any existing lease, permit, or other interest previously granted by the United States; **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in perpetuity;

**EXCEPTING AND RESERVING TO THE UNITED STATES** all right, title, and interest of the United States in deposits of oil, gas, and other minerals in the submerged lands that were excepted by Proclamation No. 9077 of January 15, 2014, from the conveyance of submerged lands to the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands on January 16, 2014.

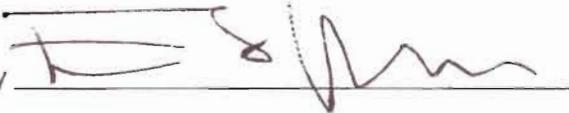
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned Secretary of the Interior, in the name of the United States, caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the Department to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, in the CITY OF WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA the 13th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen and of the Independence of the United States the two hundred and thirty-eighth

By  \_\_\_\_\_

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned  
Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands, in  
the name of the Commonwealth of the  
Northern Mariana Islands, accepts these letters  
to be made Patent.

GIVEN under my hand, on the ISLAND OF  
SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN  
MARIAN ISLANDS the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March in the  
year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen.

By 

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