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No. 49 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
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APPROVAL OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT
ON TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF
THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION

APPLICANT: Noble Consultants, Inc.
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PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION:
Approval of a Non-Exclusive Geological Permit
for three years to conduct geological surveys
on tide and submerged lands under the ownership
jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission out
to the three-mile limit, within permit regions
I, II, III and IV as depicted on Exhibit "B"
hereto.

TERMS: The term of the Non-Exclusive Geological Survey
Permit is three years.

PREREQUISITE ITEMS: Required statutory filing fee, expense deposit,
and performance bond.

STATUTORY REFERENCES:
A. P.R.C. Section 6826.
B. Cal. Adm. Code, Title 2, Section 2905(e)(3).
C. Cal. Adm. Code, Title 14, Section 15061.

AB 884: 12/12/88.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:
1. The geological surveys authorized under the
terms of the permit are for the purpose of

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obtaining shallow samples of the seafloor for geotechnical information. The data obtained is used in the design of offshore structures (pipelines, marine terminals, platforms, etc.) and in the technical and environmental analyses of offshore oil and gas operations. Noble Consultants has applied for a permit in order to take shallow samples of sand deposits. This information will be used to determine potential sources of sand for beach replenishment projects. The actual dredging of sand for any beach replenishment project will be subject to separate review and approved by the Commission.

The shallow samples are obtained using nonrotary techniques (dart, jet, percussion, grab) from a self-contained vessel. The vessel is typically no larger (50 to 150 feet in length, six-foot draft) than fishing boats used in the Santa Barbara Channel.

2. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to P.R.C. 6370, et seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the permit, as part of the program for the project as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.
3. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a categorical exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 6, Information Collection, 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2905(e)(3).

Authority: P.R.C. 21084, 14 Cal. Adm. Code 15300, and 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2905.

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EXHIBIT: A. Permit Regions.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15061 AS A CATEGORICAL EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION, 2 CAL. ADM. CODE 2905(e)(3).
2. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO NOBLE CONSULTANTS, INC. OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE GENERAL PERMIT TO CONDUCT GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 1988 THROUGH JULY 31, 1991 WITHIN PERMIT REGIONS I, II, III AND IV AS DEFINED ON EXHIBIT "B" HERETO.

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