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Date Received	<u>11/13/2020</u>
API Number	<u>27-011-90034</u>
County	<u>EUREKA</u>
Permit Number	<u>1500</u>
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GEOHERMAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Name or Corporate/Business Name

Ormat Nevada Inc.

Street Address 6140 Plumas St

City Reno State NV Zip Code 89519

hereby makes application for a geothermal development permit, State of Nevada, Division of Minerals.

(If applicant is a corporation, show state and date of incorporation; if a partnership, list names of partners.)

This application is for a Domestic well Commercial well Industrial well

Other, specify: Observation well Thermal Gradient well Re-entry

Note: Re-entry includes workover, deepening, or plugging back operations.

Applicant is: Land Owner Lease Holder

Well Name: 17(48)-3

Lease Name/No: Crescent Valley Private Lease Split Estate? Yes No

Land Type: Federal (BLM, USFS, etc.) Private State

Location of Well:

Domestic: Street: _____
City: _____ County: _____

Commercial and Industrial:

SW _____ ¼ of, SW _____ ¼ in Section 3,
Township 28N, Range 49E,

UTM Northing 4463371 N; UTM Easting 547448 E (NAD83 Datum)

County Eureka

(If applicable, give street address below.)

Street: No address. 0.7 miles south of Danna Road

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Operator's Name: Ormat Nevada Inc.
Address: 6140 Plumas St.
City, St Zip: Reno, NV 89519

Drilling Contractor's Name: Ormat Nevada Inc.
Address: 6140 Plumas St.
City, St Zip: Reno, NV 89519

Rotary Rig Description: full size geothermal rotary drilling rig

Hole Size: 17.5-inch Casing Size: 13.375-inch Weight/Gauge: 68-lb, K-55

Estimated Well Head Temperature: 300 F

Size of BOP: 2000 psi 3000 psi 5000 psi

Planned Use of Geothermal Resource:

production well for geothermal power plant

Planned Disposal of Spent Geothermal Fluid:

reserve pit or reinjected into geothermal resource

Type and Amount of Bond: NDOM Bond \$100,000
(Exempt for Domestic Class)

Bond Issued by: Federal Insurance Company Serial No. K40363622

The Source of the Proposed Geothermal Resource is:

fractures in basement rock units

(List name of hot spring, geologic formation(s) or other source.)

Total Depth to be Drilled: 6,800

Drilling will Commence On or Before: 12/1/2020

Signature of Applicant/Agent: Mark Hanneman

Date: October 29, 2020

Please attach a detailed drilling program including the following information:

1. Well design schematic; casing and mud programs; potential water supply; drilling rig to be used and pad layout; blow out prevention equipment diagram and testing program; directional drilling information if applicable; map of location and access roads. Additional information may be required upon review.
2. The required fee per NAC 534A 210 or 534A.212.

CONDITIONS OF PERMIT

1. All permittees must comply with appropriate sections of the Geothermal Rules and Regulations of the Division of Minerals and with applicable rules and regulations of other local, state, and federal agencies.
2. During the drilling of domestic geothermal wells, all water strata above the geothermal horizon being used must be sealed or separated in order to prevent their contents from passing into other strata.
3. All fresh water and water of value or possible value for other beneficial uses must be confined to their respective strata and be adequately protected by methods approved by the Division. Precautions must be taken in drilling and abandoning wells to guard against any loss of fresh water from the strata in which it occurs, and the contamination of any fresh water by objectionable water.
4. The operator of any well must shut off and exclude all water from any geothermal resource-bearing stratum to the satisfaction of the Division.
5. See attached Conditions of Approval.
6. Please send daily drilling reports to : Lowell Price.....lprice@minerals.nv.gov
and
Valerie Kneefel.....ykneefel@minerals.nv.gov

7. Additional Conditions/Comments

A.	
B.	
C.	

This permit does not extend the permittee the right of ingress and egress on public, private or corporate lands.

The issuance of this permit does not waive the requirements that the permit holder obtain other permits from State, Federal, and local agencies.

PERMIT APPROVAL

Approved 11/13/2020 with the conditions noted above.
Date

Permit Number 1500

Project Area Permit #1489



Administrator
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**GEOHERMAL
 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
 CRESCENT VALLEY 17(48)-3 PRODUCTION WELL,
 DRILLING PERMIT 1500**

Submit forms and correspondence to: Nevada Division of Minerals
 400 West King Street
 Suite 106
 Carson City, NV 89703

Communications with the Division shall be directed to:

Lowell Price, Oil, Gas and Geothermal Program Manager
 Office 775-684-7045 Email lprice@minerals.nv.gov
 Cell 775-721-1774
 Fax 775-684-7052

Courtney Brailo, Oil, Gas and Geothermal Program Manager
 Office 775-684-7046 Email cbrailo@minerals.nv.gov
 Cell 775-721-2726
 Fax 775-684-7052

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 Office 775-684-7045 Email mvisher@minerals.nv.gov
 Cell 775-721-0282
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Voicemail is available on all cell phones and office phones. Please leave a message if you are unable to speak to someone and we will return your call as quickly as possible.

By provision of the current Memorandum of Understanding between NDOM and BLM, you may contact the following individuals for information or approvals if necessary. Approvals under the MOU apply to Fee and Federal lease locations.

John Menghini, Fluid Minerals Team, Petroleum Engineer, BLM Reno
 Office 775-861-6573 Email John_Menghini@blm.gov
 Cell 775- 223-1359
 Fax 775-861-6711

Jose Rios, Fluid Minerals Team, Petroleum Engineer Technician, Reno
 Office 775-861-6641 Email jrios@blm.gov
 Cell 775-335-5934
 Fax 775-861-6711

YOUR APPLICATION TO DRILL THE CRESCENT VALLEY 17(48)-3 PRODUCTION,
PERMIT 1500, WELL IS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING PERMIT
CONDITIONS

1. These conditions and the minimum Blow Out Prevention Equipment (BOPE) requirements shall be posted at the well site and read by all company personnel associated with the subject well.
2. The operator shall give notification at least 48 hours prior to spudding, drill stem testing, or production or injection testing operations. 24 Hours notification is required prior to the testing of casing or BOPE. These notifications may be by telephone or email. Please refer to the contacts list on page one of this notice.
3. If the cementing mix for the lead cement in this program includes a 10 lb/sk of Spherelite, a spherical additive for reducing density of cement mix, and a high resolution CBL may be required if the cement does not reach surface, or if the cementing of the casing appears inadequate. This additive has been found to interfere with normal cement bond logging (CBL). The product manufacturer has stated that good logging may be achieved with a high resolution CBL. This log can be more expensive and difficult to schedule. The operator is here notified that if this mix is used and a CBL is required by the regulatory agencies, a high resolution logging may also be required if the CBL is found to be inadequate in the evaluation of the cement behind casing, unless an alternative satisfactory method of confirming cement bonding is approved by the regulatory agencies.
4. Well Cellars - For corrosion prevention, the cellar must be engineered, constructed, and/or maintained, to preclude standing water from long-term contact with the casing or wellbore assembly.
5. Change in Plans - NAC 534A.540 (3) (g) specifies the operator will submit a sundry for permission for change of drilling plans. Verbal permission may be granted. Subsequent sundry form submission is required. Please refer to attached Sundry Notice Requirements.
6. Surface Casing - NAC 534A.260 (3) requires that surface casing be sufficient to protect fresh water aquifers and not less than 10% of the proposed total depth or well or minimum 50 feet. The cementing of casing strings shall be done using the standard procedure of inside casing displacement or tab-in methods, unless other methods are approved prior to the cementing procedure.
7. Cementing - NAC 534A.260 (3, 4, 5) requires surface and intermediate casing to be cemented to surface. If one hundred percent (100%) returns are not obtained during the cementing operation, or if the cement falls back in the annulus, a top cement job shall be required, unless another cement program has been approved.
8. BOPE - After surface casing is set, all wells shall be equipped with at least the minimum required Blowout Prevention Equipment (BOPE), unless otherwise approved. NAC 534A.260 (5) requires BOPE to be tested to at least 500 psig for 30 minutes with <10%

pressure loss or as approved by the Division. BOPE should be in accordance with good established oil field practice with adequate kill lines and good working order.

9. Formation Integrity Test (FIT) at all casing shoes – A successful FIT, or casing shoe pressure test, must be performed before drilling deeper. The operator is to drill out no further than five feet out of the casing shoe, and then pressure up to approximately 10% below the known or estimated fracture gradient for a minimum of 30 minutes. In order to pass an FIT there can be no more than a 10% pressure loss over the course of the minimum 30 minute test. In the event of a failed FIT, a cement squeeze job must be performed below the casing shoe. A successful FIT must be performed before drilling deeper. The following formula is to be used for the applied surface pressure calculation:

Calculate the downhole pressure for a specified or targeted pressure gradient
Specified Pressure Gradient {(psi/ft) x vertical depth (ft)} = Pressure G (psi)

Calculate the downhole pressure due to the current mud in the hole
Mud Density {ppg} x vertical depth (ft) x 0.052 = Pressure M (psi)

Calculate the surface required to test formation or shoe to a specified gradient
Pressure G - Pressure M = Required Surface Pressure (psi)

Example of Formation Integrity Test at 20" Surface Casing Shoe:

Casing Shoe at 271 ft (TVD)

Mud Weight- 9.0 ppg

Specified Pressure Gradient to test casing the 20" shoe - 0.6 psi/ft

Pressure G = 0.6 psi/ft x 271 ft = 162.6 psi

Pressure M = 9.0 ppg x 271 ft x 0.052 = 126.8 psi

Required Surface Pressure = Pressure G - Pressure M = 162.6 - 126.8 = 35.8 psi

10. Production liner – If a production liner is utilized the liner hanger must be located at least 100 feet above the intermediate casing shoe.
11. Directional Drilling - NAC 534A.360 requires directional surveys (inclination and azimuth) to be run on any well permitted directionally drilled well. Division conditions of approval further require directional survey (inclination and azimuth) where the inclination exceeds 5 degrees or the projected bottom hole location would be 100 feet or less from the lease boundary, unless otherwise approved by the Division of Minerals. Direction surveys must be performed at least every 250 feet in the directionally drilled portion of the wellbore.
12. Hydrogen Sulfide – If hydrogen sulfide is encountered well must be shut-in until measured amounts are determined. Values of hydrogen sulfide encountered must be reported to the Division of Minerals.
13. Air/Aerated Drilling Operations – For air/aerated drilling operations, the following equipment shall be utilized: banjo box (or equivalent), and a staked down blooie line directed to the reserve pit with a minimum distance of 100 feet.

- 14. Cuttings – NAC 534A.310 requires samples of cutting shall be collected and submitted to Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology (NBMG). Division conditions of approval further require a minimum of 30-intervals from surface to the surface casing point and require 10-foot intervals from the surface casing shoe to total depth.**
- a. TWO separate sets of cuttings are to be sent prepaid to the Great Basin Science Sample and Records Library, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, 2175 Raggio Parkway, Reno, Nevada 89512. For more information phone 775-682-8766 or e-mail [nbmg@unr.edu](mailto:nbmng@unr.edu).**
 - b. EACH SET is to consist of at least 15 milliliters of cuttings per sampling interval that must be cleaned, dried, and placed into 3"x5" sample envelopes. The envelopes are to be placed in order by interval into common drill cutting boxes with approximate dimensions of 3"x5"x20". The envelopes are to be identified by the Division permit number, well name/number as noted on the Geothermal Resource Development Permit Application (Kettleman number alone with suffice if given), and interval.**
 - c. The sets are to be PROPERLY IDENTIFIED as follows: Each box is to have legibly written on one end the name of the operator and well as noted on the Geothermal Resource Development Permit Application, Division permit number, total interval (missing intervals noted), and set number.**
 - d. NOTE: the cuttings are not to be sent to the Division of Minerals. The cuttings are due within 15 days of completion of the well. The operator will be responsible for the cost of any further handling of your samples by the NBMG required to meet the standards set out in this permit condition.**
- 15. Drilling Reports - A minimum of one drilling report shall be submitted to the Division of Minerals each week during drilling operations, notifying the Division of the drilling process. The Division of Minerals requests daily drilling reports. These reports may be submitted via mail, fax or email.**
- 16. Well Completion Report - NAC 534.550 (1) (a) requires a well completion form to be filed with the Division of Minerals within 30 days of the cessation of drilling (rig release date).**
- 17. Logging - NAC 534A.350 requires two copies of all well logs run, including lithological and electrical, neutron-gamma or similar, to be filed with the Division. Computed results in LAS format must also be submitted to the Division for each electric log run. Electronic files are to be provided on CD Rom. These logs are to be submitted within 60 days of the completion of the well.**
- 18. Survey Plat - NAC534A.205 requires a certified plat of the location by a professional land surveyor of the well must be filed with the Division of Minerals within 60 days of completion of the construction of the well.**

19. Emergency Notification - In the event of a serious accident, blow out, spill or fire, immediately notify the Division of Minerals (see page one for contact information).
20. Spills - Spills or accidental discharge of hydrocarbons in excess of 25 gallons must be reported to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection at 1-888-331-6337.
21. Plugging - NAC 534A.540 require all plugging and abandonment programs to be approved prior to commencing plugging and abandonment work. Verbal approval may be given. Subsequent submission of forms is required with 30 days of completion of plugging operations.
22. *The enclosed Abandoned Mine brochure shall be posted at the well site alongside the Conditions of Approval and Minimum Blow Out Prevention Equipment Requirements and read by all company personnel associated with the subject well. The operator shall inform all drilling personnel and contractors associated with the drilling of the well of potential dangers, including bodily injury, associated with the exploration of abandoned mine workings, as well as the disturbance of possible bat habitats.*

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SUNDRY NOTICES
OIL, GAS AND GEOTHERMAL

Verbal approval for the following work may be given by the Division:

1. Any emergency work necessary to prevent or control blow outs or other situations with significant potential to result in injury to the crew or damage to the environment or resource.
2. Any kick-offs necessary to by pass bad hole or fish left in hole.
3. Changes in casing points due to bad hole.
4. Deepening, attempting to encounter resource.
5. Necessary well work to keep geothermal power plants operating.
6. Drilling equipment failure.
7. Squeeze or plug backs to prevent any injected geothermal or oil field waters from contaminating other water zones.

The operator is required to file a written sundry notice with the division subsequent to verbal approval.

Verbal approvals will not be given for any work that can be planned in advance, such as acidizing, changes in casing points or completion, etc., re-entry of a well, remedial work, production or injection testing.