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Project Application for Proposed Oil Production Project Posted on City Website *City Promises Thorough and Transparent Environmental Review*

HERMOSA BEACH, CA – To ensure the public can easily access information about the proposed oil production project, the City of Hermosa Beach posted on its website today the Project Application filed by E&B Natural Resources Management Corporation (E&B).

The California-based energy company is proposing an oil production project at the city's maintenance yard at 6th Street and Valley Drive. The city will serve as the lead agency for the environmental review of the proposed project.

The Project Application offers a detailed description of the company's plans, lists the entitlements E&B is requesting for its proposed project and provides other important information. The city will review the Project Application and request any additional information that is needed to begin the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

At the end of this lengthy process, Hermosa Beach voters will decide if the city-wide ban on oil drilling should be modified to permit E&B's proposed project to move forward. That election will be no earlier than the spring of 2014.

"This marks the beginning of a long process that will provide the public with ample opportunities to ask questions and comment on the proposal, as well as learn more about the potential impacts and benefits of the project," said Mayor Jeff Duclos. "The City Council and the City of Hermosa Beach are committed to a thorough and transparent environmental review process that will fully disclose and address environmental effects that might result from the proposed oil production project."

The environmental review process will help provide voters with information they will need to make an informed decision about the proposed oil production project and the city-wide ban on oil drilling.

"As the lead agency for the environmental review, the city's obligation is to be a provider of facts and information for the ongoing public discussion about the proposed oil production project," said Mayor Duclos. "The city's website will be our tool for ensuring the public has all the available city-related information about the environmental review of the proposed oil production project."

To learn more about the EIR process and the opportunities for public input, please see the "EIR

Overview” document by visiting the city’s website, www.hermosabch.org, and clicking on the link, “Proposed Oil Production Project.”

About Hermosa Beach

Founded in 1907, Hermosa Beach is known as “The Best Little Beach City.” Named “Southern California’s Greenest City” for its work to protect the environment, it is a thriving community of some 20,000 residents located on the southern end of Santa Monica Bay in Los Angeles County, and its beaches have been ranked among the best in the world. To learn more, please visit www.hermosabch.org.

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