

**CITATION**

**SAFETY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE  
CAMARILLO DISTRICT  
PACIFIC OCS REGION**

**HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.  
PLATFORM HERITAGE  
DRILLING CONTRACTOR  
for EXXON COMPANY, U.S.A.**

**This award is presented to Helmerich and Payne, Inc. (H&P) in recognition of its accident-free record and for the professional manner in which it conducted drilling operations on Platform Heritage for the period January 1 through December 31, 1999.**

**During the rating period, Minerals Management Service (MMS) personnel conducted 9 drilling inspections with no incidents of noncompliance detected. H&P, in conjunction with Exxon Company, U.S.A., successfully utilized state-of-the-art extended reach drilling and completion technology to access oil and gas reserves in the Sacate Field more than three and a half miles away. The well, SA-01, holds the distinction of being the well with the greatest measured depth and longest horizontal distance from surface location to total depth in the Pacific OCS Region. Additionally, H&P consistently maintained an outstanding safety record while conducting similar drilling operations throughout the Santa Ynez Unit.**

**The Secretary of the Interior and the Director of Minerals Management Service join me in commending H&P for its part in the development of offshore mineral resources while maintaining a constant awareness for the safety of personnel, protection of the environment, and adherence to operating regulations.**

**J. Lisle Reed  
Regional Director  
Pacific OCS Region**

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