

**CITATION**

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

**HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.  
EXXON PLATFORM HERITAGE  
DRILLING CONTRACTOR**

**This award is presented to Helmerich & 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, 2000.**

**During the rating period, Minerals Management Service (MMS) personnel conducted 19 drilling inspections with no incidents of noncompliance issued to Exxon as a result of an H&P violation. Results of these inspections showed that H&P, in conjunction with Exxon Company U.S.A., successfully utilized state-of-the-art extended reach drilling and completion technology on two wells to access oil and gas reserves in the Sacate Field more than four miles away. The first well, SA-02, surpassed the SA-01 well and now 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. The second well, SA-03, employed a combination of modern extended reach technologies with traditional directional drilling methods to obtain dual completions in the Monterey and Sandstone horizons. The coordinated effort between Exxon and H&P personnel to maintain a high level of worker safety training, environmental protection, housekeeping and preventative maintenance practices produced an accident-free record while conducting similar drilling operations throughout the Santa Ynez Unit. Cooperation with MMS personnel was excellent.**

**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**