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OUR FILE NO.  
YOUR FILE NO.

March 24, 1970.

Cosmo Dugal Patrick Thomas Haskard, K.C.M.G.  
M.B.E.  
The Governor and Commander in Chief in and  
over the Falkland Islands,  
Government House,  
Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir:

*New file P.305/1/P*

Re: Application for Oil Exploration  
License, Offshore Area

On behalf of Sunningdale Oils Limited (hereinafter called "Sunningdale"), and pursuant to the Mining (Mineral Oil) Regulations 1964, we herewith make application for an Oil Exploration License covering approximately 12,000 square miles as outlined on the map enclosed in duplicate. In support of this application, we have also enclosed a typed copy of the First Schedule to the Regulations and cheque in the amount of £ 25 to cover the specified application fee.

*Attached*

The block for which application is being made is sometimes referred to as "The Burdwood Banks", a submarine feature having water depths of less than 100 fathoms over a large area. We have assumed that you will have jurisdiction over some portion of this Bank even though it is located approximately 200 miles to the south of the Falkland Islands, since there appears to be a reasonable physical separation from the South American Continental Shelf.

In this connection it will be greatly appreciated if you could inform us as to the current status and extent of any jurisdictional dispute that may exist in respect of the sub sea areas adjacent to the Falkland Islands. It is the opinion of Sunningdale that there are other potential hydrocarbon bearing areas worthy of exploration which may be under your control.

Sunningdale's experience in offshore exploration is considerable as you will see from the attached schedule and we believe they are

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*Ch. Please place on file and my return on Stanley documents form of reply we should send!*  
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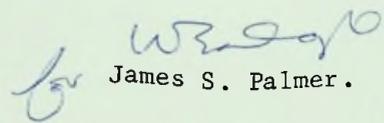
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well qualified to handle a project such as this. You will understand that Sunningdale functions as a direct participant as well as the coordinator of a small group of companies, the composition of which varies slightly from prospect to prospect in order to ensure that they will have the best possible combination of financial and technical competence to fit the particular circumstance.

Mr. Bartley of Sunningdale has spoken to Mr. Sugg of the Foreign Office in London and we understand that the Mining Regulations may be under revision at this moment. Any information on this point will also be most helpful to us.

Respectfully submitted.

Yours very truly,

  
James S. Palmer.

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Encls.



(6) Situation and approximate size of the area for which application is made .. Portion of marine area sometimes referred to as The Burdwood Banks, comprising approximately 7,680,000 acres and located 200 miles more or less south of The Falkland Islands.

(7) Brief particulars of previous experience in oil prospecting or oilfield development work..... (See attached)

(8) Names and qualifications of technical experts or advisers..... Geology - M. Suska, M.Sc., P. Eng. Geophysics - S.A. McColl, Bach. Applied Science, President International Geophysical Consultants Ltd.

(9) State amount of capital for operations under the Licence or Lease applied for

(a) At present available..... £ 500,000

(b) Which applicant can make available and the source..... Unlimited (through partner association)

(10) If the applicant is an alien, or a company incorporated outside Her Majesty's dominions state full particulars of the company to be incorporated by the applicant in the Colony or in some other part of Her Majesty's dominions for the purpose of receiving the grant of and exploiting any Licence or Lease which may be granted, including particulars similar to those specified in (3) (a) and (3) above and the amount of the capital proposed.

..... N/A .....

I/We hereby declare that all the foregoing particulars are correct.

Date... March 24, 1970..... Signature(s) of Applicant(s) [Signature]

(If the applicant is a Company state capacity in which form is signed.)

(7) The following represent some of the areas in which we, in association with others, are now actively exploring:

**Maldiv Islands:** We have recently obtained a concession in the Maldiv Islands to the east of your country and so far have completed preliminary magnometer and gravitometer studies. This will shortly be followed up by an extensive marine geophysical survey.

**Liberia:** In Liberia on the west coast of Africa we have completed a \$250,000 geophysical programme on a very substantial offshore holding. Additional work is being carried out at the present time through an arrangement with another company.

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FIRST SCHEDULE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

APPLICATION FOR AN OIL EXPLORATION LICENCE, AN OIL  
PROSPECTING LICENCE OR AN OIL MINING LEASE

- (1) Name(s) of Applicant(s) in full . **SUNNINGDALE OILS LIMITED**  
**1050 Guinness House, Calgary 2, Alberta.**
- (2) If application is by an individual or individuals
- (a) Address . . . . .
- (b) Nationality . . . . .
- (c) Occupation . . . . .
- (3) If application is by a company
- (a) Principal place of business . . **Canada** . . . . .
- (b) If principal place of business is outside the Colony name and  
address of duly authorised agent in the Colony  
**Attempting to locate suitable agent**  
. . . . .  
. . . . .  
. . . . .
- (c) Nature of business . **Exploration for and development of petroleum and  
natural gas reserves**  
. . . . .
- (d) Names of directors . . . . . Nationality
- |                                     |                           |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Angus A. Mackenzie</b> . . . . . | <b>Canadian</b> . . . . . |
| <b>James S. Palmer</b> . . . . .    | <b>Canadian</b> . . . . . |
- (e) Names of principal . . . . . Amount of  
shareholders . . . . . shareholding
- |                                     |                                    |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Angus A. Mackenzie</b> . . . . . | <b>100% (beneficial)</b> . . . . . |
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- (4) State whether an Oil Exploration  
Licence, an Oil Prospecting  
Licence or an Oil Mining Lease  
is required and whether the  
application is in respect of **Oil Exploration Licence in  
respect of Crown Lands**  
Crown, or alienated lands . . . . .
- (5) Period for which Licence or Lease is  
required . . . . . **Two Years (renewable)** . . . . .

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GOVERNOR AN COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

GOVERNMENTHOUSE PORTSTANLEY FALKLAND ISLANDS-

WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OUR MARCH 24TH APPLICATION  
FOR OIL EXPLORATION LICENSE STOP PLEASED TO MEET WITH YOUR OFFICIALS  
FOR DISCUSSION OF DESIREABLE YOUR CONVENIENCE  
SUNNINGDALE OILS LIMITED JAMES S PALMER

GRA212 LT 24TH

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I think what his report to me  
of his two applications which came  
in recent mail. We are to  
discuss them in relation to both - it  
should not be difficult.

2. Would you please mention both  
applications at next ETCO?

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15th May

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Dear Sir,

Application for Oil Exploration Licence  
Offshore Area

I have to acknowledge receipt on the 9th of May of your letter of the 24th March, 1970, and to say that Her Majesty's Government is currently carrying out an investigation of all the information relating to the oil-bearing potential of the sea areas around these islands. It is expected that this investigation of existing information will take approximately 12 months. During this period it is not proposed to consider oil exploration licence applications, nor to accept financial deposits made in respect of such applications. Accordingly the cheque No. 24439 enclosed with your letter is returned herewith.

2. As you have already been informed our Mining Regulations may need to be amended. It is not possible to say more than that on this point at present.

3. Her Majesty's Government is being informed of your application and of the action taken by this government in respect of it.

Yours faithfully,

(J.A. Jones)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr James S. Palmer,  
Burnet, Duckworth, Palmer, Tomblin, O'Donoghue, Beattie & Haigh,  
1050 Guinness House,  
Calgary 2,  
ALBERTA,  
Canada.

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See also P. 305. Copy of  
above sent to F.O. J



M.M. SUSKA - CALGARY.  
CONSULTANTS - EDMONTON

# OIL EXPLORATION LICENCE

## AREA OF APPLICATION by

### SUNNINGDALE OILS LIMITED

Lat 54° 40' S - 55° 45' S  
Long 58° - 60° W. 1944  
Lat 54° 40' S - 54° 0' S  
Long 57° - 58° W. 1944  
Lat 54° 40' S - 54° 20' S  
Long 56° - 67° W. 1944

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