From: Bob Scuffy

Sent: Monday, June 05, 2006 10:55 AM

To: Dave Hart

Cc: Matt Sjoberg; 'Renee Sass'; 'Renee Sass'

Subject: RE: Excelsior Energy draw

Done!

Bob Scuffy, Jr.
Accounting Officer, Sr.
Iron Range Resources
P.O. Box 441
Eveleth, MN 55734
218-744-7336/1-800-765-5043, EXT. 336
bob.scuffy@IronRangeResources.org

From: Dave Hart

Sent: Friday, June 02, 2006 4:19 PM

To: Bob Scuffy

Cc: Matt Sjoberg; 'Renee Sass'; 'Renee Sass'

Subject: Excelsior Energy draw

Please advance \$58,098.55 under our loan #219509 to Excelsior Energy.

April 25, 2002

Mike J. Larson
Energy Director
Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Agency
PO Box 441
Eveleth, MN 55734

Dear Mike;

In accordance with the agreement between Excelsior Energy, Inc. and the Office of the Commissioner of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, enclosed you will find invoices totaling \$250,000.00 for work completed to date on this project.

Excelsior Energy, Inc. hereby requests reimbursement from the IRRR Agency, according to our agreement in the amount of \$250,000.00.

I, Thomas Micheletti, president of Excelsior Energy Inc., affirm and attest that the invoices are valid and that the services described therein were duly rendered.

Sincerely.

Thomas Micheletti

President

Excelsior Energy, Inc.

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October 11, 2007

Dave Hart Iron Range Resources 4261 Highway 53 South P.O. Box 441 Eveleth, MN 55734-0441

Dear Mr. Hart:

In response to your letter dated October 5, 2007, enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$4,869.58, representing the full amount requested in your letter for reimbursement. Although we believe the items referenced in your October 5, 2007 letter are eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the Convertible Debenture Agreements, and even though Excelsior has submitted approximately \$2.7 million dollars of other permitted expenses that Iron Range Resources did not fund due to the credit limit under the Debenture Agreements, we are nonetheless honoring your request for reimbursement of the expenses referenced.

Very truly yours,

Tom Osteraas

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EXCELSIOR ENERGY INC.

11100 WAYZATA BLVD. SUITE 305 MINNETONKA, MN 55305

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Iron Range Resources 4261 Highway 53 South P.O. Box 441 Eveleth, MN 55734-0441

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October 5, 2007

Tom Osteraas Vice President / General Counsel Excelsior Energy, Inc. 11100 Wayzata Blvd. Suite 305 Minnetonka, MN 55305



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I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Dave Hart Loan Officer

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Iron Range Resources 4261 Highway 53 South P.O. Box 441 Eveleth, MN 55734-0441 (218) 744-7400



Please make checks payable to: ALTEC Energy Systems, Inc. Tax ID No. 41-1894420 A la bar labor

Billing for Work Completed: February 9, 2005 - February 28, 2005

Bili to:

Excelsior Energy, Inc. 11100 Wayzata Blvd. Suite 305 Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305

Invoice Date:

March 7, 2005

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Payment to:

ALTEC Energy Systems, Inc. 3989 Central Avenue NE Suite 530 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55421

Invoice payable upon thirty (30) days of receipt.



Minnesota Governmental Relations Council 1711 West County Road B, Suite 300N Roseville, MN 55113 651-636-4158

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBERSHIP YEAR THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003

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Please determine your Class of Membership and return this membership application with your check to:

Minnesota Governmental Relations Council

1711 W. County Road B, Suite 300N St. Paul, MN 55113 Phone: 651-636-4158 Fax: 651-635-0307

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sheryle Hazard at the MGRC office 651-636-4158.

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EXCELSION ENERGY INC.

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October 5, 2007

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Sincerely,

Dave Hart Loan Officer

encl. invoices



From: Dave Hart

Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2007 2:33 PM

To: Brian Hiti; Sandy Layman

Cc: Matt Sjoberg
Subject: Excelsior invoices

Packets of invoices are received from the company with a request for payment. Each request is certified by an officer of the company that the invoices are eligible for payment under our Agreement. Each of those invoices is reviewed for accuracy and to determine if the expense is eligible for reimbursement under the terms of our documents. Invoices that require more detail are not paid until adequate information is received. Invoices for expenses that are determined to be ineligible are excluded from payment.

Our Agreement with Excelsior includes the standard language regarding state audits:

"Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 16C.05, Subdivision 5 (1998), the books, records, documents, and accounting procedures, and practices of the Company relevant to this Agreement shall be subject to examination by the State and the State of Minnesota's Legislative Auditor as appropriate, for a minimum of six (6) years following the termination or earlier cancellation of this Agreement."

Excelsior has had annual audits every year since the project began.

"Lobby" per the American Heritage Dictionary:

To try to influence legislators, esp. in favor of a special interest. To try to influence legislators to pass legislation.

Section 1.1.34 of our existing agreement states, in part, ...Funds disbursed under this Agreement may not be used for lobbying but can be used in connection with any costs associated with the Project, including, but not limited to, Project development and engineering, regulatory and administrative activities in connection with power plant and transmission line siting and licensing, environmental impact statement filings and proceedings, power purchase agreements, public utility commission proceedings, federal activities, and all other regulatory or environmental approvals associated with the Project.

Possible talking point:

With the size of this project and the wide sphere of impact (energy, economic, environmental, technology, Federal, State...), this project has received much closer scrutiny from the public, media, government, competitors and others than smaller projects. This level of scrutiny, with, ultimately, little valid criticism, lends credence to the manner in which Excelsior is managing this project.

Dave dave.hart@state.mn.us (218)744-7400 ext. 311



Please make checks payable to: ALTEC Energy Systems, Inc. Tax ID No. 41-1994420 The Case lapar

Billing for Work Completed: February 9, 2005 - February 28, 2005

Bill to:

Excelsior Energy, Inc. 11100 Wayzata Blvd. Suite 305

Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305

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Testimony research



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBERSHIP YEAR THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003

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Association, Firm, Business, etc. EXCUSION ENERGY, TWO				_
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Please determine your Class of Membership and return this membership application with your check to:

Minnesota Governmental Relations Council

1711 W. County Road B, Suite 300N St. Paul, MN 55113 Phone: 651-636-4158 Fax: 651-635-0307

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Business supplies								35.00				
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Tom Osleraas

Period Start Date:

7/25/2005

Period End Date:

8/15/2005

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	Travel to Tower for Tom Bakk Event (385 @ 40.5 cents)	Mileage	\$155.93	Corporate	*	9.99.01 NON DOE/Unallowable Costs	*	830 Public Relations	·	5120 Transport
		The Lodge at Giants Ridge	\$108.41	Corporate	•	9.99.01 NON DOE/Unaflowable Costs	¥	830 Public Relations	V	S110 Lodging
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From: Dave Hart

Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2007 3:23 PM

To: Brian Hiti; Sandy Layman

Cc: Matt Sjoberg

Subject: Excelsior talking points

Reasons for IGCC:

President's "Clean Coal Initiative"
Environmental benefits
Carbon Sequestration
Wabash River, Indiana IGCC plant
Polk Power Station / Tampa Electric IGCC plant, Florida

Reasons for Excelsior Energy / Mesaba Energy Project:

LTV closure
Diversify area economy
Jobs, 1,000 construction & 100 permanent plus indirect support jobs
Continued increase in demand for electricity
Governor's support
Bi-partisan state legislative support
Senator Coleman's support
Conoco Phillips, Fluor, Siemens support
Strong leverage from other financial participants:
Renewable Energy Fund - \$10,000,000
Department of Energy - \$36,000,000
Federal loan guaranty - \$800,000,000
Federal tax credits - \$136,000,000

Dave dave.hart@state.mn.us (218)744-7400 ext. 311

From: Dave Hart

Sent: Monday, October 01, 2007 1:31 PM

To: Matt Sjoberg

Subject: Excelsior Energy invoices

Mike Larson and I reviewed each invoice the agency received in support of our disbursements under the \$1,500,0000 and \$8,000,000 agreements with Excelsior Energy.

Regarding the \$1,500,000 agreement:

The first disbursal of \$500,000 was supported with invoices totaling \$514,283.14. All other requests for disbursement of funds under the \$1,500,000 agreement were supported with invoices equal to, or in excess of, the amount requested. Of the \$1,514,283.14 invoices related to the \$1,500,000 agreement, there are seven invoices totaling \$869.58 that I have asked Tom Osteraas to clarify.

Regarding the \$8,000,000 agreement:

Invoices totaling \$10,749,024.96 support our disbursals under this agreement. I have identified two invoices totaling \$4,277.30 that I have asked Tom Osteraas to clarify.

Summary:

The first draw request gave us invoices of \$14,283.14 in excess of the funds disbursed.

Total invoices under question are \$5,146.88.

At no point in time was the agency over-advanced regarding eligible invoices.

We have invoices of \$12,263,308.10 supporting our \$9,500,000 investment.

I expect Tom Osteraas to send clarification on the invoices under question within a few days. I will forward his reply to you.

Dave dave.hart@state.mn.us (218)744-7400 ext. 311

From: Thomas Osteraas [TomOsteraas@excelsiorenergy.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2007 4:39 PM

To: Dave Hart

Subject: RE: Friday's Meeting

Hi Dave -

Please see my responses to your questions, as noted in black below, and please let me know if you have any further questions.

Best regards, Tom

Thomas L. Osteraas Senior Vice President and General Counsel Excelsior Energy Inc. 11100 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 305 Minnetonka, MN 55305 Tel: 952.847.2366

Fax: 952.847.2366

Email: TomOsteraas@ExcelsiorEnergy.com

www.excelsiorenergy.com

From: Dave Hart [mailto:Dave.Hart@ironrangeresources.org]

Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2007 1:24 PM

To: Thomas Osteraas

Subject: RE: Friday's Meeting

Yes. 9:00 AM.

In reviewing invoices this morning, I saw 2003 expenses for lunches with lobbyists. What was that in relation to?

It appears there were four different expenses submitted relating to lunch with lobbyists for the aggregate amount of \$142.55. Because Excelsior has incurred many more permitted expenses than IRR could fund, if IRR desires Excelsior would be amenable to either substituting other permitted expenses for those expenses or reimbursing IRR for that amount. In looking at the initial invoice submitted under the 2002 loan agreement, I note that Excelsior submitted approximately \$514,000 of expenses and at that time IRR could only fund \$500,000. Then when Excelsior submitted its next invoice, it did not carry forward the \$14,000 of permitted expenses from the first invoice. Therefore, Excelsior has provided documentation for at least \$14,000 of permitted expenses that were never reimbursed to Excelsior, in addition to the significant amount of permitted expenses submitted with our last invoice that could not be funded due to the credit limit under the 2004 loan agreement.

The March 2005 invoice (page 69) for Altec listed lobbyist registration for \$4,000. What was that related to?

Altec was a consultant that helped us with the initial draft of our PUC filing. The \$4,000 on the invoice you reference was for 40 hours of services at \$100 per hour in connection with the drafting of the PUC filing. The reference to "lobbyist registration" exists because at the time the person working at Altec thought they might be appearing in front of the PUC in connection with the siting and routing proceeding for the project, which requires lobbyist registration. The reference in the invoice is to the time the consultant spent preparing its lobbyist registration.

Vho is URS? What do they do?

URS is one of the larger environmental engineering consulting companies in the United States, and they assisted us in preparation of our initial permit applications with Minnesota regulators.

Who is CETERIS? What do they do?

Ceteris is Bill Ruzynski's consulting company that assisted in the early development of the project, primarily with modeling and other early-stage development activities. Bill later joined Excelsior as a full time employee.

What is the MN Govt. Relations Council?

The Minnesota Government Relations Council is the trade association for lobbyists and government relations experts.

What was Leonard, Street & Deinard tasked with?

The Leonard Street & Deinard law firm is the project's lead outside law firm responsible for all legal and regulatory activities in connection with the power purchase agreement proceeding and all of the necessary environmental, plant siting and other permit filings with state governmental agencies.

We may have some questions on other invoices to talk about tomorrow as well.

Thanks for the talking points. See you tomorrow.

Dave dave.hart@state.mn.us (218)744-7400 ext. 311

From: Thomas Osteraas [mailto:TomOsteraas@excelsiorenergy.com]

Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2007 11:49 AM

To: Dave Hart

Subject: Friday's Meeting

Hi Dave -

Just wanted to confirm that tomorrow's meeting is at 9 am at the IRR offices. Please let me know, and I look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Tom

Thomas L. Osteraas Senior Vice President and General Counsel Excelsior Energy Inc. `11100 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 305 Minnetonka, MN 55305 Tel: 952.847.2366

Fax: 952.847.2373

Email: TomOsteraas@ExcelsiorEnergy.com

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April 26, 2005

Renee Sass, CFO Excelsior Energy, Inc. 11100 Wayzata Blvd. Minnetonka, MN 55305

Dear Renee:

As of this date, \$6,751,807.91 remains available under the \$8,000,000 Convertible Debenture Agreement dated December 8, 2004. These funds are available for costs related to development of an IGCC power generation plant in the Taconite Assistance Area per the terms of our Agreement.

Sincerely,

Dave Hart Loan Officer

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Agency 4261 Highway 53 South P.O. Box 441 Eveleth, MN 55734-0441 [218] 744-7400



From:

Dave Hart

To: Date: Scuffy, Bob 1/13/05 2:29PM

Subject:

Excelsior #2

Please request funds disbursal of \$102,170.15 on this loan. This is the second disbursal on this loan. Payment instructions are the same as previous payments.

CC:

Sass, Renee

From:

"Renee Sass" <reneesass@comcast.net>

To:

"Dave Hart" < Dave. Hart@ironrangeresources.org>

Date:

12/23/04 3:48PM

Subject:

RE: Happy Holidays!

Thank you very much.

We met with the Department of Energy yesterday - and they explained that they would be doing their site visits for their Florida projects in January, and would plan to visit our site in the Spring! No guts!

Have a wonderful - but cold! - holiday!

Renee Sass Vice President, CFO Excelsior Energy Inc. 11100 Wayzata Blvd, Suite 305 Minnetonka, MN 55305 reneesass@excelsiorenergy.com 952 847 2363-office 651 373 0691-cell

-----Original Message-----

From: Dave Hart [mailto:Dave.Hart@ircnrangerescurces.org]

Sent: Thursday, Depember 23, 2004 3:31 PM

To: reneesass@comcast.net Subject: Re: Happy Holidays!

I received the request from Bill today for \$194,650.26. The request for funds has been made today. You should get the \$next week.

Merry Christmas

>>> "Renee Sass" <reneesass@comcast.net> 12/21/04 10:07PM >>>

Renee Sass

Vice President, CFO

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EXCELSIOR ENERGY INC.

William Ruzynski Vice President – Development 952.847.2377

December 22nd, 2004

Mr. Dave Hart Iron Range Resources

Dear Dave,

Excelsior Energy hereby requests a loan disbursement, from the funds remaining under the \$8 Million Convertible Debenture Agreement, in the form of \$194,650.26. Attached are the invoices and other information required to support this disbursement. I certify that these are eligible for reimbursement under the agreement.

Thank-you for your assistance with this request. We appreciate the support of Iron Range Resources.

Sincerely,

William P. Ruzynski

From:

Dave Hart

To:

Scuffy, Bob

Date.

12/23/04 2:59PM

Subject:

Excelsior #2

Please request disbursal of \$194,650.26 under our \$8MM agreement. This is the first draw under this document. Payment instructions are the same as previous disbursals.

Thanks,

Dave

CC:

Hanson, Brian; Sjoberg, Matt

EXCELSIOR ENERGY INC.

294 GROVE LANE EAST - SUITE 260 - WAYZATA, MN 55391 952.404.4100 - FAX: 952.404.4104

Tom.Micheletti Principal 952.250.2252 Tommicheletti@msn.com

DISCLOSURE RESTRICTED UNDER CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

May 6, 2004

Ms. Sandy Layman
Commissioner
Iron Range Resources
P.O. Box 441, Highway 53 South
Eveleth, MN 55734-0441

RE: Request for Disbursement of Remaining Funds Pursuant to Convertible Debenture Agreement Between the State of Minnesota and Excelsior Energy Inc.

Dear Commissioner Layman:

In accordance with the provisions of the above-referenced Agreement, Excelsior Energy Inc. hereby requests disbursement of the remaining \$1 million of loan funds. To meet its matching funding obligations under the Agreement, Excelsior has secured the following:

- I. Services Agreement. has signed a definitive agreement with Excelsior to provide a variety of services to Excelsior and the Project including services, and and services.
- II. <u>Legal and Regulatory Services Agreement</u>. Lockridge Grindal Nauen has entered into a definitive agreement with Excelsior to provide approximately \$2 million of legal services and to defer billings associated with such efforts. A letter from the Senior Managing Partner of LGN to the IRR will confirm its binding commitment to Excelsior.
- III. Consultant Services Agreement. Excelsion has executed definitive agreements with Ceteris Inc., Strategic Finance Resources Inc., Shemer Power Consulting Inc., Browers Consulting Inc., and Wadley Consulting. Together, these firms have

THE MESABA ENERGY PROJECT ENERGY, INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR MINNESOTA committed to provide the Project with engineering, finance, project management, transmission planning and other key consulting services. The agreements with these firms provide for payment deferrals in the amount of \$1.55 million.

The total of the deferrals noted above is in the amount of \$5.95 million, more than \$1 million in excess of the requirements of the Convertible Debenture Agreement provisions. We have previously shared information about these matters with you and your staff, and copies of all the above-referenced agreements are maintained in our offices and are available for review by your staff. The willingness of these firms to put substantial sums at risk reflect the significant milestones the Mesaba Project has achieved and the momentum building towards getting the project to the finish line.

We are grateful for the help we have received from Iron Range Resources and the Governor's office and appreciate the continued support of you, the Board and your staff. We look forward to the ground-breaking of the single largest project ever constructed on the Iron Range.

Sincerely,

Tom Micheletti

Cc: Mike Larson
Dave Hart

I. DEFERRALS UNDER EXISTING AGREEMENTS TO MEET THE \$4.9 MILLION REQUIREMENT OF THE CURRENT CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURE AGREEMENT

Party	Payment Deferred	Amount
	Monthly Advisory Fees	\$2.4
		Million
Attorneys for State PUC,	Legal Fees	\$2 Million
permitting and contracts work		
Team Members/Individual		
Consultants:		<u> </u>
Ceteris Inc	Engineering Consulting Fees	\$300,000
Sherner Power	Project Development,	\$200,000
Consulting Inc.	Transmission & Engineering	
·	Consulting Fees	
Strategic Finance Resources Inc.	Financial Modeling, Project	\$300,000
	Development & Financing	
	Fees	
Browers Consulting LLC	Engineering Fees	\$150,000
Wadley Consulting	Engineering, Management,	\$600,000
	and Project Development	
	Fees	
TOTAL		\$5,950,000

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II. ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL DEFERRALS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEW IRRRB \$8 MILLION CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURE AGREEMENT (AGREEMENTS/PROPOSALS IN PROGRESS)

	\$9,000,000
	\$16,000,000
	\$24,000,000 (3)
	\$1,000,000
Assistance with DOE Funding/CCPI Proposal	\$750,000
DOE/CCPI 50% Development Funding	\$750,000 \$15,000,000
Deferral of Site Acquisition Costs	\$1,000,000
New Site(s) Cost Savings/Synergies	\$5,000,000
Xcel Renewable Development Account Funding	\$10,000,000
DOE Project Development Funding	\$7,500,000
New Equity Development Funding (2004-05)	\$10,000,000

TOTAL POTENTIAL FUNDING/DEFERRALS

\$99,250,000

EXCELSIOR ENERGY, INC. MESABA ENERGY PROJECT UNIT I

Development Budget through PPA Process (12 Months)

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1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8.	Financial Advisor/Financing-related Expenses Outside Counsel	\$1.2 million \$2.0 million \$1.3 million \$0.5 million \$3.0 million \$0.0 million \$0.5 million \$1.0 million
	Sub-Total:	\$9.5 million
	Development Budget PPA through Financial Close (12 Mo	-
ì.	EPC Design	\$8.0 million
2.		\$2.0 million
3.	Internal Labor (Excelsior)	\$1.7 million
4.	Out-of-pocket Expenses (Excelsior)	\$0.5 million
	Permitting	\$2.0 million `
6.		\$3.0 million
	Banks' Counsel/Financing-related Expenses	\$3.0 million
8.	Technical Advisors (Environmental, Process, Owner's Engineer)	\$2.5 million
,	Sub-Total:	<u>\$22.7 million</u>
	Total Development Budget through Financial Close:	\$32.2 million
	Fees Due at Financial Close	
1. 2. 3.	IRRRB	\$14.0 million \$9.0 million \$1.5 million

Sub-Total:

\$24.5 million

Development Budget for New IRR Agreement (12 Months ending June 30, 2005)

1	EPC Design	\$2.0 million
2.	Li o Doug.	\$2.5 million
	Internal Labor (Excelsior)	\$0.75 million
4	Out-of-Pocket Expenses (Excelsior)	\$1.5 million
	Power Plant Permitting	\$2.5 million
	Transmission & MISO Studies	\$0.75 million
	Transmission Permitting	\$0.5 million
8.	Financial Advisor / Financing Related Expenses	\$0.0 million
9.	Financial Counsel	\$0.5 million
10.	Technical Advisors (Environmental, Owner's Engineer, ICF)	\$1.0 million
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Total:

\$12.0 million

Excelsior Energy Inc. Loan #219509 20%/360

Total Amount to be Funded: \$8,000,000.00

					Principal
Dates Paid Inte	erest To/From		# of Days	Interest	Balance
12/23/2004	1/13/2005	1st Draw	21	\$2,270.92	\$194,650.26
1/13/2005	2/11/2005	2nd Draw	29	\$4,782.11	\$296,820.41
2/11/2005	2/25/2005	3rd Draw	14	\$3,542.69	\$455,489.14
2/25/2005	3/11/2005	4th Draw	14	\$4,097.01	\$526,758.51
3/11/2005	4/12/2005	5th Draw	32	\$14,866.83	\$836,259.09
4/12/2005	5/12/2005	6th Draw	30	\$20,803.20	\$1,248,192.09
5/12/2005	6/14/2005	7th Draw	33	\$30,974.38	\$1,689,511.46
6/14/2005	6/22/2005	8th Draw	8	\$10,240.72	\$2,304,161.09
6/22/2005	7/14/2005	9th Draw	22	\$29,596.32	\$2,421,516.69
7/14/2005	8/16/2005	10th Draw	33	\$47,204.48	\$2,574,789.88
8/16/2005	9/13/2005	11th Draw	28	\$54,842.61	\$3,525,596.61
9/13/2005	2/9/2006	12th Draw	149	\$323,419.67	\$3,907,083.28
2/9/2006	6/5/2006	13th Draw	116	\$324,678.07	\$5,038,108.01
6/5/2006	6/14/2006	14th Draw	9	\$25,481.03	\$5,096,206.56
6/14/2006	3/1/2007	15th Draw	260	\$758,474.17	\$5,250,975.04
			Interest Due:	\$1,655,274.21	

Excelsior Energy Inc. Loan #200517 20%/360

Total Amount to be Funded: \$1,500,000.00

					Principal
Dates Paid Inter	rest To/From		# of Days	Interest	Balance
5/2/2002	11/26/2002	1st Draw	208	\$28,888.89	\$250,000.00
11/26/2002	4/8/2003	2nd Draw	133	\$28,447.22	\$385,000.00
4/8/2003	7/2/2004	3rd Draw	451	\$125,277.78	\$500,000.00
7/2/2004	8/27/2004	4th Draw	56	\$27,526.84	\$884,791.33
8/27/2004	11/17/2004	5th Draw	82	\$48,536.89	\$1,065,443.85
11/17/2004	12/9/2004	6th Draw	22	\$17,032.35	\$1,393,555.97
12/9/2004	3/1/2007	Final Draw	812	\$676,666.67	\$1,500,000.00
			Interest Due:	\$952,376.63	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

TOTAL INTEREST DUE \$2,607,650.85

2002 Fiscal Year B43		EXPENDITURES REPORT	Record Date 12/13/20 Page 1
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	Total	1,500,000.00	•

FILENAME: PAYREP

From:

Sandy Layman

To:

Brian Hanson; Dave Hart

Date:

11/17/04 9:52AM

Subject:

Re: Excelsior Energy

Dave,

Yes, please proceed with approved disbursements under our current agreement. It is understood by Iron Range Resources board members and staff that the project has been reduced in size to a 531 megawatt plant. It is anticipated that subsequent modules will be built, but funding covered under our \$1.5 debenture will be expended toward development of this first module.

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>>> Dave Hart 11/17/04 09:25AM >>> Commissioner,

The Excelsior Energy \$1.5MM Subordinated Debenture agreement specifies that the Project is a 2,000 megawatt facility. The company is now saying that the project is 531 megawatts, but could possibly be expanded in the future.

Knowing that their current intentions are to construct a 531 megawatt facility, not a 2,000 megawatt facility, I need your authorization to continue to disburse funds under our existing agreement.

Thanks, Dave

CC:

Brian Hiti; Representative Tom Rukavina