



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE
GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION
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MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE
METAIRIE DISTRICT
Gulf of Mexico OCS Reg. • Metairie, LA.

504-837-4720

OCS-G 7956

Offering Date
5/22/85

Map Area and Block Number
MISCAN - 755

DECISION

Rental
\$ 17,280

Balance of Bonus
\$ 966,400.00

Name

Exxon Corporation
Post Office Box 4279
Houston, Texas 77210-4279

LEASE FORMS TRANSMITTED FOR EXECUTION

Pursuant to Section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (67 Stat. 462; 43 U.S.C. 1337) as amended (92 Stat. 629), and the regulations pertaining thereto (30 CFR 256), your bid for the above block is accepted. Accordingly, in order to perfect your rights hereunder, the following action *must* be taken:

1. Execute and return the three copies of attached lease. (If lease is executed by an agent, evidence must be furnished of agent's authorization.)
2. Pay the balance of bonus and the first year's rental indicated above in accordance with the attached Instructions for Electronic Funds Transfer. Payment must be received by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York no later than noon, eastern standard time, on the 11th business day after receipt of this decision (30 CFR 256.47) That day is JUN 25 1985
3. Comply with bonding requirements according to 30 CFR 256, Subpart I.
4. Comply with the affirmative action compliance program requirements of 41 CFR section 60-1.40 within 120 days of the effective date of the lease.

Compliance with requirements 1, 2, and 3 above must be made not later than the 11th business day after receipt of this decision. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of the 1/5 bonus deposit and your rights to acquire the lease.

IMPORTANT: The lease form requires the attachment of the CORPORATE SEAL to all leases executed by corporations.

Original Signed: John L. Rankin

Regional Director

Date JUN 7 1985

Attachments

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Form MMS-2005
(August 1982)
(formerly Form 3300-1)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

OIL AND GAS LEASE OF SUBMERGED LANDS
UNDER THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LANDS ACT

*This form does not constitute an information collection as defined by 44 U.S.C. 3502
and therefore does not require approval by the Office of Management and Budget.*

Office	Serial number
Metairie, LA	OCS-G 7956
Cash bonus	Rental rate per acre, hectare or fraction thereof
\$1,208,000.00	\$3.00 per acre
Minimum royalty rate per acre, hectare or fraction thereof	Royalty rate
\$3.00 per acre	12 1/2 percent
Work commitment	Profit share rate

This lease is effective as of _____ (hereinafter called the "Effective Date") and shall continue for an initial period of eight years (hereinafter called the "Initial Period") by and between the United States of America (hereinafter called the "Lessor"), the Regional Director, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region Minerals Management Service, its authorized officer, and

Exxon Corporation

100%

(hereinafter called the "Lessee"). In consideration of any cash payment heretofore made by the Lessee to the Lessor and in consideration of the promises, terms, conditions, and covenants contained herein, including the Stipulation(s) numbered 1 and 5 attached hereto, the Lessee and Lessor agree as follows:

Sec. 1. Statutes and Regulations. This lease is issued pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of August 7, 1953, 67 Stat. 462; 43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq., as amended (92 Stat. 629), (hereinafter called the "Act"). The lease is issued subject to the Act; all regulations issued pursuant to the statute and in existence upon the Effective Date of this lease; all regulations issued pursuant to the statute in the future which provide for the prevention of waste and the conservation of the natural resources of the Outer Continental Shelf, and the protection of correlative rights therein; and all other applicable statutes and regulations.

Sec. 2. Rights of Lessee. The Lessor hereby grants and leases to the Lessee the exclusive right and privilege to drill for, develop, and produce oil and gas resources, except helium gas, in the submerged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf containing approximately 5760 acres or _____ hectares (hereinafter referred to as the "leased area"), described as follows:

All of Block 755, Mississippi Canyon, OCS Official Protraction Diagram, NH 16-10.

These rights include:

(a) the nonexclusive right to conduct within the leased area geological and geophysical explorations in accordance with applicable regulations;

(b) the nonexclusive right to drill water wells within the leased area, unless the water is part of geopressured-geothermal and associated resources, and to use the water produced therefrom for operations pursuant to the Act free of cost, on the condition that the drilling is conducted in accordance with procedures approved by the Director of the Minerals Management Service or the Director's delegate (hereinafter called the "Director"); and

(c) the right to construct or erect and to maintain within the leased area artificial islands, installations, and other devices permanently or temporarily attached to the seabed and other works and structures necessary to the full enjoyment of the lease, subject to compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Sec. 3. Term. This lease shall continue from the Effective Date of the lease for the Initial Period and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced from the leased area in paying quantities, or drilling or well reworking operations, as approved by the Lessor, are conducted thereon.

Sec. 4. Rentals. The Lessee shall pay the Lessor, on or before the first day of each lease year which commences prior to a discovery in paying quantities of oil or gas on the leased area, a rental as shown on the face hereof.

Sec. 5. Minimum Royalty. The Lessee shall pay the Lessor at the expiration of each lease year which commences after a discovery of oil and gas in paying quantities, a minimum royalty as shown on the face hereof or, if there is production, the difference between the actual royalty required to be paid with respect to such lease year and the prescribed minimum royalty, if the actual royalty paid is less than the minimum royalty.

Sec. 6. Royalty on Production. (a) The Lessee shall pay a fixed royalty as shown on the face hereof in amount or value of production saved, removed, or sold from the leased area. Gas of all kinds (except helium) is subject to royalty. The Lessor shall determine whether production royalty shall be paid in amount or value.

(b) The value of production for purposes of computing royalty on production from this lease shall never be less than the fair market value of the production. The value of production shall be the estimated reasonable value of the production as determined by the Lessor, due consideration being given to the highest price paid for a part or for a majority of production of like quality in the same field or area, to the price received by the Lessee, to posted prices, to regulated prices, and to other relevant matters. Except when the Lessor, in its discretion, determines not to consider special pricing relief from otherwise applicable Federal regulatory requirements, the value of production for the purposes of computing royalty shall not be deemed to be less than the gross proceeds accruing to the Lessee from the sale thereof. In the absence of good reason to the contrary, value computed on the basis of the highest price paid or offered at the time of production in a fair and

open market for the major portion of like-quality products produced and sold from the field or area where the leased area is situated, will be considered to be a reasonable value.

(c) When paid in value, royalties on production shall be due and payable monthly on the last day of the month next following the month in which the production is obtained, unless the Lessor designates a later time. When paid in amount, such royalties shall be delivered at pipeline connections or in tanks provided by the Lessee. Such deliveries shall be made at reasonable times and intervals and, at the Lessor's option, shall be effected either (i) on or immediately adjacent to the leased area, without cost to the Lessor, or (ii) at a more convenient point closer to shore or on shore, in which event the Lessee shall be entitled to reimbursement for the reasonable cost of transporting the royalty substance to such delivery point. The Lessee shall not be required to provide storage for royalty paid in amount in excess of tankage required when royalty is paid in value. When royalties are paid in amount, the Lessee shall not be held liable for the loss or destruction of royalty oil or other liquid products in storage from causes over which the Lessee has no control.

Sec. 7. Payments. The Lessee shall make all payments to the Lessor by check, bank draft, or money order unless otherwise provided by regulations or by direction of the Lessor. Rentals, royalties, and any other payments required by this lease shall be made payable to the Minerals Management Service and tendered to the Director.

Sec. 8. Bonds. The Lessee shall maintain at all times the bond(s) required by regulation prior to the issuance of the lease and shall furnish such additional security as may be required by the Lessor if, after operations have begun, the Lessor deems such additional security to be necessary.

Sec. 9. Plans. The Lessee shall conduct all operations on the leased area in accordance with approved exploration plans, and approved development and production plans as are required by regulations. The Lessee may depart from an approved plan only as provided by applicable regulations.

Sec. 10. Performance. The Lessee shall comply with all regulations and orders relating to exploration, development, and production. After due notice in writing, the Lessee shall drill such wells and produce at such rates as the Lessor may require in order that the leased area or any part thereof may be properly and timely developed and produced in accordance with sound operating principles.

Sec. 11. Directional Drilling. A directional well drilled under the leased area from a surface location on nearby land not covered by this lease shall be deemed to have the same effect for all purposes of the lease as a well drilled from a surface location on the leased area. In those circumstances, drilling shall be considered to have been commenced on the leased area when drilling is commenced on the nearby land for the purpose of directionally drilling under the leased area, and production of oil or gas from the leased area through any directional well surfaced on nearby land or drilling or reworking of any such directional well shall be considered production or drilling or reworking operations on the leased area for all purposes of the lease. Nothing contained in this Section shall be construed as granting to the Lessee any interest, license, easement, or other right in any nearby land.

Sec. 12. Safety Requirements. The Lessee shall (a) maintain all places of employment within the leased area in compliance with occupational safety and health standards and, in addition, free from recognized hazards to employees of the Lessee or of any contractor or subcontractor operating within the leased area;

(b) maintain all operations within the leased area in compliance with regulations intended to protect persons, property, and the environment on the Outer Continental Shelf; and

(c) allow prompt access, at the site of any operation subject to safety regulations, to any authorized Federal inspector and shall provide any documents and records which are pertinent to occupational or public health, safety, or environmental protection as may be requested.

Sec. 13. Suspension and Cancellation. (a) The Lessor may suspend or cancel this lease pursuant to Section 5 of the Act and compensation shall be paid when provided by the Act.

(b) The Lessor may, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Defense, during a state of war or national emergency declared by Congress or the President of the United States, suspend operations under the lease, as provided in Section 12(c) of the Act, and just compensation shall be paid to the Lessee for such suspension.

Sec. 14. Indemnification. The Lessee shall indemnify the Lessor for, and hold it harmless from, any claim, including claims for loss or damage to property or injury to persons caused by or resulting from any operation on the leased area conducted by or on behalf of the Lessee. However, the Lessee shall not be held responsible to the Lessor under this section for any loss, damage, or injury caused by or resulting from:

(a) negligence of the Lessor other than the commission or omission of a discretionary function or duty on the part of a Federal agency whether or not the discretion involved is abused; or

(b) the Lessee's compliance with an order or directive of the Lessor against which an administrative appeal by the Lessee is filed before the cause of action for the claim arises and is pursued diligently thereafter.

Sec. 15. Disposition of Production. (a) As provided in Section 27(a)(2) of the Act, the Lessor shall have the right to purchase not more than 16-2/3 percent by volume of the oil and gas produced pursuant to the lease at the regulated price, or if no regulated price applies, at the fair market value at the wellhead of the oil and gas saved, removed, or sold, except that any oil or gas obtained by the Lessor as royalty or net profit share shall be credited against the amount that may be purchased under this subsection.

(b) As provided in Section 27(d) of the Act, the Lessee shall take any Federal oil or gas for which no acceptable bids are received, as determined by the Lessor, and which is not transferred to a Federal agency pursuant to Section 27(e)(3) of the Act, and shall pay to the Lessor a cash amount equal to the regulated price, or if no regulated price applies, the fair market value of the oil or gas so obtained.

(c) As provided in Section 8(b)(7) of the Act, the Lessee shall offer 20 percent of the crude oil, condensate, and natural gas liquids produced on the lease, at the market value and point of delivery as provided by regulations applicable to Federal royalty oil, to small or independent refiners as defined in the Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act of 1973.

(d) In time of war, or when the President of the United States shall so prescribe, the Lessor shall have the right of first refusal to purchase at the market price all or any portion of the oil or gas produced from the leased area, as provided in Section 12(b) of the Act.

Sec. 16. Unitization, Pooling, and Drilling Agreements. Within such time as the Lessor may prescribe, the Lessee shall subscribe to and operate under a unit, pooling, or drilling agreement embracing all or part of the lands subject to this lease as the Lessor may determine to be appropriate or necessary. Where any provision of a unit, pooling, or drilling agreement, approved by the Lessor, is inconsistent with a provision of this lease, the provision of the agreement shall govern.

Sec. 17. Equal Opportunity Clause. During the performance of this lease, the Lessee shall fully comply with paragraphs (1) through (7) of Section 202 of Executive Order 11246, as amended (reprinted in 41 CFR 60-1.4(a)), and the implementing regulations, which are for the purpose of preventing employment discrimination against persons on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Paragraphs (1) through (7) of Section 202 of Executive Order 11246, as amended, are incorporated in this lease by reference.

Sec. 18. Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities. By entering into this lease, the Lessee certifies, as specified in 41 CFR 60-1.8, that it does not and will not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that it does not and will not permit its employees to perform their services at any location under its control where segregated facilities are maintained. As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means, but is not limited to, any waiting rooms, work areas, restrooms and washrooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. The Lessee further agrees that it will obtain identical certifications from proposed contractors and subcontractors prior to award of contracts or subcontracts unless they are exempt under 41 CFR 60-1.5.

Sec. 19. Reservations to Lessor. All rights in the leased area not expressly granted to the Lessee by the Act, the regulations, or this lease are hereby reserved to the Lessor. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, reserved rights include:

(a) the right to authorize geological and geophysical exploration in the leased area which does not unreasonably interfere with or endanger actual operations under the lease, and the right to grant such easements or rights-of-way upon, through, or in the leased area as may be necessary or appropriate to the working of other lands or to the treatment and shipment of products thereof by or under authority of the Lessor;

(b) the right to grant leases for any minerals other than oil and gas within the leased area, except that operations under such leases shall not unreasonably interfere with or endanger operations under this lease;

(c) the right, as provided in Section 12(d) of the Act, to restrict operations in the leased area or any part thereof which may be designated by the Secretary of Defense, with approval of the President, as being within an area needed for national defense, and so long as such designation remains in effect no operations may be conducted on the surface of the leased area or the part thereof included within the designation except with the concurrence of the Secretary of Defense. If operations or production under this lease within any designated area are suspended pursuant to this paragraph, any payments of rentals and royalty prescribed by this lease likewise shall be suspended during such period of suspension of operations and production, and the term of this lease shall be extended by adding thereto any such suspension period, and the Lessor shall be liable to the Lessee for such compensation as is required to be paid under the Constitution of the United States.

Sec. 20. Transfer of Lease. The Lessee shall file for approval with the appropriate field office of the Minerals Management Service any instrument of assignment or other transfer of this lease, or any interest therein, in accordance with applicable regulations.

(Continued on reverse)

Sec. 21. Surrender of Lease. The Lessee may surrender this entire lease or any officially designated subdivision of the leased area by filing with the appropriate field office of the Minerals Management Service a written relinquishment, in triplicate, which shall be effective as of the date of filing. No surrender of this lease or of any portion of the leased area shall relieve the Lessee or its surety of the obligation to pay all accrued rentals, royalties, and other financial obligations or to abandon all wells on the area to be surrendered in a manner satisfactory to the Director.

Sec. 22. Removal of Property on Termination of Lease. Within a period of one year after termination of this lease in whole or in part, the Lessee shall remove all devices, works, and structures from the premises no longer subject to the lease in accordance with applicable regulations and orders of the Director. However, the Lessee may, with the approval of the Director, continue to maintain devices, works, and structures on the leased area for drilling or producing on other leases.

Sec. 23. Remedies in Case of Default. (a) Whenever the Lessee fails to comply with any of the provisions of the Act, the regulations issued pursuant to the Act, or the terms of this lease, the lease shall be subject

to cancellation in accordance with the provisions of Section 5(c) and (d) of the Act and the Lessor may exercise any other remedies which the Lessor may have, including the penalty provisions of Section 24 of the Act. Furthermore, pursuant to Section 8(o) of the Act, the Lessor may cancel the lease if it is obtained by fraud or misrepresentation.

(b) Nonenforcement by the Lessor of a remedy for any particular violation of the provisions of the Act, the regulations issued pursuant to the Act, or the terms of this lease shall not prevent the cancellation of this lease or the exercise of any other remedies under paragraph (a) of this section for any other violation or for the same violation occurring at any other time.

Sec. 24. Unlawful Interest. No member of, or Delegate to, Congress, or Resident Commissioner, after election or appointment, or either before or after they have qualified, and during their continuance in office, and no officer, agent, or employee of the Department of the Interior, except as provided in 43 CFR Part 7, shall be admitted to any share or part in this lease or derive any benefit that may arise therefrom. The provisions of Section 3741 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, 41 U.S.C. 22, and the Act of June 25, 1948, 62 Stat. 702, as amended, 18 U.S.C. 431-433, relating to contracts made or entered into, or accepted by or on behalf of the United States, form a part of this lease insofar as they may be applicable.

(Lessee)

(Signature of Authorized Officer)

(Name of Signatory)

(Title)

(Date)

(Address of Lessee)

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Lessor

(Signature of Authorized Officer)

(Name of Signatory)

Regional Director
Gulf of Mexico OCS Region
Minerals Management Service

(Title)

(Date)

If this lease is executed by a corporation, it must bear the corporate seal.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Outer Continental Shelf, Central Gulf of Mexico
Oil and Gas Lease Sale (May 1985)

OCS-G 7956

STIPULATION NO. 1 - CULTURAL RESOURCES

(a) "Cultural resource" means any site, structure, or object of historic or prehistoric archaeological significance. "Operations" means any drilling, mining, or construction or placement of any structure for exploration, development, or production of the lease.

(b) If the Regional Director (RD) believes a cultural resource may exist in the lease area, the RD will notify the lessee in writing. The lessee shall then comply with subparagraphs (1) through (3).

(1) Prior to commencing any operations, the lessee shall prepare a report, as specified by the RD, to determine the potential existence of any cultural resource that may be affected by operations. The report, prepared by an archaeologist and geophysicist, shall be based on an assessment of data from remote-sensing surveys and other pertinent cultural and environmental information. The lessee shall submit this report to the RD for review.

(2) If the evidence suggests that a cultural resource may be present, the lessee shall either:

(i) Locate the site of any operation so as not to adversely affect the area where the cultural resource may be; or

(ii) Establish to the satisfaction of the RD that a cultural resource does not exist or will not be adversely affected by operations. This shall be done by further archaeological investigation conducted by an archaeologist and a geophysicist, using survey equipment and techniques deemed necessary by the RD. A report on the investigation shall be submitted to the RD for review.

(3) If the RD determines that a cultural resource is likely to be present on the lease and may be adversely affected by operations, the RD will notify the lessee immediately. The lessee shall take no action that may adversely affect the cultural resource until the RD has told the lessee how to protect it.

(c) If the lessee discovers any cultural resource while conducting operations on the lease area, the lessee shall report the discovery immediately to the RD. The lessee shall make every reasonable effort to preserve the cultural resource until the RD has told the lessee how to protect it.

STIPULATION NO. 5 - 8-YEAR LEASE TERMS

For each oil and gas lease in the 400-meter to 900-meter water depth range, the lessee must commence the drilling of an exploratory well within 5 years of the date the lease becomes effective. The exploratory well shall meet the depth and other criteria established in an approved exploration plan.

Lease File

EXXON COMPANY, U.S.A.

POST OFFICE BOX 4279 • HOUSTON, TEXAS 77210-4279

EXPLORATION DEPARTMENT
GULF/ATLANTIC DIVISION
ALASKA/PACIFIC DIVISION

W. R. WARNACK
PERMITTING

February 25, 1986

Exxon OCS-G 7956 No. 1
7,679 Foot Wildcat
Block 755
Mississippi Canyon Area
Offshore Louisiana
(Sedco 472)

EXXON PROPRIETARY

Mr. Jack Hendricks, District Supervisor
Minerals Management Service
P. O. Box 7966
Metairie, Louisiana 70010-7966

Dear Mr. Hendricks:

This letter is submitted for the captioned well to comply with revised OCS Order No. 4, Paragraph 1, which requires that an "Application for Determination of Well Producibility" be submitted to the District Supervisor within 60 days after the drilling rig has been moved from the well.

You have previously been furnished copies of well surveys on the captioned well. We do not consider this well producible and have no additional discussion or comment to make at this time in support of a determination under Order No. 4.

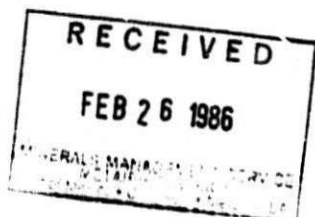
Sincerely,

Marelle B. May
Marelle B. May

MBM/slw

CONCUR: ORIGINAL SIGNED JOHN E. WOODRICK

DATE: Feb. 27, 1986



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

Hyphen 6.23-86

Date: June 23, 1986

To: Regional Supervisor, District Operations, GOM OCS Region (DO)
From: District Supervisor, Metairie District, GOM OCS Region (DO-5)
Subject: New Producing Lease, OCS-G 7956, Miss. Canyon Block 755
(Area)

Operator: Exxon Well Designation: 2/Gas

Date Qualified: 6-19-86 Qualification Type: Determination
(Completion, Test, or Determination)

Location of Producing Zone: 4149 feet from the North line (N or S)
52 feet from the East line (E or W)

Production Interval: 700' to 7750'
_____ to _____
_____ to _____

A. Test Results: _____ μ OPD, _____ gravity, GOR _____
_____ MCFPD, _____ /64-inch choke, FTP _____ psi
B. x No production test, qualified under Part 2.2 of OCS Order No. 4

Present Status:

This well is a new field discovery.

yes
(yes or no)

Recommended Field Name: Miss. Canyon Block 755 Field

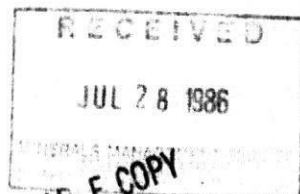
Primary Term: July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1993

Orig. Sgd. - Jack Hendricks
District Supervisor

cc: Minerals Management Service
Attention: Production Accounting Division
Post Office Box 17110, Denver, CO 80217

Lease OCS-G 7956 (DO-5)
Lease OCS-G 7956 (OPS-3-2)
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MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE
METALINE DISTRICT
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In Reply Refer To: FO

July 25, 1986

Exxon Company, U.S.A.
Attention: Mr. W. R. Warnack
Post Office Box 4279
Houston, Texas 77210

Gentlemen:

Our records indicate that Well No. 2 in Lease OCS-G 7956, Mississippi Canyon Block 755, was determined on June 19, 1986, to be qualified under OCS Order No. 4(2.2) as a well capable of producing gas in paying quantities. Accordingly, Lease OCS-G 7956 has been placed in a minimum-royalty status effective with the date of the determination.

Minimum royalty in lieu of rental - or if there is production, the difference between prescribed minimum royalty and any lesser amount of production royalty - will accrue for the lease year beginning July 1, 1986, and for each lease year thereafter. Such minimum royalty will become payable after the end of the lease year, when the exact amount due can be determined. The primary term of this lease extends through June 30, 1993.

If you have any questions, please contact the Lessee Contact Branch Representative, Minerals Management Service, Lakewood, Colorado, at (303) 231-3288.

Sincerely yours,

(D. J. Sgd.) D. J. Bourgeois

D. J. Bourgeois
Regional Supervisor
Field Operations

bcc: Minerals Management Service
Attention: Production Accounting Division
Post Office Box 17110
Denver, Colorado 80217
Lease OCS-G 7956 (OPS-3-2)
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