SUSAN KATHERINE SHAVIN, : NUMBER: 524,540

ROBIN PHILLIP SHAVIN,

WALTER EDWARD LIEBER,

CAROLYN L. CASS, RENEE LIEBER,

LEAH EVE L. HARRELL, EMILY

L. GILMAN AND GARY L. FOX

VERSUS : FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

GERALD H. HUDDLESTON, GLEN

CUMMER, ROBSON FARMS, L.L.C.,

CAMTERRA RESOURCES PARTNERS,

LTD., HUDDLESTON ENERGY

RESERVES, LLC, SNJ ENERGY, LLC,

ISRAEL INVESTMENTS, LLC AND

CSC ENERGY CORP. : CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA

**JUDGMENT AND REASONS ON DEFENDANTS’ MOTION TO COMPEL**

 Having thoroughly considered the Defendants’ Motion to Compel (filed August 2, 2011) by defendants, Gerald H. Huddleston, Robson Farms, L.C.C., Camterra Resources Partners, Ltd., Camterra Resources, Inc., Huddleston Energy Reserves, LLC, Huddleston Oil & Gas, LLC, SNJ Energy, LLC, Israel Investments, LLC and CSC Energy Corp., the opposition filed by plaintiffs Susan Katherine Shavin, Robin Phillip Shavin, Walter Edward Lieber, Carolyn L. Cass and Gary L. Fox (all represented by Eron J. Brainard) on October 7, 2011, the oral arguments of October 17, 2011, the post hearing memoranda filed by both sides, applicable law, and for reasons which follow, the Court concludes that the motion should be granted in part and denied in past. Accordingly:

 **IT IS ORDERED that the Defendants’ Motion To Compel is granted in part and denied in part.**

1. The issue of Otis White – The plaintiffs listed an individual named Otis White as a potential witness in response to interrogatories and designated him as an “oil and gas professional”. Plaintiff counsel thereafter dropped this individual from his witness list. In the October 7, 2011 response, Mr. Brainard states the “the expert ‘Otis White’ was listed in error and that no expert named Otis White will be called to testify in this matter.” Defense counsel is justifiably curious as the interrogatory response, at least implicitly, conveys that one Otis White has discoverable evidence in this important case. At the October 17 oral argument there was additional mystery – not clarification – about this alleged witness. The Court concludes that, as an officer of the Court, Mr. Brainard should admit or deny whether this individual exists and, if so, the contact information and substance of knowledge which this individual has about the case including, but not limited to, the requests of paragraphs 5 and 6 of the defendants’ August 2, 2011 compel motion.
2. The issue of bank records – Under the circumstances of this case, the defense is entitled to have access to the requested bank records for the applicable time period. To suggest that such records are not available is insufficient as any one plaintiff can gain access for his or her own bank any records; therefore, the bank records are to be provided. The Court will provide a protective order upon request.
3. “Other documents and information” – In paragraph 7 of the compel motion, defendants complain of “incomplete and inadequate” discovery and “very few documents”. In response, plaintiff counsel responds that the motion is “too vague and unspecific”. The Court agrees with plaintiff counsel but admonishes that all discoverable evidence addressed in Exhibits A and B (interrogatories and response) to the motion.

Signed this 2nd day of November, 2011 in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

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 SCOTT J. CRICHTON

 DISTRICT JUDGE

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