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SONAT EXPLORATION

March 11, 1998

Texaco Trading and Transportation Inc.
P. O. Box 5568 TA
Denver, CO 80217-5568
Attn: Legal Department

RE: Sonat Exploration Company
Request and Application for Blanket Surface
Commingle of Delaware production
Poker Lake Area
Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Sonat Exploration Company has filed an application at the State of New Mexico - Department of Energy, Mineral and Natural Resources Oil Conservation Division for approval to Blanket Surface Commingle Delaware production in our Poker Lake Area of Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico.

Attached is a copy of our Application which is scheduled to be heard March 19, 1998, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. As the purchaser of production on these leases, Sonat respectfully requests your waiver of any objection to our application.

If you have no objection to our request, please evidence approval by signing both copies of the waiver statement below and return one (1) letter to my attention at the letterhead address. Your earliest consideration would be appreciated in light of our March 19, 1998 hearing date.

Should you require additional information, or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 915-684-0417.

Very truly yours,
SONAT EXPLORATION COMPANY

Chad R. Shaw

Chad R. Shaw, CPL
Senior Landman

Texaco Trading and Transportation Inc. hereby waives its objection to Sonat's Blanket Surface Commingle request for the Poker Lake Area, Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico.

TEXACO TRADING AND TRANSPORTATION INC.

[Signature]

Name: _____

Title: *Area Manager*

Date: *4/8/98*