



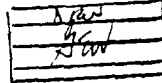
ARTICLE XVI.
MISCELLANEOUS

This agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and to their respective heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original for all purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement shall be effective as of 1st day of May 1996.

OPERATOR
APPROVED SANTA FE ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.



By: [Signature]
R. I. Arnold, Attorney-in-Fact

NON-OPERATORS

AMERADA HESS CORPORATION

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY

By: _____

By: [Signature]

B. Brick Robinson
Attorney-in-Fact

Robert E. Landreth

By: [Signature] 4/30/97
Robert E. Landreth

9/2/96
DHR

EXHIBIT

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Signature Page to Operating Agreement	
dated <u>May 1st, 1996</u>	
Gaucha Unit Well #1	Area/Field/1
County/Parish of <u>Lea</u>	
State of <u>New Mexico</u>	