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October 30, 2000

Certified Return Receipt
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In re: Section 23,
 T-20-S, R-35-E
 Lea County, New Mexico

BWB Partners I
 P.O. Box 51407
 Midland, Texas 79710-1407

Attn: Mr. William H. Bennett

Gentlemen:

It has come to our attention that you have acquired five (5) leases covering rights below 11,920' under the E/2 E/2 of captioned Section 23. As a successor in interest to M. Brad Bennett, Inc. and therefore a party to our Letter Agreements dated September 15, 1986 and December 8, 1986, you are bound by the Area of Mutual Interest obligations established under those Agreements covering, among other acreage the E/2 E/2 of Section 23. BTA Oil Producers hereby requests an assignment of an undivided 75% interest in the five leases, and in any other interests BWB Partners I might have acquired in the Area of Mutual Interest. BTA will of course pay our proportionate share of any brokerage and/or leasehold costs associated with the acquisition of these leases.

The assignment should be forwarded to BTA within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this letter.

Yours truly,

C. Robert Crawford
 Land/Legal Manager

cc: M. Brad Bennett, Inc.

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BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
 Case No. 12571 Exhibit No. 8
 Submitted By:
BWB Partners
 Hearing Date: January 11, 2001