

## AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into effective June 16, 2000 by Mississippi Potash, Inc. ("MPI"), whose address is P.O. Box 101, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221, Pogo Producing Company ("Pogo"), whose address is P.O. Box 10340, Midland, Texas 79702, and Yates Petroleum Corporation ("Yates"), whose address is 105 South Fourth Street, Artesia, New Mexico 88210.

### **WHEREAS:**

1. MPI is the lessee of State of New Mexico Potash Mining Lease M-4510, dated May 2, 1988, which covers, among other lands, the NE¼, N¼SE¼, and SE¼SE¼ of Section 34 and All of Section 35, and State of New Mexico Potash Mining Lease MP-29 covering the W½ of said Section 34, all in Township 21 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico;
2. Pogo is a lessee and the operator of State of New Mexico Oil and Gas Lease V-3604, covering All of Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico ("Section 35");
3. Yates is a lessee and the operator of State of New Mexico Oil and Gas Leases V-3850 and V-4100, collectively covering all of Section 34 (except the SW¼SE¼), Township 21 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico ("Section 34");
4. Sections 34 and 35 are within the oil-potash area of southeast New Mexico as defined in New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") Order No. R-111-P;
5. Pogo has filed with the OCD Applications for Permits to Drill ("APD") sixteen oil wells in Section 35, which MPI has objected to by letters dated in March 1998;
6. Pogo has applied to the OCD in Case No. 12406 for approval of four of the APD's described in paragraph 5 above, and that case is scheduled for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on June 19, 2000 at the OCD's offices in Santa Fe, New Mexico; and
7. MPI, Pogo, and Yates desire to settle their differences with respect to potash operations and oil development in Sections 34 and 35. MPI shall have the right to a corridor for mining, or drifts or tunnels, through Sections 34 and 35, and Pogo and Yates shall be allowed to drill oil wells in Sections 34 and 35.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED THAT:**

- A. MPI shall have a 1320 foot wide corridor through Sections 34 and 35, as platted on Exhibit A and described by legal subdivisions on Exhibit B;