



TOTAL Minatome Corporation

Jean-Pierre Donnet
President
Chief Executive Officer

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Meridian Oil
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RE: Scott #1R
Scott #5R
Atlantic Com "A" #7R
Brookhaven Com "B" #3R
San Juan County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that TOTAL Minatome Corporation elects to participate in the drilling of the above captioned wells under the terms of that certain Operating Agreement dated November 27, 1951 between Brookhaven Oil Company and San Juan Production Company.

Yours very truly,

TOTAL MINATOME CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donnet", written over the printed name.

J. P. Donnet

JPD:JRA/mc

NMOCD Case No. 11808
NMOCD Case No. 11809
Exhibit No. 5
Submitted by: Total Minatome Corp.
July 10, 1997