

HAYES LAND CORPORATION

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October 31, 2000

BWB Partners I
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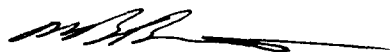
Re: Section 23, T-20-S, R-35-E,
Lea County, New Mexico

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 Section 23. As a successor in interest to M. Brad Bennett, Inc. and therefore a party to the 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. M. Brad Bennett and Hayes Land Corporation hereby requests an assignment of an undivided 18% interest in the five leases, and in any other interests BWB Partners I might have acquired in the Area of Mutual Interest. M. Brad Bennett and Hayes Land Corporation will of course pay their proportionate share of any brokerage and/or leasehold costs associated with the acquisition of these leases.

The assignments should be forwarded to M. Brad Bennett and Hayes Land Corporation within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,



M. Brad Bennett

cc: Correspondence

**BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**
Case No. 12571 Exhibit No. 9
Submitted By:
BWB Partners
Hearing Date: January 11, 2001