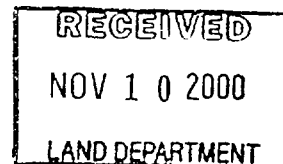


EXHIBIT 5



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Cross Timbers Operating Company
Attention: Tim Welch
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Gentlemen:

Your application for the second expansion of the Southeast Maljamar Grayburg-San Andres Unit No. NMNM71040X, Lea County, New Mexico, has been approved as of this date. Approval of the second expansion, effective as of the first day of the month after approval for the expansion is granted by the Commissioner of Public Lands, the BLM, and the NMOCD, increases the size of the unit from 1280.00 acres to 1320.00 acres.

You are requested to furnish the Commissioner of Public Lands, the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, and other interested principals with appropriate evidence of this approval.

Sincerely,

Larry D. Bray
Assistant Field Manager,
Lands and Minerals

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