SURFACE RELEASE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT: I the undersigned do hereby release, acquit and discharge Bison Petroleum Corporation, 5809 S. Western, Suite 200, Amarillo, Texas, of any responsibility for further surface cleaning, leveling or restoration of any kind whatsoever on the East Half (E/2) of Section 4, Township 9 South, Range 34 East N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

It being understood that: Bison Petroleum Corporation has plugged the Willis No. 1 & 2 wells under the direction of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division and set the abandoned marker in cement; that items of equipment, and cement blocks still in place are from operations other than Bison's; and that Bison will leave for ranch use the caliche at the tank battery site.

EXECUTED this 3rd day of February . 1991.

Witness

Scott B Varthel

Mr. Tom Charles Price

Surface Owner



5809 South Western, Suite 200 Amarillo, Texas 79110-3607 Phone: (806) 358-0181

Oil Conservation Division
P.O. Box 1980
Hobbs, NM 88240
Attn: Mr. Jerry Sexton
Supervisor, District I

RE: Plug and Abandonment

February 5, 1991

Gentlemen:

The following wells are ready for abandonment:

Bison Epperson No. 3 Sec. 13-11S-33E Lea County Bison Willis No. 1 & 2 Sec. 4-9S-34E Lea County

We have worked with the surface owners in cleaning up the location and have left the caliche on location as they requested. Various lines remain on rights-of-way not under our control. The surface owners have inspected the premises and have signed Surface Releases for our benefit (see attached).

If anything additional is necessary please let us know.

Yours very truly,

Bruce O. Barthel

President

BOB/1s

Enclosures