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- E. Surfacing material will consist of native caliche. Caliche will be obtained from the nearest approved caliche pit. Any additional materials that are required will be purchased from the dirt contractor.
- F. The proposed access road is shown in Exhibit #3. It is +/- 600' long and will be included in the Archaeological Survey.

3. Location of Existing Wells:

Exhibit #4 shows all existing wells within a one-mile radius of this well.

4. Location of Existing and/or Proposed Facilities:

A. If the well is productive:

- A production battery of adequate size to handle the anticipated production will be constructed on the existing location.
- B. If the well is productive, rehabilitation plans are as follows:
 - 1. The reserve pit will be back-filled after the contents of the pit are dry (within 120 days after the well is complete).
 - Topsoil removed from the drill site will be used to re-contour the pit area to the original natural level, as nearly as possible, and reseeded as per BLM specifications.

5. Location and Type of Water Supply:

The well will be drilled with a combination brine and fresh water mud systems as outlined in the drilling program. The brine water will be obtained from commercial water stations in the area and hauled to the location by transport truck over the existing and proposed access roads shown in Exhibit #3. No water well will be drilled on location. Mey Fed #8 SURFACE USE AND OPERATING PLAN PAGE 3

6. <u>Source of Construction Materials:</u>

All caliche required for construction of the drill pad and any new access road will be obtained from the drilling pits and/or on site when possible. Any additional caliche will be obtained from approved caliche pits. All roads and pads will be constructed of 6" of rolled and compacted caliche.

- 7. <u>Methods of Handling Water Disposal:</u>
 - A. Drill cuttings not retained for evaluation purposes will be disposed into the reserve pit.
 - B. Drilling fluids will be contained in plastic lined pits. The reserve pit will contain any excess drilling fluid or flow from the well during drilling, cementing and completion operations. The reserve pit will be an earthen pit, approximately 80' x 55' x 6' deep and fenced. The reserve pit will be plastic lined (5-7 mil thickness) to minimize loss of drilling fluids and saturation of the ground with brine water.
 - C. Water produced from the well during completion may be disposed into the reserve pit after the well is permanently placed on production.
 - D. Garbage and trash produced during drilling or completion operations will be collected in a trash trailer by a contractor. All water and fluids will be disposed of into the reserve pit. Salts and other chemicals produced during drilling or testing will be disposed into the reserve pit. No toxic waste or hazardous chemicals will be produced by this operation.
 - E. After the rig is moved out and the well is either completed or abandoned, all waste materials will be cleaned-up within 90 days. No adverse materials will be left on the location. The reserve pit will be completely fenced and kept closed until it has dried. When the reserve pit is dry enough to breakout and fill, and as weather permits, the unused portion of the well site will be leveled and reseeded as per BLM specifications. Only that part of the pad required for production facilities will be kept in use.



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8. <u>Ancillary Facilities:</u>

None

- 9. <u>Well Site Layout:</u>
 - A. The drill pad layout is shown in Exhibit #6. Dimensions of the pad and pits and location of major rig components are shown. Top soil, if available, will be stockpiled per BLM specifications as determined at the on-site inspection. Because the pad is almost level no major cuts will be required.
 - B. Exhibit #6 shows the planned orientation for the rig and associated drilling equipment, reserve pit, trash pit, pipe racks, turn-around, parking areas and access road. No permanent living facilities are planned but a temporary foreman/toolpusher's trailer will be on location during the drilling operations.
 - C. The reserve pit will be lined with high-quality plastic sheeting (5-7 mil thickness).
- 10. Plan for Restoration of the Surface:
 - A. Upon completion of the proposed operation, if the well is to be abandoned, the pit area, after allowing to dry, will be broken out and leveled. The original top soil will be returned to the entire location which will be leveled and contoured to as nearly the original topography as possible.

All trash and garbage will be hauled away in order to leave the location in an anesthetically pleasing condition. All pits will be filled and the location leveled within 120 days after abandonment.

- B. The disturbed area will be revegetated by reseeding during the proper growing season with a seed mixture of native grasses as recommended by the BLM.
- C. The reserve pit will be fenced prior to and during drilling operations. The fencing will remain in place until the pit area is cleaned-up and leveled. No oil will be left on the surface of the fluid in the pit.

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- D. Upon completion of the proposed operations, if the well is completed, the reserve pit area will be treated as outlined above within the same prescribed time. The caliche from any area of the original drill site not needed for production operations or facilities will be removed and used for construction of thicker pads. Any additional caliche required for facilities will be obtained from an approved caliche pit. Topsoil removed from the drill site will be used to re-contour the pit area and any unused portions of the drill pad to the original natural level and reseeded as per BLM specifications.
- 11. Surface Ownership:

C. D. Woolworth Trust P. O. Box 178 Jal, NM 88252

- 12. Other Information:
 - A. The area around the well site is grassland. The vegetation is native scrub grasses with abundant catclaw and mesquite.
 - B. There is no permanent or live water in the immediate area.
 - C. An Archaeological Survey has been requested and will be forwarded to your office in the near future.

13. Lessee's and Operator's Representative:

The SDX Resources, Inc. representative for assuring compliance with the surface use plan is as follows:

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Certification:

I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions which currently exist; that the statements made in this plan are to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by SDX Resources, Inc. and its contractors and subcontractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions which it is approved.

Date: 2/14/96

Signed: SDX RESOURCES, INC.

John D. Pool Vice President



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