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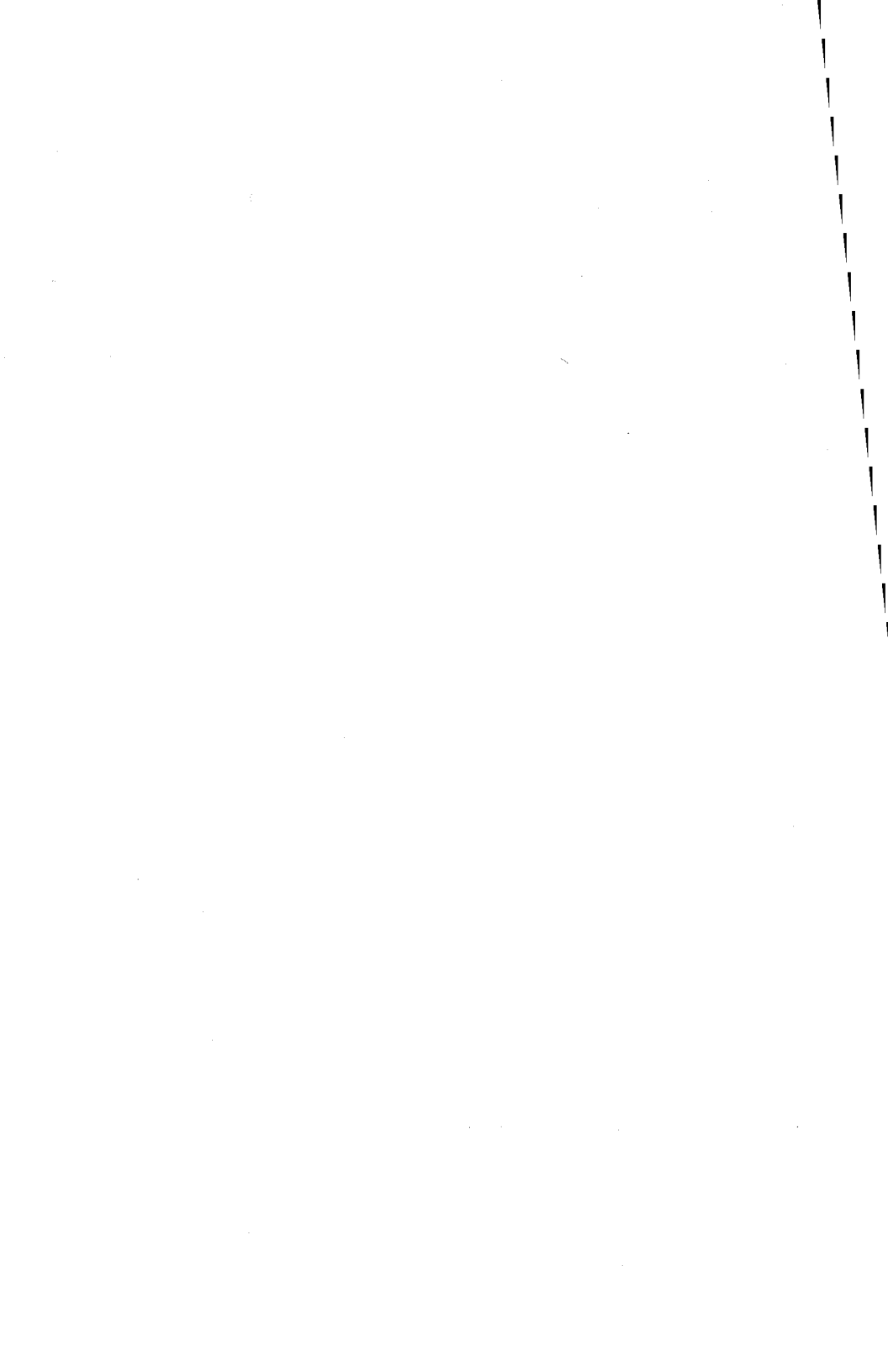
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## FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHSTAR UNIT LEASES BETWEEN THE STATE OF ALASKA AND BP EXPLORATION (ALASKA) INC.

The State of Alaska ("State") and BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. ("BPXA") are parties to the following leases in the Northstar Unit: ADL 312798, effective February 1, 1980; ADL 312799, effective February 1, 1980; ADL 312808, effective February 1, 1980; and ADL 312809, effective February 1, 1980 (collectively the "1980 Leases"); as well as ADL 355001, effective August 1, 1983 (the "1983 Lease"). The parties agree to amend the 1980 Leases and the 1983 Lease as set forth in this first amendment to the Northstar Unit leases.

### 1980 Leases

- 1) Paragraph 6(b) is replaced in its entirety as follows:

(b) Annual rental paid in advance is a credit on the royalty or supplemental royalty due under this lease for that year.

- 2) Paragraph 7 is replaced in its entirety as follows:

7. SUPPLEMENTAL ROYALTY. (a) In addition to the royalty paid and computed under paragraphs 8, 10, and 11 below, Lessee shall pay to the State a supplemental royalty ("supplemental royalty"). Lessee shall pay the supplemental royalty, if owed, upon the same production volume for which royalty is paid ("production volume"). The supplemental royalty payment for a given month equals the supplemental royalty value times the supplemental royalty percentage rate ("percentage rate") times the production volume for that month. The percentage rate shall be calculated monthly by reference to: (1) an ANS West Coast spot price ("spot price"); and (2) a supplemental royalty trigger price ("trigger price"). If the spot price is equal to or less than the trigger price, then the percentage rate equals zero. If the spot price is greater than the trigger price, then the percentage rate equals [the spot price per barrel minus the trigger price per barrel] times 1.5 per cent per dollar per barrel. The percentage rate may never exceed 7.5 per cent.

(b) The spot price is the price per barrel calculated in Article 3.3 of and Exhibit 4 to the ANS Royalty Litigation Settlement Agreement ("ANS Agreement"), dated December 31, 1991, between the State and BPXA, for the crude oil referred to as "ANS (USWC)" in the ANS Agreement. The trigger price is \$17.35 per barrel through April 30, 1997. On May 1, 1997, and each May 1 thereafter, the trigger price shall be adjusted by an inflation factor equal to fifty percent of the "inflation rate" defined as the Producer Price Index for Industrial Commodities ("PPI") for December of the previous year, as reported by April 30 of the current year, divided by the PPI for December of 1995, as reported by April 30, 1996. The supplemental royalty value for oil, gas, natural gas liquids and associated substances is defined in paragraphs 10 and 11 below. Exhibit B is a sample calculation to demonstrate the method of calculating supplemental royalty for oil.

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- 3) Paragraph 9 is replaced in its entirety as follows:

9. REDUCTION OF ROYALTY. Except as provided in paragraph 7 above, Lessee shall not be entitled to any reduction of royalty paid under paragraph 8 above or supplemental royalty paid under paragraph 7 above based on any current or future agreement, State statute, or State regulation.

- 4) Paragraph 10 is replaced in its entirety as follows:

10. ROYALTY IN VALUE. Unless the State elects to receive all or a portion of its royalty or supplemental royalty in kind as provided in paragraph 12 below, Lessee shall pay to the State the value of all royalty and supplemental royalty oil, gas and associated substances as determined under paragraph 11 below. Royalty and supplemental royalty paid in value shall be free and clear of all lease expenses (and any portion of such expenses which is incurred away from the leased area), including, but not limited to, expenses for separation, cleaning, dehydration, gathering, saltwater disposal, and preparing the oil, gas or associated substances for transportation off the leased area. All royalty and supplemental royalty that may become payable in money to the State shall be paid on or before the last day of the calendar month following the month in which the oil, gas or associated substances are produced. Royalty and supplemental royalty payments shall be accompanied by copies of run tickets or such other information relating to valuation of royalty and supplemental royalty as the State may require, which may include, but is not limited to, evidence of sales, shipments, and amounts of gross oil, gas and associated substances produced.

- 5) Paragraph 11 is replaced in its entirety as follows:

11. VALUE. For purposes of computing supplemental royalty due under this lease, the value of supplemental royalty oil, gas, natural gas liquids and associated substances shall be the value used in computing royalty on said substances.

(a) To compute the value of oil for royalty and supplemental royalty purposes, this lease shall be deemed an "ANS Lease" under the terms of the ANS Agreement, irrespective of any provision(s) of such agreement which would otherwise exclude this lease therefrom.

(b) To compute the value of gas and natural gas liquids for royalty and supplemental royalty purposes, this lease shall be deemed a "Lease" under the terms of the 1995 ANS Gas Royalty Litigation Settlement Agreement between BPXA and the State dated as of April 1, 1995, irrespective of any provision(s) of such agreement which would otherwise exclude this lease therefrom.

(c) To compute the value of associated substances (which shall be deemed to exclude oil, gas, and natural gas liquids) for royalty and supplemental royalty purposes, the value of such associated substances shall not be less than the highest of:

(1) the field price actually received by Lessee for such associated substances;

(2) Lessee's posted price in the field for such associated substances;

(3) the volume weighted average field price actually received by other producers in the same field or area for associated substances of like kind and quality at the time such associated substances are removed from the leased or unit area; or

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(4) the volume weighted average posted price in the field of other producers in the same field or area for associated substances of like kind and quality at the time such associated substances are removed from the leased or unit area.

If associated substances are sold away from the leased or unit area, the term "field price" above shall be the actual price for such associated substances received from the purchaser thereof less the actual cost of transportation away from the leased or unit area to the point of delivery.

Minimum Value Determinations. The State may establish minimum values for purposes of computing royalties on associated substances obtained from this lease, with consideration being given to the price actually received by Lessee, to the price or prices paid in the same field or area for production of like quality, to posted prices, to prices received by Lessee and/or other producers from sales occurring away from the leased area, and to other relevant matters. Each such determination will be made only after Lessee has been given notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Under this provision, it is expressly agreed that the minimum value of royalty associated substances under this lease may not necessarily equal the price of such associated substances.

- 6) The following provision shall be added to the end of paragraph 12:

(e) Supplemental royalty under paragraph 7 above may be taken in kind under the same terms and conditions as royalty may be taken in kind under this paragraph 12.

- 7) Paragraph 14 is replaced in its entirety as follows:

14. APPORTIONMENT OF ROYALTY FROM APPROVED UNIT. The landowner's royalty and supplemental royalty share of the unit production allocated to each separately owned tract shall be regarded as royalty to be distributed to and among, or the proceeds of it paid to, the landowners, free and clear of all unit expense and free of any lien for it. Under this provision, the State's royalty and supplemental royalty share of any unit production allocated to the leased area shall be regarded as royalty to be distributed to, or the proceeds of it paid to, the State, free and clear of all unit expenses (and any portion of such expenses which is incurred away from the unit area), including, but not limited to, expenses for separation, cleaning, dehydration, gathering, saltwater disposal, and preparing oil, gas or associated substances for transportation off the unit area, and free of any lien for it.

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- 8) Paragraph 28 (c) is added as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this lease, the Northstar Unit Agreement, State statute, or State regulation, this lease shall terminate automatically without notice, an opportunity to be heard, or judicial proceeding, if the Lessee fails to comply with the project schedule set forth in Exhibit C ("project schedule"), attached and incorporated by reference. Automatic termination shall occur whether or not there is a well on the leased area capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities, the lease is committed to a unit agreement, or the Lessee is drilling or conducting reworking operations, on the date performance under the schedule is due. Furthermore, upon termination BPXA shall promptly file of record appropriate lease relinquishments. The automatic termination shall occur at 11:59 P.M., Alaska Time, on the day performance of an obligation under the project schedule is due. The State may waive performance of an obligation required under the project schedule by prior written consent. The performance of any obligation required under the project schedule is subject to the provisions of paragraph 32.

- 9) Paragraph 32 is replaced in its entirety as follows:

32. FORCE MAJEURE. If the State determines that Lessee has been prevented, after diligent efforts made in good faith, from complying with any express or implied promise, term, condition or covenant of this lease, from conducting drilling operations, or from producing or marketing oil or gas from the leased area, by reason of war, riots, acts of God, unusually severe weather, or any other cause beyond Lessee's reasonable ability to foresee or control (including delays caused by judicial decision or lack thereof or inability to obtain local, State, or federal permits or environmental impact statements), whether similar to those enumerated or not, Lessee's obligation to comply with such provision shall be suspended, but not voided, and Lessee shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply therewith. If Lessee's obligations to conduct drilling or reworking operations are suspended under this paragraph and the continuation of such operations without suspension would have had the effect of preventing the expiration or termination of this lease, this lease shall not terminate during the period which the obligation to perform such operations is suspended. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to suspend the obligation to pay rentals, or to suspend the obligation to pay royalties, supplemental royalties or other production payments from operations on the lease area which are not suspended or from operations which are not affected by any such suspension, to the State.

- 10) Paragraph 41 is replaced in its entirety as follows:

41. EMPLOYMENT OF ALASKAN RESIDENTS. Lessee shall comply with all valid federal, State and local laws in hiring Alaska residents and contractors and shall not discriminate against Alaska residents or contractors. Within the constraints of law, Lessee shall employ Alaska residents and contractors to the extent they are available and qualified. Subject to the foregoing:

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Lessee voluntarily agrees to adopt a program to hire residents of Alaska. Lessee shall advertise for available positions locally and use Alaska job service organizations to notify the Alaskan public. For work in connection with this lease, Lessee shall use best efforts to contract with Alaska firms and fabricate modules in Alaska, whenever feasible. Lessee shall encourage its contractors to employ and train, when necessary, residents of Alaska. In determining feasibility, Lessee shall consider commercial, health, safety, and environmental conditions and requirements to ensure maintenance of Lessee's operational standards. Lessee shall submit annually to the Director, Division of Oil and Gas, for transmission to the Department of Labor, a report that details the specific measures Lessee and its contractors and subcontractors have taken or are planning to take to recruit qualified Alaska residents for available jobs, describes on-the-job training opportunities, and describes Lessee's efforts to hire Alaska firms for work in connection to this lease. Lessee shall furnish the Department of Labor a quarterly report regarding the employment of Alaska residents on the leased area in compliance with regulations by the Commissioner of Labor. The report must also include statistical data concerning the number of resident personnel hired within the past year for this lease.

## 1983 Lease

1) Paragraph 4(f) and paragraph 34(7) are deleted and replaced in their entirety with the following paragraph 4(f):

(f) **FORCE MAJEURE.** If the state determines that lessee has been prevented, after diligent efforts made in good faith, from complying with any express or implied promise, term, condition or covenant of this lease, from conducting drilling operations, or from producing or marketing oil or gas from the leased area, by reason of war, riots, acts of God, unusually severe weather, or any other cause beyond lessee's reasonable ability to foresee or control (including delays caused by judicial decision or lack thereof or inability to obtain local, state, or federal permits or environmental impact statements), whether similar to those enumerated or not, lessee's obligation to comply with such provision shall be suspended, but not voided, and lessee shall not be liable for damages for failure to comply therewith. If lessee's obligations to conduct drilling or reworking operations are suspended under this paragraph and the continuation of such operations without suspension would have had the effect of preventing the expiration or termination of this lease, this lease shall not terminate during the period which the obligation to perform such operations is suspended. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to suspend the obligation to pay rentals, or to suspend the obligation to pay royalties, supplemental royalties or other production payments from operations on the lease area which are not suspended or from operations which are not affected by any such suspension, to the state.

2) Paragraph 5(b) is replaced in its entirety as follows:

(b) Annual rental paid in advance is a credit on the royalty or supplemental royalty due under this lease for that year.

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- 3) Paragraph 7 is replaced in its entirety as follows:

7. APPORTIONMENT OF ROYALTY FROM APPROVED UNIT. The state's royalty and supplemental royalty share of the unit production allocated to each separately owned tract must be regarded as royalty to be distributed to or among, or the proceeds of it paid to, the state, free and clear of all unit expenses and free of any lien for them. Under this provision, the state's royalty and supplemental royalty share of any unit production allocated to the leased area will be regarded as royalty to be distributed to, or the proceeds of it paid to, the state, free and clear of all unit expenses (and any portion of those expenses incurred away from the unit area), including, but not limited to, expenses for separating, cleaning, dehydration, gathering, saltwater disposal, and preparing oil, gas, or associated substances for transportation off the unit area, and free of any lien for them.

- 4) A new paragraph 20(c) is added as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this lease, the Northstar Unit Agreement, state statute, or state regulation, this lease shall terminate automatically without notice, an opportunity to be heard, or judicial proceeding, if the lessee fails to comply with the project schedule set forth in Exhibit C ("project schedule"), attached and incorporated by reference. Automatic termination shall occur whether or not there is a well on the leased area capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities, the lease is committed to a unit agreement, or the lessee is drilling or conducting reworking operations, on the date performance under the schedule is due. Furthermore, upon termination BPXA shall promptly file of record appropriate lease relinquishments. The automatic termination shall occur at 11:59 P.M., Alaska Time, on the day performance of an obligation under the project schedule is due. The state may waive performance of an obligation required under the project schedule by prior written consent. The performance of any obligation required under the project schedule is subject to the provisions of paragraph 4(f).

- 5) Paragraph 31 is replaced in its entirety as follows:

31. EMPLOYMENT OF ALASKAN RESIDENTS. Lessee shall comply with all valid federal, state and local laws in hiring Alaska residents and contractors and shall not discriminate against Alaska residents or contractors. Within the constraints of law, lessee shall employ Alaska residents and contractors to the extent they are available and qualified. Subject to the foregoing:

Lessee voluntarily agrees to adopt a program to hire residents of Alaska. Lessee shall advertise for available positions locally and use Alaska job service organizations to notify the Alaskan public. For work in connection with this lease, lessee shall use best efforts to contract with Alaska firms and fabricate modules in Alaska, whenever feasible. Lessee shall encourage its contractors to employ and train, when necessary, residents of Alaska. In determining feasibility, lessee shall consider commercial, health, safety, and environmental conditions and requirements to ensure maintenance of lessee's operational standards. Lessee shall submit annually to the Director, Division of Oil and Gas, for transmission to the Department of Labor, a report that details the specific measures lessee and its contractors and subcontractors have taken or are planning to take to recruit qualified

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Alaska residents for available jobs, describes on-the-job training opportunities, and describes lessee's efforts to hire Alaska firms for work in connection to this lease. Lessee shall furnish the Department of Labor a quarterly report regarding the employment of Alaska residents on the leased area in compliance with regulations by the Commissioner of Labor. The report must also include statistical data concerning the number of resident personnel hired within the past year for this lease.

- 6) Paragraph 35 is replaced in its entirety as follows:

35. ROYALTY ON PRODUCTION. Except for oil, gas, and associated substances used on the leased area for development and production or unavoidably lost, the lessee shall pay to the state as a royalty 20 percent in amount or value of the oil, gas, and associated substances saved, removed, or sold from the leased area and of the gas used on the leased area for extraction of natural gasoline or other products from the leased area.

- 7) Paragraph 36 is replaced in its entirety as follows:

36. VALUE. For purposes of computing supplemental royalty due under this lease, the value of supplemental royalty oil, gas, natural gas liquids, and associated substances shall be the value used in computing royalty on said substances.

(a) To compute the value of oil for royalty and supplemental royalty purposes, this lease shall be deemed an "ANS Lease" under the terms of the ANS Agreement, irrespective of any provision(s) of such agreement which would otherwise exclude this lease therefrom.

(b) To compute value of gas and natural gas liquids for royalty and supplemental royalty purposes, this lease shall be deemed a "Lease" under the terms of the 1995 ANS Gas Royalty Litigation Settlement Agreement between BPXA and the State dated as of April 1, 1995, irrespective of any provision(s) of such agreement which would otherwise exclude this lease therefrom.

(c) To compute the value of associated substances (which shall be deemed to exclude oil, gas, and natural gas liquids) for royalty and supplemental royalty purposes, the value of such associated substances shall not be less than the highest of:

- (1) the field price actually received by lessee for such associated substances;
- (2) Lessee's posted price in the field for such associated substances;
- (3) the volume weighted average field price actually received by other producers in the same field or area for associated substances of like kind and quality at the time such associated substances are removed from the leased or unit area; or
- (4) the volume weighted average posted price in the field of other producers in the same field or area for associated substances of like kind and quality at the time such associated substances are removed from the leased or unit area.

If associated substances are sold away from the leased or unit area, the term "field price" above shall be the actual price for such associated substances received from the purchaser thereof less the actual cost of transportation away from the leased or unit area to the point of delivery.

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- 8) Paragraph 37 is replaced in its entirety as follows:

37. ROYALTY IN VALUE. Unless the state elects to receive all or a portion of its royalty or supplemental royalty in kind as provided in paragraph 38, lessee shall pay to the state the value of all royalty and supplemental royalty oil, gas and associated substances as determined under paragraph 36. Royalty and supplemental royalty paid in value shall be free and clear of all lease expenses (and any portion of such expenses which is incurred away from the leased area), including, but not limited to, expenses for separation, cleaning, dehydration, gathering, saltwater disposal, and preparing the oil, gas or associated substances for transportation off the leased area. All royalty and supplemental royalty that may become payable in money to the state shall be paid on or before the last day of the calendar month following the month in which the oil, gas or associated substances are produced. Royalty and supplemental royalty payments shall be accompanied by copies of run tickets or such other information relating to valuation of royalty and supplemental royalty as the state may require, which may include, but is not limited to, evidence of sales, shipments, and amounts of gross oil, gas and associated substances produced.

- 9) The following provision shall be added to the end of paragraph 38:

(f) Supplemental royalty under this lease may be taken in kind under the same terms and conditions as royalty may be taken in kind under this paragraph 38.

- 10) Paragraph 39 is replaced in its entirety as follows:

39. REDUCTION OF ROYALTY. Except as provided in paragraph 40 below, lessee shall not be entitled to any reduction of royalty paid under paragraph 35 above or supplemental royalty paid under paragraph 40 below based on any current or future agreement, state statute, or state regulation.

- 11) Paragraph 40 is replaced in its entirety as follows:

40. SUPPLEMENTAL ROYALTY. (a) In addition to the royalty paid and computed under paragraph 35, 36, 37 above, lessee shall pay to the state a supplemental royalty ("supplemental royalty"). Lessee shall pay the supplemental royalty, if owed, upon the same production volume for which royalty is paid ("production volume"). The supplemental royalty payment for a given month equals the supplemental royalty value times the supplemental royalty percentage rate ("percentage rate") times the production volume for that

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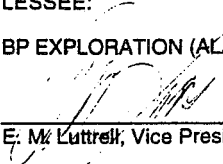
month. The percentage rate shall be calculated monthly by reference to: (1) an ANS West Coast spot price ("spot price"); and (2) a supplemental royalty trigger price ("trigger price"). If the spot price is equal to or less than the trigger price, then the percentage rate equals zero. If the spot price is greater than the trigger price, then the percentage rate equals [the spot price per barrel minus the trigger price per barrel] times 1.5 per cent per dollar per barrel. The percentage rate may never exceed 7.5 per cent.

(b) The spot price is the price per barrel calculated in Article 3.3 of and Exhibit 4 to the ANS Royalty Litigation Settlement Agreement ("ANS Agreement"), dated December 31, 1991, between the State and BPXA, for the crude oil referred to as "ANS (USWC)" in the ANS Agreement. The trigger price is \$17.35 per barrel through April 30, 1997. On May 1, 1997, and each May 1 thereafter, the trigger price shall be adjusted by an inflation factor equal to fifty percent of the "inflation rate" defined as the Producer Price Index for Industrial Commodities ("PPI") for December of the previous year, as reported by April 30 of the current year, divided by the PPI for December of 1995, as reported by April 30, 1996. The supplemental royalty value for oil, gas, natural gas liquids and associated substances is defined in paragraphs 36 and 37 above. Exhibit B is a sample calculation to demonstrate the method of calculating supplemental royalty for oil.

These amendments do not affect: (1) any future agreements which may be reached for the handling of outside substances as that term is used in the Northstar Unit Agreement effective January 24, 1990 or (2) the current valuation methodology for royalty for any other Alaska Net Profit Share leases between the State and BPXA or any affiliates or any future agreements which may be reached regarding a future valuation methodology for Alaska Net Profit Share leases. These amendments take effect when and if an Act(s) substantially similar to the act, attached as Exhibit D and incorporated by reference, takes effect. This amendment is dated for reference purposes as of March 22, 1996.

LESSEE:

BP EXPLORATION (ALASKA), INC.

  
E. M. Luttrell, Vice President

LESSOR:

STATE OF ALASKA

  
John T. Shively, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources



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Exhibit B  
Calculation of the Supplemental Royalty Payment for Oil

1) The calculation of the ANS West Coast spot price is derived from Platt's "Oilgram Price Report" Spot Crude Price Assessments:

Date	Platt's Reported Daily Assessment (\$/barrel)		ANSWC Daily Average	ANSWC Daily Average (After Rounding) <sup>1</sup>
	ANSWC Low	ANSWC High		
01/02/96	\$17.97	\$18.06	\$18.015	\$18.02
01/03/96	\$17.94	\$18.03	\$17.985	\$17.98
01/04/96	\$17.96	\$18.03	\$17.995	\$18.00
01/05/96	\$18.60	\$18.64	\$18.620	\$18.62
01/09/96	\$18.23	\$18.29	\$18.260	\$18.26
01/10/96	\$17.99	\$18.05	\$18.020	\$18.02
01/11/96	\$17.10	\$17.17	\$18.135	\$17.14
01/12/96	\$16.64	\$16.71	\$18.675	\$16.68
01/15/96	\$16.75	\$16.83	\$16.690	\$16.79
01/16/96	\$16.60	\$16.66	\$16.730	\$16.63
01/17/96	\$16.91	\$16.97	\$16.940	\$16.94
01/18/96	\$17.46	\$17.54	\$17.500	\$17.50
01/19/96	\$17.28	\$17.37	\$17.325	\$17.32
01/22/96	\$17.02	\$17.08	\$17.050	\$17.05
01/23/96	\$17.10	\$17.16	\$17.150	\$17.13
01/24/96	\$17.35	\$17.41	\$17.380	\$17.38
01/25/96	\$16.76	\$16.81	\$17.785	\$16.78
01/26/96	\$16.43	\$16.53	\$17.480	\$16.48
01/29/96	\$16.16	\$16.24	\$16.200	\$16.20
01/30/96	\$16.30	\$16.38	\$16.340	\$16.34
01/31/96	\$16.46	\$16.56	\$16.510	\$16.51

Monthly Average calculated from ANSWC Daily Average (After Rounding) = \$17.2271 per barrel

ANS West Coast spot price for the January 1996 month of production = \$17.23 per barrel

2) The inflation factor shall be calculated as follows: Assume that by April 30, 1996, the U.S. Department of Labor reports a PPI for December 1995 as 126.2. Assume that by April 30, 1998, the PPI for December 1997 is 134.2. The inflation factor for 1998 is calculated according to the following formula:

<sup>1</sup> All source and calculated numbers shall be rounded as required in the ANS Agreement.

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Inflation Factor for May 1, 1998 through April 30, 1999  
= [(PPI December of the previous year + PPI December 1995) - 1] x 0.5  
= [(134.2 + 126.2) - 1] x 0.5 = 0.0317 = 3.17 percent

3) The trigger price for May 1, 1998 through April 30, 1999 is calculated by adjusting \$17.35 per barrel by the inflation factor as follows:

Trigger price for the current year = \$17.35 per barrel x (1 + inflation factor)  
= \$17.35 per barrel x (1 + 3.17 percent)  
= \$17.35 x 1.0317  
= \$17.90 per barrel

4) Assuming the current month ANSWC spot price is \$21.40, the supplemental royalty percentage rate is calculated as:

Supplemental royalty percentage rate = (ANSWC spot price - trigger price for the current year) x (1.5 percent per dollar per barrel)  
= (\$21.40 per barrel - \$17.90 per barrel) x 1.5 percent per dollar per barrel  
= (21.40 - 17.90) x 0.015  
= 0.05250 = 5.25 percent

5) The calculation of the supplemental royalty payment for the current month is the product of the production volume times the royalty value and the supplemental royalty percentage rate. Assume that 1,550,000 barrels of oil were produced in the Northstar unit in the current month and that the royalty value is \$17.71. The supplemental royalty is:

Supplemental royalty payment = production volume x royalty value x supplemental royalty percentage rate  
= 1,550,000 barrels x \$17.71 per barrel x 5.25 percent  
= \$1,441,151.25

**EXHIBIT C**

**PROJECT SCHEDULE**

The Northstar Development Project ("the Project") is described in the document titled "Northstar Development Project, Conceptual Engineering Report" dated February 1996. BPXA shall comply with the following schedule for the Project and shall provide satisfactory evidence of compliance within fifteen days of the date performance is due under the schedule:

BPXA shall receive Project sanction within twelve (12) months after passage by the legislature of an Act approving the First Amendments to the Northstar Unit Leases for the Project. "Project sanction" means approval in writing by the highest appropriate authority in BPXA or its parent entity necessary for the total amount of expenditures required for the Project. Satisfactory evidence of receipt of sanction shall be tendered to the State in the form of the sanctioning entity's documents approving the expenditure of funds for the Project. If Project sanction is withdrawn for any reason whatsoever, BPXA shall notify the State within three working days by letter from an authorized officer and BPXA shall be deemed to have failed to comply with this schedule.