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PARTIAL RELEASE OF OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF SHELBY KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: THAT, Atlantic Richfield Company, a Delaware corporation (successor to Atlantic Richfield Company, a Pennsylvania corporation by merger dated May 7, 1985, formerly the Atlantic Refining Company, successor to Richfield Oil Corporation by merger, and successor by merger to Sinclair Oil Corporation, a New York corporation), does hereby release, remise, relinquish, quitclaim and surrender unto the lessors hereinafter named, their heirs, successors and assigns, all of its right, title and interest in and to that certain Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease made and entered into on the 24th day of August, 1979, by and between Gulf States Paper Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, P. O. Box 3199, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401, as Lessors, and Atlantic Richfield Company, as Lessee, recorded in Book 324, Page 388 of the records of Shelby County, State of Alabama, INSOFAR AND INSOFAR ONLY as said Lease covers the following described land:

Township 21 South, Range 1 West
Section 1: S/2 of NE/4; SE/4 of NW/4; SW/4; N/2 of SE/4; SW/4 of SE/4;
3: W/2 of SW/4;
12: W/2;

Township 21 South, Range 1 East Section 6: W/2 of NW/4 and NW/4 of SW/4 less 15 acres off East side Containing 905 acres more or less.

This is a Partial Release and said lease is not released but is retained insofar as it covers the following described land:

Township 21 South, Range 1 West

Section 4: Entire Section

- 6: N/2; NW/4 of SW/4; NE/4 of SW/4 less 1 1/2 acres formerly school property; W/2 of SE/4;
- 6: SW/4 of SW/4;
- 8: SW/4 of SE/4;
- 9: NE/4; SE/4 of NW/4;
- 10: Entire Section
- 17: NW/4 of NE/4; SW/4 of SE/4; S/2 of SW/4;
- 18: N/2 of NW/4; SW/4 of NW/4; NW/4 of SW/4; NE/4 of SE/4; SE/4 of NE/4; S/2 of SE/4; NW/4 of NE/4; 4 acres across top of SW/4 of NE/4;

Township 21 South, Range 2 West Section 12: SE/4 of NE/4; E/2 of SE/4:

Containing 2,682.5 acres, more or less.

Effective January 3, 1966, Richfield Oil Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, was merged into the Atlantic Refining Company, a Pennsylvania corporation, with The Atlantic Richfield Refining Company, a Pennsylvania corporation, becoming the surviving corporation. By change of name effective May 3, 1966, The Atlantic Refining Company became Atlantic Richfield Company. Effective as of March 4, 1969, Sinclair Oil Corporation, a New York corporation, was merged into Atlantic Richfield Company. By merger on May 7, 1985, Atlantic Richfield Company, a Pennsylvania Corporation was succeeded by Atlantic Richfield Company, a Delaware Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is executed this the 17 day of

ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY

By: Thomas M. Fentweingle

Its Attorney-in-Fact

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This instrument prepared by David Greenwood, P. O. Box 600, Dallas, Texas 75221

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STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF DALLAS

I, ELVERA M. BYRNE, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Thomas M. FURTWANGLER, whose name as Attorney-in-Fact is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, he, in his capacity as such Attorney-in-Fact, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said corporation.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 17 day of _______,
A.D. 1985.

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My commission expires:

Notary Public in and for

ELVERA M. BYRNE, Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

STATE OF ALA. SHELBY CO.

I CERTIFY THIS
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