

## PARTIAL RELEASE OF SURFACE RIGHTS

WHEREAS, UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation, successor (by conversion) to United States Steel LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and remote successor to USX Corporation, a Delaware corporation, hereinafter referred to as "USS", and GEOMET, INC., an Alabama corporation, hereinafter referred to as "GeoMet", are parties to that certain "Coal Seam Gas Lease" dated April 9, 2002, as amended on March 24, 2003, and August 14, 2003, including certain lands of USS located in Shelby and Bibb Counties, Alabama (the "CSG Lease"); and

WHEREAS, USS conveyed the coal seam gas described the CSG Lease to RGGS Land & Minerals, Ltd., L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("RGGS"), and assigned the CSG Lease to RGGS effective as of February 26, 2004; and

WHEREAS, USS continues to own the surface of the lands described in the CSG Lease; and

WHEREAS, USS has requested that GeoMet surrender its right to use the surface of a certain parcel of said lands described in the CSG Lease, which is located in Shelby County, Alabama, in order to allow said parcel to be conveyed to Lacey's Grove, LLC; and

WHEREAS, GeoMet has agreed to release its rights to use the surface of said parcel of land by virtue of this instrument.

NOW, THEREFORE, know all men by these presents, that GeoMet, for and in consideration of the premises and the terms and conditions of the CSG Lease, does hereby release its rights under the CSG Lease and does hereby surrender possession of the same unto USS, its successors and assigns, insofar as, and only insofar as, said rights pertain to the use of the surface of the parcel of land more particularly described on "EXHIBIT A" and depicted on "EXHIBIT B" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

This release is a release of surface rights only in and to said parcel of land. Northing herein contained shall be construed as waiving, releasing, or relinquishing any right, title, or interest of GeoMet, its successors or assign, in and to the coal seam gas in and under said parcel of land and that may be produced therefrom and the right of GeoMet to exploit, develop, and produce said coal seam gas by any methods from adjacent lands described in the CSG Lease with wells bottomed beneath said parcel of land and by pooling and utilization of said parcel of land with other lands for the purposes of producing and enjoying said coal seam gas.

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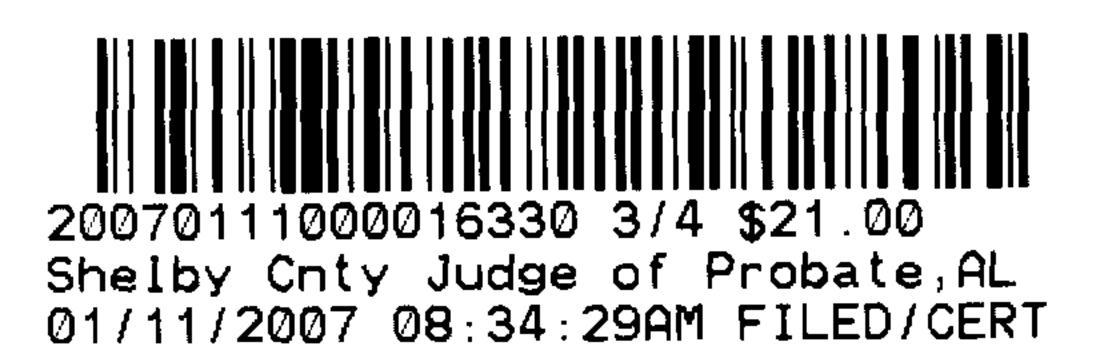
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ATTEST:		GEOMET, INC.
By:		By Millwall
Title:		Its: Vien Dresident
	ALABAMA ) ON COUNTY )	
name is sig	ned to the foregoing instrument, and who is	GeoMet, Inc., an Alabama corporation, whose is known to me, acknowledged before me on this
-	e same voluntarily for and as the act of said	ent, he/she, as such officer and with full authority, corporation.
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	Bettle S. Ve Notary Public	dnon
[SEAL]	My Commission Expires:	

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## EXHIBIT A

A tract of land in the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 5, Township 21 South, Range 3 West of the Huntsville Principal Meridian, Shelby County, Alabama, described as follows:

Begin at the Southeast corner of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 5; thence West along the South boundary line of said quarter-quarter 300.0 feet; thence in a straight line in a northwesterly direction to a point on the East boundary of said quarter-quarter 300.0 feet North of the point of beginning; thence South along the East boundary of said quarter-quarter to the point of beginning. Containing 1.03 acres, more or less.

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SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION LAND

LAND REMOVED FROM GEOMET, INC. LEASE DATED APRIL 9, 2002 BY ATTACHED DOCUMENT

