UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October 4, 2007 (October 4, 2007)

St. Mary Land & Exploration Company (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-31539 (Commission File Number) 41-0518430 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1776 Lincoln Street, Suite 700, Denver, Colorado 80203 (Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (303) 861-8140

Not applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

In conjunction with closing the South Texas acquisition reported under Item 8.01 below, St. Mary Land & Exploration Company ("the Company" or "St. Mary") increased the Company's aggregate borrowing base under its existing bank credit facility from \$1.10 billion to \$1.25 billion. The Company borrowed \$135 million against its existing bank credit facility to fund the acquisition. The terms of the facility are discussed in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2007.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On October 4, 2007, St. Mary announced that it completed the previously announced \$153 million acquisition of certain oil and gas properties located in South Texas from Rockford Energy Partners II, LLC. The acquired properties target natural gas in the Olmos formation. The net cash paid at closing was \$151 million as a result of customary closing adjustments to account for activity between the effective date and the closing date. The acquisition was funded with cash on hand and borrowings under the Company's existing credit facility. A copy of the press release announcing the completion of the acquisition is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report. The acquisition was consummated pursuant to a Purchase and Sale Agreement dated August 2, 2007, which was previously reported in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Company on August 8, 2007, and is filed as Exhibit 2.1 to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

Exhibit 2.1Purchase and Sale Agreement dated August 2, 2007, among Rockford Energy Partners II, LLC and St. Mary Land & Exploration
Company.Exhibit 99.1Press release of St. Mary Land & Exploration Company dated October 4, 2007.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY

Date: October 4, 2007 Mark T. Solomon Controller By: /s/ MARK T. SOLOMON

For Information

Brent A. Collins 303-861-8140

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ST. MARY CLOSES \$153 MILLION SOUTH TEXAS ACQUISITION

DENVER, October 4, 2007 – St. Mary Land & Exploration Company (NYSE: SM) today announces that it has closed the previously announced \$153 million acquisition of oil and gas properties in South Texas from Tulsa, Oklahoma based Rockford Energy Partners II, LLC. The acquired properties target natural gas in the Olmos formation. The net cash paid at closing was \$151 million as a result of normal and customary closing adjustments to account for activity between the effective and closing dates. The acquisition was funded with cash on hand and borrowings under the Company's existing credit facility.

"I am pleased to announce the closing of this acquisition. Together with our existing assets in the area, we now have a sizable platform from which to grow our business in South Texas," commented Tony Best, President and Chief Executive Officer. "We continue to work on building our drilling inventory throughout the Company."

INFORMATION ABOUT FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This release contains forward looking statements within the meaning of securities laws. Although St. Mary believes the expectations reflected in these statements are reasonable, it can give no assurance that they will prove to be correct. These statements involve known and unknown risks, which may cause St. Mary's actual results to differ materially from results expressed or implied by the forward looking statements. These risks include such factors as the uncertain nature of the expected benefits from the acquisition of oil and gas properties and the ability to successfully integrate acquisitions, the potential effects of increased levels of debt financing, the availability of additional economically attractive exploration, development, and property acquisition opportunities for future growth and any necessary financings, the volatility and level of oil and natural gas prices, and other such matters discussed in the "Risk Factors" section of St. Mary's 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K/A and subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC. Although St. Mary may from time to time voluntarily update its prior forward looking statements, it disclaims any commitment to do so except as required by securities laws.

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PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

This Purchase and Sale Agreement (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made and entered into this 2nd day of August, 2007, by and between Rockford Energy Partners II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>Seller</u>"), and St. Mary Land & Exploration Company, a Delaware corporation ("<u>Buyer</u>"). Buyer and Seller are collectively referred to herein as the "<u>Parties</u>", and are sometimes referred to individually as a "<u>Party</u>."

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, Seller desires to sell to Buyer, and Buyer desires to purchase from Seller, the Assets (as defined below), all upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits derived and to be derived from this Agreement by each Party, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Seller and Buyer hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Assets

Section 1.01 Agreement to Sell and Purchase.

Subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Buyer agrees to purchase the Assets from Seller, and Seller agrees to sell the Assets to Buyer.

Section 1.02 Assets.

Subject to Section 1.03, the term "Assets" shall mean all of Seller's right, title and interest in and to:

(a) The oil, gas and other mineral leases described on Exhibit A (collectively, the "Leases") and any overriding royalty interests, royalty interests, non-working or carried interests, mineral fee interest, operating rights and other rights and interests described in Exhibit A, together with the lands covered thereby or pooled or unitized therewith (the "Lands"), together with (i) all right, title and interest of Seller in and to any other mineral interests of any nature (A) located in, on or under lands adjacent to or contiguous with the Lands, or (B) which are attributable to the proration unit or designated pooled unit for any of the Wells (as hereinafter defined), in each case whether or not described in or omitted from Exhibit A, (ii) all rights with respect to any pooled, communitized interests by virtue of any Leases and Lands or the interests described in clause (i) above being a part thereof, and (iii) all production of oil, gas, associated liquids and other hydrocarbons (collectively "Hydrocarbons") after the Effective Time from the Leases and the Lands, and from any such pool or unit and allocated to any such Leases and Lands or the interests described in clause (i) above (the Leases, the Lands, and the rights described in clauses (i) and (ii) above, and the Hydrocarbons described in clause (iii) above, being collectively referred to as the "Subject Interests" or, singularly, a "Subject Interest");

(b) all easements, rights-of-way, servitudes, surface leases, surface use agreements and other rights or agreements related to the use of the surface and subsurface (the "<u>Surface Agreements</u>"), in each case to the extent used in connection with the operation of the Subject Interests, including those recorded Surface Agreements described in <u>Exhibit B</u>;

(c) to the extent assignable or transferable, all permits, licenses, franchises, consents, approvals and other similar rights and privileges (the "Permits"), in each case to the extent used in connection with the operation of the Subject Interests, including those Permits described in Exhibit C;

(d) all equipment, machinery, fixtures, spare parts, inventory and other personal property (including Seller's leasehold interests therein subject to any necessary consents to assignment) used in connection with the operation of the Subject Interests or in connection with the production, treatment, compression, gathering, transportation, sale, or disposal of Hydrocarbons produced from or attributable to the Subject Interests (collectively, "<u>Equipment</u>"), and any water, byproducts or waste produced therefrom or therewith or otherwise attributable thereto, including all wells (whether producing, shut in or abandoned, and whether for production, produced water injection or disposal, or otherwise) described in <u>Exhibit D-1</u> (collectively, the "<u>Wells</u>"), wellhead equipment, pumps, pumping units, flowlines, gathering systems, pipe, tanks, treatment facilities, injection facilities, disposal facilities, compression facilities and other materials, supplies, buildings, trailers and offices used in connection with the Subject Interests and the other matters described in this definition of Assets (the "<u>Facilities</u>");

(e) to the extent assignable or transferable, (i) all contracts, agreements, drilling contracts, equipment leases, office leases, production sales and marketing contracts, farmout and farmin agreements, operating agreements, service agreements, unit agreements, gas gathering and transportation agreements and other contracts, agreements and arrangements, relating to the Subject Interests and the other matters described in this definition of Assets, including those described in <u>Exhibit</u> \underline{E} and subject to, and in accordance with, any limitations set forth therein, and (ii) equipment leases and rental contracts, service agreements, supply agreements and other contracts, agreements and arrangements relating to the Subject Interests and the other matters described in this definition of Assets, including those described in <u>Exhibit</u> \underline{E} (the agreements identified in clauses (i) and (ii) above being, collectively, the "<u>Contracts</u>");

(f) All files, records and data relating to the items described in Sections 1.02(a) through (e) maintained by Seller, including without limitation, the following, if and to the extent that such files exist: all books, records, reports, manuals, files, title documents, including correspondence, records of production and maintenance, revenue, sales, expenses, warranties, lease files, land files, well files, division order files, abstracts, title opinions, assignments, reports, property records, contract files, operations files, copies of tax and accounting records (but excluding Federal and state income tax returns and records) and files, maps, core data, hydrocarbon analysis, well logs, mud logs, field studies together with other files, contracts and other records and data including all geologic and geophysical data and maps, but excluding from the foregoing those files, records and data subject to unaffiliated third party contractual restrictions on disclosure or transfer (the "<u>Records</u>"). To the extent that any of the Records contain interpretations of Seller, Buyer agrees to rely on such interpretations at its own risk;

(g) all Production Imbalances, including those set forth on Schedule 1.02(g) as of the Effective Time; and

(h) all vehicles and other rolling stock to the extent directly related to the Subject Interests and the other matters described in this definition of Assets (including the vehicles described in Schedule 1.02(h)).

Section 1.03 Excluded Assets.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Assets shall not include, and there is excepted, reserved and excluded from the sale, transfer and assignment contemplated hereby the following excluded properties, rights and interests (collectively, the "Excluded Assets"):

(a) those assets, interests, rights and properties described in Exhibit F;

(b) all trade credits and all accounts, instruments and general intangibles (as such terms are defined in the Texas Business and Commerce Code) attributable to the Assets with respect to any period of time prior to the Effective Time;

(c) except for those Claims or rights against a third party for which Buyer has agreed to indemnify Seller pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, all claims and causes of action of Seller,

(i) arising from acts, omissions or events, or damage to or destruction of property, occurring prior to the Effective Time,

(ii) arising under or with respect to any of the Contracts that are attributable to periods of time prior to the Effective Time (including claims for adjustments or refunds), or

(iii) with respect to any of the other Excluded Assets;

(d) all rights and interests of Seller,

- (i) under any policy or agreement of insurance or indemnity,
- (ii) under any bond, or

(iii) to any insurance or condemnation proceeds or awards arising in each case from acts, omissions or events, or damage to or destruction of property, occurring prior to the Effective Time;

(e) all Hydrocarbons produced from or otherwise attributable to the Subject Interests with respect to all periods prior to the Effective Time, excluding those Hydrocarbons referenced in Section 1.02(g) together with all proceeds from the sale of such Hydrocarbons, and all tax credits attributable thereto;

(f) all claims of Seller for refunds of or loss carry forwards with respect to

- (i) ad valorem, severance, production or any other taxes attributable to any period prior to the Effective Time,
- (ii) income, gross margin or franchise taxes,

(iii) any taxes attributable to the other Excluded Assets, and such other refunds, and rights thereto, for amounts paid in connection with the Assets and attributable to the period prior to the Effective Time, including refunds of amounts paid under any gas gathering or transportation agreement;

(g) all amounts due or payable to Seller as adjustments to insurance premiums related to the Assets with respect to any period prior to the Effective Time;

- (h) all proceeds, income or revenues (and any security or other deposits made) attributable to
 - (i) the Assets for any period prior to the Effective Time, or
 - (ii) any other Excluded Assets;

subject to <u>Section 1.02(f)</u>, all of Seller's proprietary technology and improvements, computer software, patents, trade secrets, copyrights, names, trademarks, logos and other intellectual property;

(j) all documents and instruments of Seller that may be protected by an attorney-client or other privilege;

(k) data, information and other property, rights or interests that cannot be disclosed or assigned to Buyer as a result of confidentiality or similar arrangements;

(1) all audit rights arising under any of the Contracts or otherwise with respect to any period prior to the Effective Time or to any of the other Excluded Assets;

(m) all computers, printers and other electronic equipment located in any buildings, offices or trailers that may belong to Seller and that may constitute part of the Assets, including, all software and electronic data relating in any way to such electronic equipment;

(n) All corporate, income tax and financial records of Seller not included in the Records; and

(o) all agreements providing for options, swaps, floors, caps, collars, forward sales or forward purchases involving commodities or commodity prices, or indexes based on any of the foregoing and all other similar agreements and arrangements.

Section 2.01 <u>Purchase Price</u>.

The total consideration for the purchase, sale and conveyance of the Assets to Buyer and Buyer's assumption of the Assumed Obligations and all other liabilities provided for in this Agreement, is Buyer's payment to Seller of the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Three Million One Hundred One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Six and 06/100 Dollars (\$153,101,846.06) (the "<u>Purchase Price</u>"), as adjusted in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 2.02 Deposit.

(a) Concurrently with the execution of this Agreement by Buyer and Seller, Buyer shall deliver to Seller in immediately available funds a performance guarantee deposit in an amount equal to Fifteen Million Three Hundred Ten Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Four and 61/100 Dollars (\$15,310,184.61) (the "Deposit") in accordance with wire transfer instructions provided by Seller to Buyer.

(b) If all conditions precedent to the obligations of Buyer set forth in <u>Article 9</u> have been met and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are not consummated on or before the Closing Date because of the failure of Buyer to perform any of its material obligations hereunder, then in such event Seller shall, unless Seller elects to waive such failure of performance, terminate this Agreement, in which case Seller shall retain the Deposit as liquidated damages, which remedy shall be the sole and exclusive remedy available to Seller for Buyer's failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement. Buyer and Seller acknowledge and agree that (i) Seller's actual damages upon the event of such a termination are difficult to ascertain with any certainty, (ii) the Deposit is a reasonable estimate of such actual damages, and (iii) such liquidated damages do not constitute a penalty.

(c) If this Agreement is terminated (i) by the mutual written agreement of Buyer and Seller, or (ii) pursuant to the provisions of <u>Article 11</u> (subject to the limitations in <u>Article 11</u>) or if the Closing does not occur on or before the Closing Date for any reason other than Buyer's failure to perform its material obligations hereunder, then Seller shall return the Deposit to Buyer in immediately available funds pursuant to wire transfer instructions to be provided timely by Buyer to Seller within three (3) business days after the event giving rise to such return obligation. Buyer and Seller shall thereupon have the rights and obligations set forth elsewhere herein.

(d) If all conditions precedent to the obligations of Seller set forth in <u>Article 8</u> have been met, then notwithstanding any provision in this Section 2.02 to the contrary, if Closing does not occur because Seller wrongfully fails to tender performance at Closing or otherwise breaches this Agreement in any material respect prior to Closing, and Buyer is ready and otherwise able to close, at Buyer's sole election, either (i) Seller shall return the Deposit to Buyer within 15 days after the determination that the Closing will not occur, or (ii) Buyer shall have the right to pursue specific performance of this Agreement, provided that Buyer must file an action for specific performance within 21 days of Seller's breach. If Buyer elects to pursue specific performance, Buyer must pursue specific performance as its sole and exclusive remedy in lieu of all other legal and equitable remedies. If such action for specific performance is not filed within 21 days of Seller's breach or if Buyer is unsuccessful for any reason other than a material breach of this Agreement by Buyer, Buyer shall be deemed to have waived all legal and equitable remedies and its sole remedy for Seller's breach of this Agreement shall be limited to the prompt return of the Deposit.

(e) If the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are consummated, the Deposit shall be returned by Seller to Buyer in connection with the Closing, and the amount payable by Buyer at the Closing shall not be reduced by the amount of the Deposit.

Section 2.03 <u>Allocated Values</u>.

The Purchase Price is allocated among the Assets (including the Wells, PUD Locations, PDNP, Probable and/or Possible Locations) and the Undeveloped Acreage specifically described on Exhibit A (the "Undeveloped Acreage") as set forth in Exhibit D-1 and Exhibit D-2 (the "Allocated Values"). In no event shall the aggregate of the Allocated Values of any Wells, PUD Locations, PDNP, Probable and/or Possible Locations and Undeveloped Acreage exceed the unadjusted Purchase Price. The term "PUD Locations" means those Proved Undeveloped potential well locations identified in Exhibit D-2. The term "PDNP" means Proved Developed Not Producing, as identified on Exhibit D-2. The term "Probable and/or Possible Locations" means those locations designated as such on Exhibit D-2. Seller and Buyer agree that the Allocated Values shall be used to compute any adjustments to the Purchase Price pursuant to the provisions of Article 4. For purposes of this Agreement, the Parties agree that the Allocated Value for the Undeveloped Acreage shall be Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per net acre. Any adjustment to the Purchase Price hereunder shall be reflected in the allocation hereunder consistent with Treasury Regulation Section 1.1060-IT (f). For tax purposes, the Parties agree to report the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in a manner consistent with the terms of this Agreement, including the allocation set forth above as of the Closing Date, and that neither Party will take any position inconsistent therewith, including in any tax return, in any return claim, in any litigation or arbitration or otherwise.

Section 2.04 Section 1031 Like-Kind Exchange.

Seller and Buyer hereby agree that Seller shall have the right at any time prior to completion of all the transactions that are to occur at Closing to assign all or a portion of its rights under this Agreement to a Qualified Intermediary (as that term is defined in Section 1.1031(k)-1(g)(4)(v) of the Treasury Regulations) in order to accomplish the transaction in a manner that will comply, either in whole or in part, with the requirements of a like-kind exchange pursuant to Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Likewise, Buyer shall have the right at any time prior to completion of all the transactions that are to occur at Closing to assign all or a portion of its rights under this Agreement to a Qualified Intermediary for the same purpose. If Seller assigns all or any of its rights under this Agreement for this purpose, Buyer agrees to (a) consent to Seller's assignment of its rights in this Agreement, which assignment shall be in a form reasonably acceptable to Buyer, and (b) pay the Purchase Price (or a designated portion thereof as specified by Seller) into a qualified escrow or qualified trust account at Closing, as directed in writing. If Buyer assign all or any of its rights under this Agreement for this purpose, Seller agrees to (i) consent to Buyer's assignment of its rights in this Agreement for this purpose, Seller agrees to (i) consent to Buyer's assignment of its rights in this Agreement for this purpose, Seller agrees to (i) consent to Buyer's assignment of its rights in this Agreement, which assignment shall be in a form reasonably acceptable to Buyer assign all or any of its rights under this Agreement for this purpose, Seller agrees to (i) consent to Buyer's assignment of its rights in this Agreement, which assignment shall be in a form reasonably acceptable to Seller, (ii) accept the Purchase Price from the qualified escrow or qualified trust account at Closing, and (iii) at Closing, convey and assign directly to Buyer the Assets (or any portion thereof) as directed by

ARTICLE 3 Effective Time If the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof, the ownership of the Assets shall be transferred from Seller to Buyer on the Closing Date, but effective for all purposes as of 7:00 a.m. local time at the location of the Assets on July 1, 2007 (the "Effective Time").

Section 3.02 <u>Production Imbalances.</u>

Upon Closing, Buyer shall succeed to and assume the positions of Seller with respect to all gas imbalances and make-up obligations related to the Assets regardless of whether such imbalances or make-up obligations arise before or after the Effective Time, at the wellhead, pipeline, gathering system or other location, and regardless of whether the same arise under contract or otherwise ("<u>Production Imbalances</u>"). As a result of such succession, Buyer shall (a) be entitled to receive any and all benefits which Seller would have been entitled to receive by virtue of its position, including rights to produce and receive volumes of production in excess of volumes which it would otherwise have been entitled to suffer by virtue of such position, including the obligation to deliver to others production volumes which would have otherwise been attributable to its ownership of the Assets, to deliver production to purchasers thereof without Buyer receiving full payment therefor, or to make cash balancing payments or to repay any take or pay payments, and (c) be responsible for any and all royalty obligations and other burdens with respect to such Production Imbalances; provided however, nothing in this subsection (c) of Section 3.02 shall relieve Seller from any royalty obligation affecting production Seller has actually received, or which has been credited to Seller's interest in the Assets.

ARTICLE 4

Title and Environmental Matters

Section 4.01 Examination Period.

Until 5:00 p.m. CST on September 7, 2007 (the "Examination Period"), Seller shall permit Buyer and/or its representatives to examine during normal business days and hours at a location in Tulsa, Oklahoma, designated by Seller, all abstracts of title, title opinions, title files, ownership maps, lease, Well and division order files, assignments, operating and accounting records and all Surface Agreements, Permits, Contracts and other agreements pertaining to the Assets insofar as same may now be in existence and in the possession of Seller, subject to such restrictions upon disclosure as may exist under confidentiality or other agreements binding upon Seller or such data.

Section 4.02 <u>Title Defects</u>.

The term "<u>Title Defect</u>" means (a) any encumbrance on, encroachment on, irregularity in, defect in or objection to Seller's ownership of the Assets (excluding Permitted Encumbrances) that causes Seller not to have Marketable Title to a Well, a PUD Location, a PDNP or a Probable and/or Possible Location as described in <u>Exhibit D-1</u> or <u>Exhibit D-2</u> (as applicable); or (b) any default by Seller under a lease, farmout agreement or other contract or agreement that would (i) have a material and adverse effect on the operation, value or use of such Asset, (ii) prevent Seller from receiving the proceeds of production attributable to Seller's interest therein, or (iii) result in cancellation of all or a portion of Seller's interest therein. Subject to the terms of <u>Section 4.03</u>, the term "<u>Marketable Title</u>" means such ownership by Seller in the Assets that, subject to and except for the Permitted Encumbrances:

(a) entitles Seller to receive not less than the percentage set forth in <u>Exhibit D-1</u> or <u>Exhibit D-2</u> (as applicable) as Seller's Net Revenue Interest of all Hydrocarbons produced, saved and marketed from such Well, PUD Location, PDNP or Probable and/or Possible Locations described in either of such exhibits, all without reduction, suspension or termination of such interest throughout the productive life of such Well, except as specifically set forth in either of such exhibits;

(b) obligates Seller to bear not greater than the percentage set forth in Exhibit D-1 or Exhibit D-2 (as applicable) as Seller's Working Interest of the costs and expenses relating to the maintenance, development and operation of such Well, PUD Location, PDNP or Probable and/or Possible Locations, all without increase throughout the productive life of such Well, except as specifically set forth in either of such exhibits;

(c) is free and clear of all liens, encumbrances and defects in title; and

(d) subject to the limitations of <u>Section 4.15</u>, breaches of Seller's representations and warranties contained in <u>Section 5.07</u> through <u>Section 5.22</u> shall be treated as Title Defects.

Section 4.03 Undeveloped Acreage Marketable Title.

The term Marketable Title with respect to the Undeveloped Acreage as specifically described and identified on Exhibit A shall mean that:

- (a) Seller's ownership in the Undeveloped Acreage is not less than the net acres ascribed to each of such Undeveloped Acreage in Exhibit A; and
- (b) Seller's ownership in the Undeveloped Acreage, subject to Permitted Encumbrances, is free and clear of all liens and encumbrances.

In calculating any remedy or termination right under this <u>Article 4</u>, the term Title Defect shall include Title Defects with respect to any of the Undeveloped Acreage. Notwithstanding the provisions of <u>Section 4.04</u> to the contrary, in the event a Title Defect affecting Undeveloped Acreage results from Seller's ownership being less than the net acres shown on <u>Exhibit A</u> for the affected Asset, the Title Defect Value of any such Undeveloped Acreage shall be an amount equal to the product of the applicable Allocated Value of the affected Undeveloped Acreage multiplied by a fraction, the numerator being the actual net acres of the subject Undeveloped Acreage, and the denominator being the net acres shown on <u>Exhibit A</u>. Except as set forth in this <u>Section 4.03</u>, the terms and provisions of <u>Article 4</u> shall apply *Mutatis Mutandis* to Title Defects and Title Defect Values of any Undeveloped Acreage. In applying the provisions of <u>Article 4</u> to the Undeveloped Acreage, the term "Net Revenue Interest" shall be substituted by the term "net acres", whether or not capitalized.

Section 4.04 <u>Notice of Title Defects</u>.

Buyer shall provide Seller notice of all Title Defects no later than 5:00 p.m. CDT on September 7, 2007; provided, however, if during the Examination Period, Buyer discovers any Title Defect affecting any Asset, Buyer shall promptly notify Seller of such alleged Title Defect. To be effective, such notice must (a) be in writing, (b) be received by Seller prior to the expiration of the Examination Period, (c) describe the Title Defect in sufficient, specific detail (including any alleged variance in the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest), (d) identify the specific Asset or Assets affected by such Title Defect, (e) include the Title Defect Value, as reasonably determined by Buyer in good faith, and (f) comply with the limitations and Title Defect Value qualifications set forth in <u>Section 4.15</u>. Any matters identified by Buyer during the Examination Period that constitute Title Defects, but of which Seller has not been specifically notified by Buyer in accordance with the foregoing, shall be deemed to have been waived by Buyer for all purposes and shall constitute Permitted Encumbrances and Assumed Obligations hereunder. Upon receipt of notices of Title Defects, the Parties shall meet and determine upon which of the Title Defects, Title Defect Values and methods of cure the Parties have reached agreement. Upon the receipt of such effective notice from Buyer, Seller shall have the option, but not the obligation, for a period ending ninety (90) days after the Closing to cure such defect. If Seller should not elect to cure a Title Defect, and no aspect of such defect is reasonably in dispute, the Purchase Price shall be adjusted for such defect by the amount of the Title Defect Value.

(a) The value attributable to each Title Defect (the "<u>Title Defect Value</u>") that is asserted by Buyer in the Title Defect notices shall be determined based upon the criteria set forth below:

from the affected Asset;

(i) If the Title Defect is a lien upon any Asset, the Title Defect Value is the amount necessary to be paid to remove the lien

(ii) If the Title Defect asserted is that the Net Revenue Interest attributable to any Well, PUD Location, PDNP or Probable and/or Possible Locations is less than that stated in Exhibit D-1 or Exhibit D-2 (as applicable), then the Title Defect Value shall be the absolute value of the number determined by the following formula:

Title Defect Value = A x (1-[B/C])

A = Allocated Value for the affected Asset

B = Correct Net Revenue Interest for the affected Asset

C = Net Revenue Interest for the affected Asset as set forth on <u>Exhibit D-1</u> or <u>Exhibit D-2</u> (as applicable).

(iii) If the Title Defect represents an obligation, encumbrance, burden or charge upon the affected Asset (including any increase in Working Interest for which there is not a proportionate increase in Net Revenue Interest) for which the economic detriment to Buyer is unliquidated, the amount of the Title Defect Value shall be determined by taking into account the Allocated Value of the affected Asset, the portion of the Asset affected by the Title Defect, the legal effect of the Title Defect, the potential discounted economic effect of the Title Defect over the life of the affected Asset, and the Title Defect Values placed upon the Title Defect by Buyer and Seller;

(iv) If a Title Defect is not in effect or does not adversely affect an Asset throughout the entire productive life of such Asset, such fact shall be taken into account in determining the Title Defect Value;

(v) The Title Defect Value of a Title Defect shall be determined without duplication of any costs or losses included in another Title Defect Value hereunder;

(vi) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in no event shall a Title Defect Value exceed the Allocated Value of the Wells, PUD Locations, PDNP, Probable and/or Possible Locations, Undeveloped Acreage or other Assets affected thereby;

(vii) If the Title Defect Value of an Asset is equal to the Allocated Value of such Asset, the affected Asset shall be excluded from the purchase and sale contemplated by this Agreement, and the Purchase Price shall be adjusted accordingly;

(viii) Notwithstanding the provisions of this <u>Section 4.04</u> to the contrary, the Title Defect Value of any Title Defect comprising a required consent not obtained (other than consents customarily obtained after Closing) shall be determined subject to any accommodation implemented pursuant to <u>Section 4.08</u>; and

(ix) Such other factors as are reasonably necessary to make a proper evaluation.

(b) The term Title Defect shall not include:

(i) Defects based solely on an assertion that Seller's files lack information, provided that any missing material information can be obtained by the reasonable efforts of Buyer;

(ii) Defects in the early chain of title consisting of the failure to recite marital status in a document or omissions of successors of heirship or estate proceedings, unless Buyer provides a reasonable basis for the assertion that such failure or omission has resulted in a third party's actual and superior claim of title to the affected Asset;

(iii) Defects arising out of lack of survey;

(iv) Defects arising out of lack of corporate or other entity authorization unless Buyer provides a reasonable basis for the assertion that the action was not authorized and that such lack of authorization has resulted in a third party's actual and superior claim of title to the affected Asset;

(v) Defects that are defensible by possession under applicable statutes of limitations for adverse possession or for prescription; provided that the mere passage of time in and of itself shall not establish any presumption of the applicability of the provisions of this Section 4.04(b)(v);

(vi) Defects asserting a change in an applicable Working Interest or Net Revenue Interest based on a change in drilling and spacing units, tract allocation or other changes in pooling or unit participation occurring after the date of this Agreement; and

(vii) Title requirements customarily considered as advisory or which can be waived as a matter of prudent business

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judgment.

Price with respect thereto prior to the Closing), or (ii) with respect to which the Parties have not yet agreed as to the validity of the Title Defect, the Title Defect Value, or the manner of cure, if any, of such Title Defect.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this <u>Section 4.05</u>, if any Title Defect is in the nature of a consent to assignment that is not obtained or other restriction on assignment, the provisions of <u>Section 4.08</u> shall apply.

(c) If at the expiration of thirty (30) days after Closing, the Parties have not agreed upon the validity of any asserted Title Defect, the appropriate cure of the same, or the Title Defect Value attributable thereto, either Party shall have the right to elect to have any such dispute determined by an Independent Expert pursuant to Section 4.14.

Section 4.06 Special Warranty of Title.

The documents to be executed and delivered by Seller to Buyer, transferring title to the Assets as required hereby, including the Assignment and Bill of Sale attached hereto as Exhibit G (the "Assignment"), shall provide for a special warranty of title, subject to the Permitted Encumbrances and the terms of this Agreement. The term "Permitted Encumbrances" shall mean any of the following matters to the extent the same are valid and subsisting and affect the Assets:

(a) any (i) undetermined or inchoate liens or charges constituting or securing the payment of expenses that were incurred incidental to the maintenance, development, production or operation of the Assets or for the purpose of developing, producing or processing Hydrocarbons therefrom or therein, and (ii) materialman's, mechanics', repairman's, employees', contractors' liens or other similar liens or charges for liquidated amounts arising in the ordinary course of business (A) that Seller has agreed to retain or pay pursuant to the terms hereof, or (B) for which Seller is responsible for paying or releasing at the Closing;

(b) any liens for taxes and assessments not yet delinquent or, if delinquent, that are being contested in good faith in the ordinary course of business and for which Seller has agreed to pay pursuant to the terms hereof or which have been prorated pursuant to the terms hereof;

(c) the terms, conditions, restrictions, exceptions, reservations, limitations and other matters contained in (including any liens or security interests created by law or reserved in oil and gas leases for royalty, bonus or rental, or created to secure compliance with the terms of) the Contracts, Surface Agreements, the Leases and any other agreements, instruments, documents and other matters described or referred to in any Exhibit or Schedule hereto, or other terms in such instruments that create or reserve to Seller its interest in the Assets; provided, that, such matters do not operate to (i) reduce the Net Revenue Interest of Seller in any Well, PUD Location, PDNP or Probable and/or Possible Locations as reflected in Exhibit D-1 or Exhibit D-2 (as applicable), or (ii) increase the proportionate share of costs and expenses of leasehold operations attributable to or to be borne by the Working Interest of Seller with respect to any Well, PUD Location, PDNP or Probable and/or Possible Locations as reflected in Exhibit D-2 (as applicable), unless there is a proportionate increase in Seller's applicable Net Revenue Interest;

(d) any obligations or duties affecting the Assets to any Governmental Authority with respect to any franchise, grant, license or permit, and all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, guidances, ordinances, decrees ("<u>Laws</u>") and orders of any Governmental Authority;

(e) any (i) easements, rights-of-way, servitudes, permits, surface leases and other rights in respect of surface operations, pipelines, grazing, hunting, lodging, canals, ditches, reservoirs or the like, and (ii) easements for streets, alleys, highways, pipelines, telephone lines, power lines, railways and other similar rights-of-way on, over or in respect of property owned or leased by Seller or over which Seller owns rights-of-way, easements, permits or licenses;

(f) all royalties, overriding royalties, net profits interests, carried interests, production payments, reversionary interests and other burdens on or deductions from the proceeds of production created or in existence as of the Effective Time, whether recorded or unrecorded, that do not operate to reduce the Net Revenue Interest of Seller in any Well, PUD Location, PDNP or Probable and/or Possible Locations and as reflected in <u>Exhibit D-1</u> or <u>Exhibit D-2</u> (as applicable) or reduce the net acres of any Undeveloped Acreage as described in <u>Exhibit A</u>, or (ii) increase the proportionate share of costs and expenses of leasehold operations attributable to or to be borne by the Working Interest of Seller with respect to any Well, PUD Location, PDNP or Probable and/or Possible Locations as reflected in <u>Exhibit D-2</u> (as applicable), unless there is a proportionate increase in Seller's applicable Net Revenue Interest;

(g) preferential rights to purchase or similar agreements (i) with respect to which (A) waivers or consents are obtained from the appropriate parties for the transaction contemplated hereby, or (B) required notices have been given for the transaction contemplated hereby to the holders of such rights and the appropriate period for asserting such rights has expired without an exercise of such rights, or (ii) not exercised prior to Closing, subject to <u>Section 4.07</u>;

(h) required third party consents to assignments or similar agreements with respect to which (i) waivers or consents have been obtained from the appropriate parties for the transaction contemplated hereby, or (ii) required notices have been given for the transaction contemplated hereby to the holders of such rights and the appropriate period for asserting such rights has expired without an exercise of such rights;

(i) all rights to consent by, required notices to, filings with, or other actions by, Governmental Authorities in connection with the sale, transfer or conveyance of the Assets that are customarily obtained subsequent to such sale or conveyance;

(j) production sales contracts; division orders; contracts for sale, purchase, exchange, refining or processing of hydrocarbons; unitization and pooling designations, declarations, orders and agreements; operating agreements; agreements of development; area of mutual interest agreements; gas balancing or deferred production agreements; processing agreements; pipeline, gathering and transportation agreements; injection, repressuring and recycling agreements; water or other disposal agreements; seismic or geophysical permits or agreements; and any and all other agreements that are ordinary and customary to the oil, gas and other mineral exploration, development, processing or extraction business or in the business of processing of gas and gas condensate production for the extraction of products therefrom; provided, that, such matters do not operate to (i) reduce the Net Revenue Interest of Seller in any Well, PUD Location, PDNP or Probable and/or Possible Locations as reflected in Exhibit D-1 or Exhibit D-2 (as applicable) or reduce the net acres of any Undeveloped Acreage as described in Exhibit <u>A</u> or (ii) increase the proportionate share of costs and expenses of leasehold operations attributable to or to be borne by the Working Interest of Seller with respect to any Well, PUD Location, PDNP or Probable and/or Possible Locations as reflected in <u>Exhibit D-1</u> or <u>Exhibit D-1</u> or <u>Exhibit D-1</u> or <u>Exhibit D-2</u> (as applicable), unless there is a proportionate increase in Seller's applicable Net Revenue Interest;

(k) rights reserved to or vested in any Governmental Authority to control or regulate any of the Wells or units included in the Assets and the applicable laws, rules, and regulations of such Governmental Authorities;

(1) all defects and irregularities affecting the Assets which individually or in the aggregate do not operate to (i) reduce the Net Revenue Interest of Seller in any Well, PUD Location, PDNP or Probable and/or Possible Locations as reflected in <u>Exhibit D-1</u> or <u>Exhibit D-2</u> (as applicable) or reduce the net acres of any Undeveloped Acreage as described in Exhibit A, (ii) increase the proportionate share of costs and expenses of leasehold operations attributable to or to be borne by the Working Interests of Seller with respect to any Well, PUD Location, PDNP or Probable and/or Possible Locations as reflected on <u>Exhibit D-1</u> or <u>Exhibit D-1</u> (as applicable) unless there is a proportionate increase in Seller's applicable Net Revenue Interest, or (iii) otherwise result in a material and adverse interference with the

operation, value or use of the Assets;

(m) conventional rights of reassignment arising upon decision to surrender or abandon an interest; and

(n) all deeds of trust and other security interests burdening the Assets granted by Seller in connection with its credit facilities under which BNP Paribas serves as administration agent (the "<u>BNPP Liens</u>"), it being understood that the release of the BNPP Liens is a condition to the Closing as provided in <u>Section</u> 9.04.

Section 4.07 Preferential Rights to Purchase.

(a) After consultation with Buyer, Seller shall use its reasonable efforts, but without any obligation to incur anything but nominal costs and expenses in connection therewith, to comply with all preferential right to purchase provisions relative to any Asset prior to the Closing, including those rights of preferential purchase identified on <u>Schedule 4.07</u>.

(b) Prior to the Closing, Seller shall promptly notify Buyer if any of such preferential purchase rights are exercised or if the requisite period has elapsed without such rights having been exercised.

(c) If a third party who has been offered an interest in any Asset pursuant to a preferential right to purchase elects prior to the Closing to purchase all or part of such Assets, and the closing of such transaction does occur on or before the Closing Date, then the interest or part thereof so affected will be eliminated from the Assets and the Purchase Price shall be reduced by the Allocated Value of such Assets. If any such third party has elected to purchase all or a part of an interest in any Asset subject to a preferential right to purchase, but has failed to close the transaction by the Closing Date, then all of the Assets will be conveyed to Buyer at Closing, without adjustment to the Purchase Price, and on the Closing Date, Buyer shall, as an Assumed Obligation, assume all duties, obligations and liabilities, of any kind or nature, arising from, out of, or in connection with, any enforceable preferential right to purchase. In addition, in the event an interest is offered by Seller pursuant to a preferential right to purchase for which notice has been given but the time period for response by the holder of such right extends beyond Closing, such interest shall be conveyed to Buyer at the Closing, without reduction to the Purchase Price, and shall be subject to such preferential right of purchase.

Section 4.08 Consents to Assignment.

If any Asset is subject to a Title Defect as a result of a consent to assignment not having been obtained, including those consents to assignment set forth on <u>Schedule 4.08</u>, or, of the existence of other restrictions on assignment or conveyance, the following provisions shall apply:

 Buyer and Seller shall cooperate in any reasonable and lawful arrangement proposed to provide Buyer with the benefits of ownership of the affected Asset without breaching the consent requirement or restriction comprising such Title Defect;

(b) If such arrangement involves Seller retaining actual title with beneficial title being assigned to Buyer at the Closing, then:

such Title Defect: and

(i) only such beneficial title shall be assigned to Buyer at the Closing, without any adjustment to the Purchase Price for

(ii) if such consent is obtained or such restriction eliminated following the Closing, then Seller shall have the right to execute and deliver to Buyer an assignment of Seller's retained title and any related obligations consistent with the terms of this Agreement.

Section 4.09 <u>Remedies for Title Benefits</u>.

(a) If Buyer discovers any Title Benefit affecting the Assets, it shall promptly notify Seller in writing thereof. Subject to <u>Section 4.15</u>, Seller shall be entitled to an upward adjustment to the Purchase Price with respect to all Title Benefits in an amount (the "<u>Title Benefit Value</u>") determined in accordance with the formula provided for in this <u>Section 4.09(a)</u>. The term "<u>Title Benefit</u>" shall mean Seller's Net Revenue Interest in any Well, PUD Location, PDNP or Probable and/or Possible Locations that is greater than or in addition to the Net Revenue Interest set forth in <u>Exhibit D-1</u> or <u>Exhibit D-2</u> (as applicable), or Seller's Working Interest in any Well, PUD Location, PDNP or Probable and/or Possible Locations that is less than the Working Interest set forth in <u>Exhibit D-1</u> or <u>Exhibit D-2</u> (as applicable) (without a proportionate decrease in the Net Revenue Interest). The Title Benefit Value shall be the absolute value of the number determined by the following formula:

Title Benefit Value = $A \times (B/C)$

A = Allocated Value for the affected Asset

B = Correct Net Revenue Interest for the affected Asset

C = Net Revenue Interest for the affected Asset as set forth on <u>Exhibit D-1</u> or <u>Exhibit D-2</u> (as applicable).

(b) If the Title Benefit represents a decrease in Working Interest for which there is not a proportionate decrease in Net Revenue Interest, the amount of the Title Benefit Value shall be determined by taking into account the Allocated Value of the affected Asset, the portion of the Asset affected by the Title Benefit, the legal effect of the Title Benefit, the potential discounted economic effect of the Title Benefit over the life of the affected Asset, and the Title Benefit Values placed upon the Title Benefit by Buyer and Seller.

(c) If the Parties have not agreed on the amount of the Title Benefit Value of a Title Benefit by the expiration of thirty (30) days after Closing, Seller or Buyer shall have the right to elect to have such Title Benefit Value determined by an Independent Expert pursuant to <u>Section 4.14</u>. If the Title Benefit Value is not determined pursuant to this Agreement by the Closing, the Purchase Price paid at Closing shall be increased, subject to <u>Section 4.15</u>, by the Title Benefit Value determined by Buyer, acting reasonably and in good faith, and, subject to <u>Section 4.15</u>. Upon the final determination of Title Benefit Value either by mutual agreement of the Parties or by the Independent Expert, (i) Seller shall refund to Buyer the amount, if any, by which the amount so paid by Buyer at Closing exceeds such Title Benefit Value, or (ii) Buyer shall pay to Seller the amount, if any, by which such Title Benefit Value exceeds the amount so paid by Buyer at Closing.

Section 4.10 <u>Environmental Review</u>. Buyer may conduct an environmental assessment of the Assets prior to the expiration of the Examination Period, subject to the following:

(a) Buyer shall have the right to conduct a Phase I (as that term is defined by the American Society for Testing and Materials) environmental review of the Assets prior to the expiration of the Examination Period ("Buyer's Environmental Review") and Seller shall provide to Buyer a copy of any environmental review Seller has in its possession subject to the same terms of confidentiality subsequently set forth herein;

(i) The cost and expense of Buyer's Environmental Review shall be borne solely by Buyer;

(ii) All inspections must be coordinated through a designated representative of Seller who may accompany Buyer during the course of Buyer's inspection of the Assets;

Buyer's expense;

(iii) All environmental assessments shall be conducted by an independent environmental consultant engaged by Buyer at

suyer s'expense,

(iv) Buyer shall give Seller notice not more than seven (7) days and not less than forty eight (48) hours before any visits by Buyer and/or its consultant to the Assets, and Buyer shall seek and obtain Seller's prior consent (which shall not be unreasonably withheld) before either it or its consultant enters the Assets;

(v) Buyer shall provide Seller a copy of the Phase I report affecting the Assets promptly after Buyer's receipt of the same;

(vi) Buyer shall give Seller prompt written notice and obtain Seller's prior written consent (not to be unreasonably withheld) if Buyer desires to conduct a Phase II (as that term is defined by the American Society for Testing and Materials) study based on the recommendations of Buyer's independent environmental consultant (acting reasonably) with respect to the Assets. With respect to any samples taken in connection with Buyer's Environmental Review, Buyer shall take split samples, providing one of each such sample, properly labeled and identified, to Seller;

(vii) Buyer and/or its consultant shall perform all such work in a safe and workmanlike manner, shall not unreasonably interfere with Seller's operations, and shall comply with all Laws of applicable Governmental Authorities;

(viii) Buyer shall be solely responsible for obtaining any third party consents that are required in order to perform any work comprising Buyer's Environmental Review, and Buyer shall consult with Seller prior to requesting each such third party consent; and

(ix) Buyer hereby agrees to release and defend, indemnify and hold harmless Seller and Seller's Representatives from and against all Claims made by (or attributable to the acts or omissions of) Buyer or Buyer's Representatives (INCLUDING THOSE RESULTING FROM THE SOLE, JOINT, OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE (BUT NOT GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT), STRICT LIABILITY OR OTHER LEGAL FAULT OF SELLER OR ANY OF SELLER'S REPRESENTATIVES) arising out of or relating to Buyer's Environmental Review. The release and indemnity provisions of this <u>Section 4.10</u> shall survive termination or Closing of this Agreement notwithstanding anything to the contrary provided for in this Agreement.

(b) Unless otherwise required by applicable Laws, Buyer shall treat any matters revealed by Buyer's Environmental Review and any environmental review provided by Seller to Buyer, including any analyses, compilations, studies, documents, reports or data prepared or generated from such review (the "<u>Environmental Information</u>"), as confidential, and Buyer shall not disclose any Environmental Information to any Governmental Authority or other third party without the prior written consent of Seller. Buyer may use the Environmental Information only in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. The Environmental Information is agree to be bound by those persons who need to know the Environmental Information for purposes of evaluating the transaction contemplated by this Agreement, and who agree to be bound by the terms of this <u>Section 4.10</u>. If Buyer or any third party to whom Buyer has provided any Environmental Information is requested, compelled or required to disclose any of the Environmental Information, Buyer shall provide Seller with prompt notice sufficiently prior to any such disclosure so as to allow Seller's request Buyer shall deliver the Environmental Information, and all copies thereof and works based thereon, to Seller, which Environmental Information shall become the sole property of Seller. Upon request Buyer shall provide copies of the Environmental Information to Seller without charge. The terms and provisions of this <u>Section 4.10(b)</u> shall survive any such termination of this Agreement, notwithstanding anything to the contrary.

Section 4.11 Definitions Used in Article 4 and in this Agreement.

(a) <u>Environmental Defects</u>. The term "<u>Environmental Defect</u>" shall mean, with respect to any given Asset, a material violation of Environmental Laws in effect as of the Effective Time in the jurisdiction in which such Asset is located.

(b) <u>Governmental Authority</u>. The term "<u>Governmental Authority</u>" shall mean the United States and any state, county, city and political subdivisions that exercises jurisdiction, and any agency, department, board, commission or other instrumentality thereof.

(c) <u>Environmental Laws</u>. The term "<u>Environmental Laws</u>" shall mean all Laws currently in effect of any Governmental Authority pertaining to health or the environment as may be interpreted by applicable final, non-appealable court decisions or administrative orders.

(d) <u>Environmental Defect Value</u>. For purposes of this Agreement, the term <u>Environmental Defect Value</u> shall mean, with respect to any Environmental Defect, the estimated costs and expenses to correct such Environmental Defect in the most cost effective manner reasonably available, consistent with Environmental Laws, taking into account that non-permanent remedies (such as, by way of example but not by limitation or similarity, mechanisms to contain or stabilize hazardous materials, including monitoring site conditions, natural attenuation, risk-based corrective action, institutional controls or other appropriate restrictions on the use of property, caps, dikes, encapsulation, leachate collection systems, etc.) may be the most cost effective manner reasonably available.

Buyer shall provide Seller notice of all Environmental Defects no later than 5:00 p.m. CDT on September 7, 2007; provided, however, if during the Examination Period, Buyer discovers any Environmental Defect affecting the Assets, Buyer shall promptly notify Seller of such alleged Environmental Defect. To be effective, such notice must (a) be in writing, (b) be received by Seller prior to the expiration of the Examination Period, (c) describe the Environmental Defect in sufficient, specific detail, including the written conclusion of Buyer that an Environmental Defect exists, which conclusion shall be reasonably substantiated by the factual data gathered in Buyer's Environmental Review, (d) identify the specific Assets affected by such Environmental Defect, (e) set forth the procedures recommended to correct the Environmental Defect, (f) set forth Buyer's reasonable good faith estimate of the Environmental Defect Value, including the basis for such estimate, and (g) comply with the Environmental Defect Value provisions of <u>Section 4.15</u>. Any matters that may otherwise constitute Environmental Defects, but of which Seller has not been specifically notified by Buyer in accordance with the foregoing, together with any environmental matter that does not constitute an Environmental Defect, shall be deemed to have been waived by Buyer for all purposes and constitute an Assumed Obligation. Upon receipt of notices of Environmental Defects, the Parties shall meet and determine upon which of the Environmental Defects, but on the obligation, to attempt to correct such Environmental Defect during a period expiring ninety (90) days after Closing. If Seller shall have the option, but not the obligation, to attempt to correct such Environmental Defect during a period expiring ninety (90) days after Closing. If Seller shall have the option, but not the obligation asspect of such defect is in dispute, the Purchase Price shall be adjusted for such defect by the amount of the Environmental Defect Value.

Section 4.13 Remedies for Environmental Defects.

(a) The Purchase Price shall not be decreased as a result of any Environmental Defect noticed pursuant to the provisions of <u>Section 4.12</u> which is not corrected prior to or at Closing (unless the Parties acting reasonably and in good faith agree in lieu of a correction of the Environmental Defect upon the amount of an adjustment to the Purchase Price on account thereof prior to the Closing) or with respect to which the Parties have not yet agreed as to the validity of the Environmental Defect, the Environmental Defect Value, or the manner of correction, if any, of such Environmental Defect.

(b) If by the expiration of thirty (30) days after Closing, the Parties have not agreed upon the validity of any asserted Environmental Defect, the appropriate correction of the same, or on the Environmental Defect Value attributable thereto, either Party shall have the right to elect to have any such dispute determined by an Independent Expert pursuant to Section 4.14.

Section 4.14 Independent Experts.

(a) Any disputes regarding Title Defects, Title Benefits, Environmental Defects, Title Defect Value, Title Benefit Value, Environmental Defect Value, appropriate cure of any Title Defects or correction of any Environmental Defects, and the calculation of any Statement, or revisions thereto, may, subject to the provisions of <u>Sections 4.05</u>, <u>4.13</u> and <u>4.15</u>, be submitted by a Party, with written notice to the other Party, to an independent expert (the "<u>Independent Expert</u>"), who shall serve as the sole and exclusive arbitrator of any such dispute. The Independent Expert shall be selected by the Parties (acting reasonably and in good faith) within fifteen (15) days following the effective date of said notice. The Independent Expert shall be a person who is independent, impartial, and knowledgeable in the subject matter and substantive laws involved, or in the case of a dispute concerning an alleged Environmental Defect, Environmental Defect Value or cure of the same, the Independent Expert shall have expertise in both the applicable Environmental Laws and environmental science relating to the oil and gas industry.

(b) The Parties shall determine, acting in good faith, the procedures to be followed to facilitate the decision of the Independent Expert. Such procedures shall include the following scenario:

(i) If the dispute involves the method or adequacy of cure or correction of a Title Defect or Environmental Defect, the Independent Expert shall provide in writing the particulars necessary to cure or correct or to remedy any deficient cure or correction, and shall provide Seller sixty (60) days (or such additional time as reasonable and necessary under the circumstances, but not to exceed 90 days unless specifically agreed to in writing by Seller and Buyer) to effect such cure or correction;

(ii) In the event of circumstances described in clause (i) above, Seller at its option may at any time during the sixty (60) day cure period pursuant to clause (i) (as such period may be extended pursuant to such clause) decline to cure or correct the applicable defect and may instead promptly reimburse Buyer the amount of the Title Defect Value or Environmental Defect Value, as the case may be; and

(iii) If the dispute involves the validity of a Title Defect Value or Environmental Defect Value with respect to defects which either the Parties agree or the Independent Expert determines cannot be cured or corrected or which Seller elects not to cure or correct, Seller shall reimburse to Buyer the Title Defect Value or the Environmental Defect Value relating to such defect, as applicable, promptly after the Independent Expert's resolution of the same.

(c) If the Parties fail to select an Independent Expert within such 15-day period, within three (3) days thereafter, each of Buyer and Seller shall choose an Independent Expert meeting the qualifications set forth above, and such experts shall promptly choose a third Independent Expert (meeting the qualifications provided for herein) who alone shall resolve the disputes between the Parties. Each Party shall bear its own costs and expenses incurred in connection with any such proceeding, and one-half (1/2) of the costs and expenses of the Independent Expert.

(d) Disputes to be resolved by an Independent Expert shall be resolved in accordance with mutually agreed procedures and rules and failing such agreement, in accordance with the rules and procedures for non-administered arbitration set forth in the commercial arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association. The Independent Expert shall be instructed by the Parties to resolve such dispute as soon as reasonably practicable in light of the circumstances using the terms and provisions of this Agreement with respect to title and environmental matters. The decision and award of the Independent Expert shall be binding upon the Parties and final and nonappealable to the maximum extent permitted by Laws or Environmental Laws, as applicable, and judgment thereon may be entered in a court of competent jurisdiction and enforced by any Party as a final judgment of such court.

(e) All proceedings under this <u>Section 4.14</u> shall be conducted in Tulsa, Oklahoma or such other mutually agreed location.

Section 4.15 Limitation of Remedies Title Benefits, Title Defects and Environmental Defects.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement,

(a) if the Title Defect Value for a given Title Defect, or the Title Benefit Value of a given Title Benefit, in each case as determined pursuant to this <u>Article 4</u> does not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000), or if the Environmental Defect Value for a given Environmental Defect, as determined pursuant to this <u>Article 4</u> does not exceed Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), such Title Defect, Title Benefit or Environmental Defect shall not qualify for either a Purchase

Price adjustment, cure or correction of such defect;

(b) if the aggregate net value of all Title Defects and Title Benefits does not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) (prior to any adjustments thereto), then no adjustment of the Purchase Price shall be made therefor;

(c) if the aggregate net value of all Title Defects and Title Benefits exceeds One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) (prior to any adjustments thereto), then the Purchase Price shall be adjusted by the entire amount of such aggregate net value, it being understood that this amount is a threshold and not a deductible;

(d) if the aggregate value of all Environmental Defects does not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) (prior to any adjustments thereto), then no adjustment of the Purchase Price shall be made therefor; and

(e) if the aggregate value of all Environmental Defects exceeds Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) (prior to any adjustments thereto), then the Purchase Price shall be adjusted by the entire amount of such aggregate value, it being understood that this amount is a threshold and not a deductible.

All Title Defects and Environmental Defects asserted by Buyer pursuant to this <u>Article 4</u> after being resolved in accordance with this <u>Article 4</u> shall constitute Permitted Encumbrances and Assumed Obligations, whether or not an adjustment to the Purchase Price is made with respect thereto in accordance with this <u>Article 4</u>.

Section 4.16 DISCLAIMER AND WAIVER.

SELLER DOES NOT MAKE ANY, AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, AND BUYER EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY SUCH REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTIES, AS TO THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF ANY FILE AND/OR OTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING, PRINTOUTS, EXTRAPOLATIONS, PROJECTIONS, DOCUMENTATION, MAPS, GRAPHS, CHARTS O R TABLES WHICH REFLECT, DEPICT, PRESENT, PORTRAY OR WHICH ARE BASED UPON OR DERIVED FROM ANY SUCH INFORMATION AND/OR FILES, INCLUDING MATTERS OF GEOLOGICAL, GEOPHYSICAL, ENGINEERING OR OTHER SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION THAT MAY BE PROVIDED TO BUYER BY SELLER OR BY OTHERS ON BEHALF OF SELLER. BUYER EXPRESSLY AGREES THAT ANY CONCLUSIONS DRAWN FROM REVIEW OF SUCH INFORMATION AND/OR FILES SHALL BE THE RESULT OF ITS OWN INDEPENDENT REVIEW AND JUDGMENT.

ARTICLE 5

Representations and Warranties of Seller

Seller represents and warrants to Buyer that:

Section 5.01 Existence.

Seller is a limited liability company duly formed, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware. Seller has full legal power, right and authority to carry on its business as such is now being conducted and as contemplated to be conducted hereby. Seller is authorized to do business, and in good standing, in the State of Texas.

Section 5.02 Legal Power.

Seller has the legal power and right to enter into and perform this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby. The consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement will not violate, or be in conflict with:

(a) any provision of Seller's formation documents, limited liability company agreement and other governing documents;

(b) except for provisions customarily contained in oil and gas agreements relating to maintenance of uniform interest, preferential purchase rights and consents to assignment, any material agreement or instrument to which Seller is a party or by which Seller or the Assets are bound; or

- (c) any judgment, order, ruling or decree applicable to Seller as a party in interest or any law, rule or regulation applicable to Seller.
- Section 5.03 Execution.

The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby are duly and validly authorized by all requisite limited liability company action on the part of Seller as required under its formation documents. This Agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of Seller enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as the same may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other laws relating to or affecting the rights of creditors generally, and by general equitable principles.

Section 5.04 Brokers.

No broker or finder is entitled to any brokerage or finder's fee, or to any commission, based in any way on agreements, arrangements or understandings made by or on behalf of Seller or any affiliate of Seller for which Buyer has or will have any liabilities or obligations (contingent or otherwise).

Section 5.05 Bankruptcy.

There are no bankruptcy, reorganization or arrangement proceedings pending, being contemplated by or to the knowledge of Seller threatened against Seller.

Section 5.06 Suits and Claims.

Except as set forth in <u>Schedule 5.06</u>, there is no litigation that has been filed by any person or entity or by any administrative agency or Governmental Authority in any legal, administrative or arbitration proceeding or, to Seller's knowledge, threatened against Seller or the Assets that would impede Seller's ability to consummate the transactions contemplated herein or would have a material and adverse effect on Seller's title to or the value of its interests in the Assets.

Section 5.07 Taxes

During the period of Seller's ownership of the Assets up to the Effective Time, to Seller's knowledge, all ad valorem, property, severance, excise and similar taxes and assessments based on or measured by the value of the Assets or the production of Hydrocarbons or the receipt of proceeds with respect to such Assets that have become due and payable have been paid in all material respects.

Section 5.08 AFEs.

Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 5.08</u>, there are no outstanding authorizations for expenditures or other capital commitments which are binding on the Assets and which individually would require the owner of the Assets after the Effective Time to expend monies in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000).

Section 5.09 Compliance with Laws.

To Seller's knowledge, Seller's operation (*i.e.*, where Seller is operator of record) of the Assets has been in compliance with Laws where noncompliance of such Laws would have a material and adverse effect on Seller's ownership and operation of the Assets or the value thereof.

Section 5.10 Contracts.

To Seller's knowledge: (a) the Contracts identified on Exhibit \underline{E} include the material Contracts relating to Seller's day to day ownership and operation of the Assets, (b) each of the Contracts identified on Exhibit \underline{E} is in full force and effect in accordance with its terms, and (c) there are no material breaches of any of the Contracts identified on Exhibit \underline{E} for which Seller is responsible.

Section 5.11 Production Imbalances.

Except as set forth in Schedule 1.02(g), to Seller's knowledge, there are no material Production Imbalances as of the Effective Time as to any of the Subject

Interests.

Section 5.12 Royalties.

To Seller's knowledge, beginning at the time Seller assumed operation of the Assets up to the Effective Time, Seller has not been and is not in breach of any payment obligations under any of the Leases.

Section 5.13 Insurance.

Seller maintains, and through the Closing will maintain, with respect to the Assets, the insurance coverage described on Schedule 5.13.

Section 5.14 Plugging Obligations.

Except for wells listed in <u>Schedule 5.14</u>, there are no dry holes, or shut in or otherwise inactive wells, located on the Assets or lands pooled or unitized therewith that Seller has the obligation to plug and abandon.

Section 5.15 Personal Property and Equipment.

Other than in connection with normal and customary prudent operations, Seller has not removed any personal property, equipment or fixtures from the Wells, unless it has been replaced with personal property, equipment or fixtures of similar grade and utility. Unless removed, repaired or replaced (a) with personal property, equipment and fixtures of similar grade and utility or (b) in connection with normal and customary prudent operations, the personal property, equipment and fixtures currently attendant to the Wells was the equipment historically used by Seller on the Wells to produce the Hydrocarbons prior to the execution of this Agreement.

Section 5.16 <u>No Alienation</u>.

Within 120 days of the date hereof, Seller has not voluntarily or involuntarily sold, assigned, conveyed, or transferred or contracted to sell, assign, convey or transfer any right or title to, or interest in, the Assets other than (i) production sold in the ordinary course of Seller's business and (ii) equipment which was worthless, obsolete or replaced by equipment of equal suitability and value.

Section 5.17 Hydrocarbon Sales Contracts.

Except for the Hydrocarbon Sales Contracts listed in Exhibit E, no Hydrocarbons are subject to a sales contract (other than division orders or spot sales agreements terminable on no more than 30 days notice) and no person has any call upon, option to purchase or similar rights with respect to the production from the Assets. Proceeds from the sale of oil, condensate, and gas from the Assets are being received in all respects by Seller in a timely manner and are not being held in suspense for any reason.

Section 5.18 Area of Mutual Interest and Other Agreements; Tax Partnerships.

To Seller's knowledge, no Asset is subject to (or has related to it) any area of mutual interest agreements not disclosed in Exhibit \underline{E} or any farm-out or farm-in agreement under which any party thereto is entitled to receive assignments not yet made, or could earn additional assignments after the Effective Time other than the Wells listed on Exhibit $\underline{D-1}$ as having an after payout NRI. No Asset is subject to (or has related to it) any tax partnership.

Section 5.19 Leases.

Seller has not received a written notice of termination of any of the Leases; provided, however, that Buyer's remedy for Seller's breach of this representation and warranty shall be the Title Defect mechanism set forth in <u>Article 4</u>.

Section 5.20 Property Expenses.

In the ordinary course of business, Seller has paid all property expenses attributable to the period of time prior to the Effective Time as such property expenses become due, and such property expenses are being paid in a timely manner before the same become delinquent, except such property expenses as are disputed in good faith by Seller in a timely manner and for which Seller shall retain responsibility.

Section 5.21 <u>Governmental Permits</u>.

To the best of Seller's knowledge, Seller has all governmental licenses, filings and permits (including, without limitation, permits, licenses, approval registrations, notifications, exemptions and any other authorizations pursuant to Law) necessary or appropriate to own and operate the Assets as presently being owned and operated. Seller has not received written notice of any violations in respect of any such licenses or permits that remains uncured.

Section 5.22 Information.

The information pertaining to revenue and expenses attributable to the Assets that Seller has furnished to Buyer (the "Information") is (a) accurate in all material respects to the extent relating to the period of Seller's ownership of the Assets and (b) to the knowledge of Seller, accurate in all material respects to the extent relating to the period of Seller's ownership of the Assets and (b) to the knowledge of Seller, accurate in all material respects to the extent relating to the period of ownership of the Assets by J. M. Huber Corporation or one of its affiliates. Seller has no data in its possession that it has failed to furnish that would cause the Information to be materially inaccurate. Except as specifically set forth in this <u>Section 5.22</u>. Seller makes no representations regarding the accuracy of any of the Records; provided, however, Seller does represent that (i) all of the Records are files, or copies thereof, that Seller has used in the ordinary course of operating and owning the Assets, (ii) Seller has not intentionally withheld any material information from the Records, and (iii) Seller has not intentionally misrepresented any material information or warranty of any kind is made by Seller as to the Information or with respect to the Assets to which the Information relates and Buyer expressly agrees that any conclusions drawn therefrom shall be the result of its own independent review and judgment. The representations, contained in this paragraph shall apply only to matters of fact, and shall not apply to any information, data, printouts, extrapolations, projections, documentation, maps, graphs, charts, or tables which reflect, depict, present, portray, or represent, or which are based upon or derived from, in whole or in part, interpretation of the Information including, but not limited to, matters of geological, geophysical, engineering, or scientific interpretation.

Section 5.23 Notice of Changes.

Promptly upon its discovery or identification of same, but in any event prior to Closing, Seller shall provide Buyer written notice of any matter it so identifies that has a material effect on Buyer's representations or warranties under this Agreement, or rendering any such warranty or representation untrue or inaccurate. Seller shall be deemed to have waived any Claims arising from or out of any such matter if it fails to so notify Buyer as herein provided.

Section 5.24 Representations and Warranties Exclusive.

All representations and warranties contained in this <u>Article 5</u> are exclusive, and are given in lieu of all other representations and warranties, express, implied or statutory.

ARTICLE 6

Representations and Warranties of Buyer

Buyer represents and warrants to Seller that:

Section 6.01 Existence.

Buyer is a corporation duly formed, organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state of its formation. Buyer has full legal power, right and authority to carry on its business as such is now being conducted. Buyer is authorized to do business as a foreign corporation, and in good standing, in the State of Texas.

Section 6.02 Legal Power.

Buyer has the legal power and right to enter into and perform this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby. The consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement does not and will not violate, or be in conflict with:

- (a) any provision of Buyer's formation documents or other governing documents;
- (b) any material agreement or instrument to which Buyer is a party or by which Buyer or its assets are bound; or
- (c) any judgment, order, ruling or decree applicable to Buyer as a party in interest or any law, rule or regulation applicable to Buyer.

Section 6.03 Execution.

The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby are duly and validly authorized by all requisite organizational action on the part of Buyer. This Agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of Buyer enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as the same may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other laws relating to or affecting the rights of creditors generally, and by general equitable principles.

Section 6.04 Brokers.

No broker or finder is entitled to any brokerage or finder's fee, or to any commission, based in any way on agreements, arrangements or understandings made by or on behalf of Buyer or any affiliate of Buyer for which Seller has or will have any liabilities or obligations (contingent or otherwise).

Section 6.05 Bankruptcy.

There are no bankruptcy, reorganization or arrangement proceedings pending, being contemplated by or to the knowledge of Buyer threatened against Buyer or any affiliate of Buyer.

Section 6.06 Suits and Claims.

There is no suit, action, claim, investigation or inquiry by any person or entity or by any administrative agency or Governmental Authority and no legal, administrative or arbitration proceeding pending or, to Buyer's knowledge, threatened against Buyer or any affiliate of Buyer that will have a material effect on Buyer's ability to consummate the transactions contemplated herein.

Section 6.07 Independent Evaluation.

Buyer acknowledges that it is an experienced and knowledgeable investor in the oil and gas business, and the business of purchasing, owning, developing and operating oil and gas properties such as the Assets. If Closing occurs, Buyer represents, warrants and acknowledges to Seller that it has had full access to the Assets, the officers, and employees of Seller, and to the books, records and files of Seller relating to the Assets. In making the decision to enter into this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, Buyer has relied solely upon its own independent due diligence and investigation of the Assets, and has been advised by and has relied solely on its own expertise and its own legal, tax, operations, environmental, reservoir engineering and other professional coursel and advisors concerning this transaction, the Assets and hay advisors or expertise, and the expertise of its legal coursel and any advisors or expertise, and the expertise of its legal coursel and any advisors on expertise.

Section 6.08 Qualification.

As of the Closing the Buyer shall be, and thereafter shall continue to be, qualified with all applicable Governmental Authorities to own and operate the Assets, including meeting all bonding requirements.

Section 6.09 <u>Securities Laws</u>.

Buyer is acquiring the Assets for its own account and not with a view to, or for offer of resale in connection with, a distribution thereof, within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. § 77a *et seq.*, and any other rules, regulations, and laws pertaining to the distribution of securities. Buyer has not sought or solicited, nor is Buyer participating with, investors, partners or other third parties in order to fund the Purchase Price and to close this transaction, and all funds used by Buyer in connection with this transaction are Buyer's own funds.

Section 6.10 <u>No Investment Company</u>.

Buyer is not (a) an investment company or a company controlled by an investment company within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or (b) subject in any respect to the provisions of that Act.

Section 6.11 Funds.

Buyer has arranged to have available by the Closing Date immediately available funds to enable Buyer to pay in full the Purchase Price as herein provided and otherwise to perform its obligations under this Agreement. Payment of the Purchase Price by Buyer is not contingent upon Buyer obtaining any new borrowings, financings or equity contributions in Buyer or in any of its affiliates beyond Buyer's existing credit facility, which Buyer represents is sufficient to fund any obligations of Buyer in consummating the transaction contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 6.12 Notice of Changes.

Promptly upon its discovery or identification of same, but in any event prior to Closing, Buyer shall provide to Seller written notice of any matter it so identifies that has a material effect on any of Seller's representations or warranties under this Agreement, or rendering any such warranty or representation untrue or inaccurate. Buyer shall be deemed to have waived any Claims arising from or out of any such matter if it fails to so notify Seller as herein provided.

Section 6.13 Representations and Warranties Exclusive.

All representations and warranties contained in this Agreement and the documents delivered in connection herewith, are exclusive, and are given in lieu of all other representations and warranties, express, implied or statutory.

ARTICLE 7

Operation of the Assets

Section 7.01 Operation of the Assets.

(a) From and after the date of execution of this Agreement, and subject to the provisions of applicable operating and other agreements, Seller shall (i) use its reasonable efforts during the period prior to the Closing, to operate and administer the Assets in a manner consistent with its past practices, and (ii) make payment of all costs and expenses attributable to the ownership or operation of the Assets and relating to the period prior to the transfer of operations to Buyer, and shall carry on its business with respect to the Assets in substantially the same manner as before execution of this Agreement. Seller shall use its reasonable efforts to preserve in full force and effect all Leases, Surface Agreements, Permits and Contracts that relate to the Assets in a manner consistent with its past practices.

(b) Buyer acknowledges that Seller owns undivided interests in some or all of the Assets, and Buyer agrees that the acts or omissions of the other working interests owners shall not constitute a violation of the provisions of this <u>Article 7</u>, nor shall any action required by a vote of working interest owners constitute such a violation so long as Seller has voted its interests in a manner that complies with the provisions of this <u>Article 7</u>.

Section 7.02 <u>Buyer's Qualification</u>.

At Closing Buyer shall be qualified and shall meet all requirements, including bonding requirements, to be designated operator of that portion of the Assets for which Seller serves as operator.

Section 7.03 Operation of the Assets after the Closing.

be reasonably necessary to assist in the transition if Buyer becomes the operator. Seller does not warrant or guarantee that Buyer will become the operator of the Assets or any portion thereof, as such matter will be controlled by the applicable joint operating agreement(s) and other applicable agreement(s). Without implying any obligation on Seller's part to continue operating any Assets after the Closing, if Seller elects, at its sole option, to continue to operate any Assets following the Closing at the request of Buyer, or by any third party working interest owner due to constraints of applicable joint operating agreement(s) and other applicable agreement(s), failure of a successor operator to take over operations, or for other reasonable cause, such continued operation by Seller shall be for the account of Buyer, and at the sole risk, cost and expense of Buyer. Buyer agrees to release and defend, indemnify and hold Seller and its Representatives harmless from Claims, including any Claims of Buyer or its affiliates or successors and assigns relating in any manner directly or indirectly to the operation of the Assets after Closing (INCLUDING THOSE CLAIMS **RESULTING FROM THE SOLE, JOINT OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE (BUT NOT GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT), STRICT LIABILITY OR OTHER LEGAL FAULT OF SELLER OR ANY OF SELLER'S REPRESENTATIVES).**

(b) In consideration of any conduct of operations of the Assets by Seller on behalf of Buyer after Closing, Buyer shall pay Seller a fee equal to Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per month per Well, including all other wells, such as, by way of example and not limitation, salt water disposal wells, wells that are temporarily abandoned and wells that are otherwise inactive, as reimbursement for all general and administrative overhead ("<u>Overhead Fee</u>") incurred by Seller in connection with the conduct of operations of the Assets. In the event Seller transfers operations to Buyer or its designee between the first and last day of a calendar month, Seller shall be paid such amount of the Overhead Fee prorated over the number of days in which Seller conducted operations for such month. The amount of the Overhead Fee owing to Seller by Buyer shall be paid upon the Final Settlement Date.

Section 7.04 Post Closing Accounting by Seller.

In the event Seller agrees to operate the Assets after Closing, Seller shall perform the following accounting tasks subject to the limitations provide for herein:

(a) Seller will continue to pay royalties and severance taxes for sales through the production month following the month in which Closing occurs ("<u>Post-ClosingProduction Month</u>"). If any revenue is received by Seller for later months, it will be credited to Buyer in the Final Settlement Statement; provided however, Seller shall not be obligated to and will not pay any royalties and severance taxes, if applicable, with respect to Hydrocarbons produced after the Post-Closing Production Month.

(b) Seller will continue to pay or bill joint interest owners for expenses through the accounting month following the Post-Closing Production Month. All later expenses will be either accumulated or charged to Buyer in the Final Settlement Statement, or the invoices will be returned to the vendor for rebilling to Buyer. Seller will continue to pay to the operator of any Assets not operated by Seller for joint billings for the billing month after the month in which Closing occurs. All subsequent bills will either be returned to the applicable operator for rebilling to Buyer or forwarded to Buyer for payment, or if already paid by Seller, will be charged against Buyer in the Final Settlement Statement. Seller will continue to prepare all regulatory and other monthly production reports through the Post-Closing Production Month. Copies of such reports attributable to the period after the Effective Time will be provided to Buyer, along with the final ending inventory balance.

(c) Seller will continue to pay all shut-in royalties, minimum royalties, delay rentals and other lease payment obligations through the Post-Closing Production Month.

- (d) Seller shall market and nominate all Hydrocarbons in the same manner as Seller has been marketing and nominating Hydrocarbons.
- Section 7.05 Limitations on Liability of Operator.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in the event Seller or an affiliate of Seller should assume any accounting functions on behalf of Buyer from and after Closing, notwithstanding anything to the contrary provided herein, Seller shall have no liability to Buyer for, and Buyer hereby agrees to release and defend, indemnify and hold harmless Seller and Seller's Representatives harmless from, the incorrect payment of expenses, taxes, billings, delay rentals, royalties, minimum royalties, payments required by any of the Leases, shut-in royalties or similar payments, or for any failure to pay any such payments through mistake or oversight (INCLUDING THOSE RESULTING FROM THE SOLE, JOINT OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE (BUT NOT GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT), STRICT LIABILITY OR OTHER LEGAL FAULT OF SELLER OR ANY OF SELLER'S REPRESENTATIVES) from and after the Effective Time, except to the extent of any amounts included in the upward Purchase Price Allocations and Adjustment made pursuant to <u>Section 10.02</u>. In no event shall Buyer's remedy for breach of obligations by Seller (or any of its Representatives) under this <u>Article 7</u> exceed the Allocated Value of the Subject Interest affected by such breach.

ARTICLE 8

Conditions to Obligations of Seller

The obligations of Seller to consummate the transactions provided for herein are subject, at the option of Seller, to the fulfillment on or prior to the Closing Date of each of the following conditions:

Section 8.01 <u>Representations</u>.

The representations and warranties of Buyer herein contained shall be true and correct in all material respects on the Closing Date as though made on and as of such date;

Section 8.02 <u>Performance</u>.

Buyer shall have performed all material obligations, covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement to be performed or complied with by it at or prior to the Closing; and

Section 8.03 Pending Matters.

No suit, action or other proceeding shall be pending or threatened that seeks to, or could reasonably result in a judicial order, judgment or decree that would, restrain, enjoin or otherwise prohibit the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9

Conditions to Obligations of Buyer

The obligations of Buyer to consummate the transaction provided for herein are subject, at the option of Buyer, to the fulfillment on or prior to the Closing Date of each of the following conditions:

Section 9.01 <u>Representations</u>.

(a) The representations and warranties of Seller contained in <u>Section 5.01</u> through <u>Section 5.06</u> shall be true and correct in all material respects on the Closing Date as though made on and as of such date, and (b) no action or omission of Seller during the period of time commencing upon the expiration of the Examination Period and ending on the Closing Date shall have caused any of the representations and warranties of Seller contained in <u>Section 5.07</u> through <u>Section 5.22</u> not to be true and correct in all material respects on the Closing Date as though made on and as of such date;

Section 9.02 <u>Performance</u>.

Seller shall have performed all material obligations, covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement to be performed or complied with by it at or prior to the Closing;

Section 9.03 Pending Matters.

No suit, action or other proceeding shall be pending or threatened that seeks to, or could reasonably result in a judicial order, judgment or decree that would, restrain, enjoin, or otherwise prohibit the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;

Section 9.04 BNPP Liens.

Seller shall have delivered to Buyer releases of all BNPP Liens in form suitable for recording or filing (as applicable); and

Section 9.05 <u>Continuous Operations</u>.

(a) Either (a) Buyer shall have confirmed to its reasonable satisfaction that the Leases with a primary term end date of December 31, 2007, can be extended beyond such date by compliance with the 120 day continuous operations clause as contained in such Leases even if actual drilling operations are not being conducted over the end of such primary term or (b) Seller shall have entered into such arrangements with the lessor(s) under such Leases as are satisfactory to Buyer.

ARTICLE 10

The Closing

Section 10.01 <u>Time and Place of the Closing</u>.

If the conditions referred to in <u>Article 8</u> and <u>Article 9</u> have been satisfied or waived in writing, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (the "<u>Closing</u>") shall take place at the offices of Seller at 9:00 a.m. CDT on October 4, 2007 (the "<u>Closing Date</u>").

Section 10.02 Allocation of Costs and Expenses and Adjustments to Purchase Price at the Closing.

(a) At the Closing, the Purchase Price shall be increased by the following amounts:

(i) the amount of all (A) paid ad valorem, property or similar taxes and assessments based upon or measured by the ownership of the Assets, insofar as such taxes relate to periods of time from and after the Effective Time, and (B) paid charges, and costs and expenses of any kind or nature that are attributable to the Assets and the period from and after Effective Time;

(ii) all expenses, including operating and capital expenditures, incurred and paid by or on behalf of Seller in connection with ownership, operation and use of the Assets attributable to the period from and after the Effective Time;

(iii) all royalties, rentals, insurance premiums (including property and business interruption coverage) and other charges attributable to the Assets for the period of from and after the Effective Time to the extent paid by or on behalf of Seller;

(iv) expenses incurred under applicable operating agreements including any overhead charges allowable under the applicable operating procedure (COPAS) where Seller is non-operator attributable to the Assets for the period of from and after the Effective Time to the extent paid by or on behalf of Seller (the costs and expenses for which Seller shall receive an upward adjustment to the Purchase Price pursuant to clauses (i) through (iv) inclusive, shall be referred to as the "Interim Operating Expenses");

(v) all upward Purchase Price adjustments for Title Benefits determined in accordance with <u>Article 4;</u>

(vi) the value of all oil, gas and natural gas liquids in storage or in the pipelines as of the Effective Time that is credited to the Assets, such value to be the actual price received for such oil, gas or natural gas liquids upon the first unaffiliated third party sale thereof, if available, and upon such estimates as are reasonably agreed upon by the Parties, to the extent actual amounts are not known at Closing, and (B) for purposes of the Final Settlement Statement, be based upon actual amounts; and

- (vii) any other amount provided for in this Agreement or agreed upon in writing by Buyer and Seller.
- (b) At the Closing, the Purchase Price shall be decreased by the following amounts:

(i) an amount equal to the sales price paid by the first purchaser of the Hydrocarbons produced, saved and sold from the Subject Interests from the Effective Time to the Closing Date (without deductions of any kind or nature, including, but not limited to, royalties and any taxes based on production), which Purchase Price Allocations and Adjustments shall (A) for purposes of the pre-Closing Statement, be based upon actual amounts, if available, and upon such estimates as are reasonably agreed upon by the Parties, to the extent actual amounts are not known at Closing, and (B) for purposes of the Final Settlement Statement, be based upon actual amounts.

Buyer has assumed responsibility under Section 12.01;

<u>4.07;</u>	(iii)	the Allocated Value of any Asset sold prior to the Closing to the holder of a preferential right pursuant to Section
of <u>Article 4</u> .	(iv)	the Allocated Value of any Asset excluded from the purchase and sale contemplated herein pursuant to the provisions
Article 4; and	(v)	all downward Purchase Price Adjustments for Title Defects and Environmental Defects determined in accordance with
	(vi)	any other amount provided for in this Agreement or agreed upon in writing by Buyer and Seller.

(c) The allocations of costs and expenses and/or adjustments described in <u>Sections 10.02(a)</u> and <u>(b)</u> are referred to herein as the <u>'Purchase Price</u> <u>Allocations and Adjustments</u>."

Section 10.03 Closing Adjustments and Allocations Statement.

Not later than three (3) business days prior to the Closing Date, Seller shall prepare and deliver to Buyer a statement of the estimated Purchase Price Allocations and Adjustments with appropriate support (the "<u>Statement</u>"), which Statement shall be based upon the then most currently available data and information in order to make the adjustments as provided in <u>Section 10.02</u>.

Section 10.04 Post-Closing Allocations and Adjustments to Purchase Price.

(a) On or before 120 days after the Closing Date, Seller shall prepare and deliver to Buyer a revised Statement ("<u>Final Settlement Statement</u>") setting forth the actual Purchase Price Allocations and Adjustments. Each Party shall provide the other such data and information as may be reasonably requested to permit Seller to prepare the Final Settlement Statement or to permit Buyer to perform or cause to be performed an audit of the Final Settlement Statement. The Final Settlement shall become final and binding upon the parties on the thirtieth (30th) day following receipt thereof by Buyer (the "<u>Final Settlement Date</u>") unless Buyer gives written notice of its disagreement (a "<u>Notice of Disagreement</u>") to Seller prior to such date. Any Notice of Disagreement shall specify in reasonable detail the dollar amount and the nature and basis of any disagreement so asserted. If a Notice of Disagreement is received by Seller in a timely manner, then the Parties shall resolve the dispute evidenced by the Notice of Disagreement by mutual agreement, or otherwise in accordance with <u>Section 4.14</u>.

(b) If the amount of the adjusted Purchase Price as set forth on the Final Settlement Statement exceeds the amount of the estimated Purchase Price paid at the Closing, then Buyer shall pay in immediately available funds to Seller the amount by which the Purchase Price as set forth on the Final Settlement Statement exceeds the amount of the estimated Purchase Price paid at the Closing within five (5) business days after the Final Settlement Date. If the amount of the adjusted as set forth on the Final Settlement is less than the amount of the estimated Purchase Price paid at the Closing, then Seller shall pay in immediately available funds to Buyer the amount by which the Purchase Price as set forth on the Final Settlement Statement is less than the amount of the estimated Purchase Price paid at the Closing within five (5) business days after the Final Settlement Statement is less than the amount of the estimated Purchase Price paid at the Closing within five (5) business days after the Final Settlement Date.

(c) Pursuant to <u>Section 10.02(b)</u>, the Purchase Price is to be reduced by the value of Hydrocarbons produced during the period from the Effective Time to the Closing Date. If Buyer shall receive any revenues attributable to such Hydrocarbons for any reason, Buyer shall promptly remit same in immediately available funds to Seller. Likewise, if Seller shall for any reason receive any of the proceeds of sale of Hydrocarbons produced and saved from the Subject Interests and attributable to the period from and after the Closing Date or any other revenues attributable to the ownership or operation of the Assets from and after the Effective Time, Seller shall promptly remit same in immediately available funds to Buyer.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any costs and expenses, including taxes (other than income tax and Texas gross margin tax) relating to the Assets which are not reflected in the Final Settlement Statement shall be treated as follows:

(i) All costs and expenses relating to the Assets for the period of time prior to the Effective Time shall be the sole obligation of Seller and Seller shall promptly pay, or if paid by Buyer, promptly reimburse Buyer in immediately available funds for and indemnify, defend, and hold Buyer harmless from and against the same; and

(ii) All costs and expenses relating to the Assets for which Buyer is responsible being those incurred on or after the Effective Time shall be the sole obligation of Buyer and Buyer shall promptly pay, or if paid by Seller, promptly reimburse Seller in immediately available funds for and indemnify, defend and hold Seller harmless from and against the same.

(e) Purchase Price adjustments, if any, with respect to Title Defects or Environmental Defects the cure or correction of which or a dispute with respect to the same remains pending on the Final Settlement Date shall be made on a date mutually agreed by the Parties, both acting reasonably.

Section 10.05 <u>Transfer Taxes</u>.

All sales, use and other taxes (other than taxes on gross income, net income or gross receipts and Texas gross margin tax) and duties, levies or other governmental charges incurred by or imposed with respect to the property transfers undertaken pursuant to this Agreement shall be the responsibility of, and shall be paid by, Buyer.

Section 10.06 Ad Valorem and Similar Taxes

. All unpaid ad valorem, property and similar taxes and assessments based upon or measured by the value of the Assets and attributable to the period and Hydrocarbons produced from or attributable to the Assets prior to the Effective Time will be paid by the Seller, and thereafter all such taxes shall be paid by Buyer.

Section 10.07 Actions of Seller at the Closing.

At the Closing, Seller shall:

(a) execute, acknowledge and deliver to Buyer the Assignment in the form of <u>Exhibit G</u>, effective as of the Effective Time, and such other conveyances, assignments, transfers, bills of sale and other instruments (in form and substance mutually agreed upon by Buyer and Seller) as may be necessary or desirable to convey the Assets to Buyer;

(b) execute, acknowledge and deliver to Buyer such letters in lieu of transfer or division orders as may be reasonably requested by Buyer no less than five (5) business days prior to the Closing Date directing all purchasers of production from the Subject Interests to make payment of proceeds attributable to such production to Buyer from and after the later of the Closing Date or the date operations and accounting functions are transferred to Buyer;

- (c) deliver to Buyer possession of the Assets (excluding the Records);
- (d) execute and deliver to Buyer an affidavit attesting to its non-foreign status;

(e) execute, acknowledge and deliver any other agreements provided for herein or necessary or desirable to effectuate the transactions contemplated hereby; and

(f) return the Deposit to Buyer in immediately available funds pursuant to wire transfer instructions to be provided by Buyer to Seller.

Section 10.08 Actions of Buyer at the Closing.

At the Closing, Buyer shall:

(a) pay the Purchase Price (as adjusted pursuant to the provisions hereof) in immediately available funds pursuant to wire transfer instructions to be provided by Seller to Buyer.

(b) take possession of the Assets; and

(c) execute, acknowledge and deliver the Assignment and any other agreements provided for herein or necessary or desirable to effectuate the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 10.09 <u>Recordation; Further Assurances.</u>

(a) Promptly following the Closing, Buyer shall cause the documents identified in <u>Sections 9.04 and 10.07(a)</u> to be recorded or filed in the appropriate real property and other applicable records, in the order reasonably agreed upon by the Parties, and Buyer shall promptly provide Seller copies of all such recorded or filed instruments.

(b) Subject to such additional period of time that Seller reasonably requires to use the Records in the conduct of operations after Closing, Seller shall make the Records available to be picked up by Buyer at the offices of Seller during normal business hours within thirty (30) days after the Closing, to the extent the Records are in the possession of Seller and are not subject to contractual restrictions on transferability. Seller shall have the right at its sole expense to make and retain copies of any of the Records and the rights granted under <u>Section 14.03</u>.

(c) After the Closing Date, each Party, at the request of the other Party and without additional consideration, shall execute and deliver, or shall cause to be executed and delivered, from time to time such further instruments of conveyance and transfer and shall take such other action as the other Party may reasonably request to convey and deliver the Assets to Buyer and to accomplish the orderly transfer of the Assets to Buyer in the manner contemplated by this Agreement. After the Closing, the Parties will cooperate to have all proceeds received attributable to the Assets to be paid to the proper Party hereunder and to have all expenditures to be made with respect to the Assets be made by the proper Party hereunder.

ARTICLE 11

Termination

Section 11.01 Right of Termination.

This Agreement may be terminated at any time at or prior to the Closing:

(a) by mutual written consent of the Parties;

(b) by Seller on the Closing Date if the conditions set forth in <u>Article 8</u> have not been satisfied in all material respects by Buyer or waived by Seller in writing by the Closing Date;

(c) by Buyer on the Closing Date if the conditions set forth in <u>Article 9</u> have not been satisfied in all material respects by Seller or waived by Buyer in writing by the Closing Date;

(d) by either Party if the Closing shall not have occurred by October 31, 2007;

(e) by any Party if any Governmental Authority shall have issued a final and non-appealable order, judgment or decree or taken any other final and non-appealable action challenging, restraining, enjoining, prohibiting or invalidating the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated herein;

(f) by Seller or Buyer if (i) the aggregate amount of the Title Defect Values with respect to all Title Defects asserted by Buyer reasonably and in good faith (net of the aggregate amount of the Purchase Price Adjustments for all Title Benefits) *plus* (ii) the aggregate amount of the Environmental Defect Values with respect to all Environmental Defects asserted by Buyer reasonably and in good faith exceeds ten percent (10%) of the unadjusted Purchase Price;

(g) by Buyer or Seller if between execution of this Agreement and Closing, an event should occur having a Material Adverse Effect on the ownership and operation of the Assets as a whole; or

(h) as otherwise provided herein;

provided, however, that no Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to clause (b), (c) or (d) above if such Party is at such time in material breach of any provision of this Agreement, or such Party instigates a preceding of the nature described in <u>Sections 8.03</u> and <u>9.03</u>.

Section 11.02 Effect of Termination.

In the event that the Closing does not occur as a result of any Party exercising its right to terminate pursuant to <u>Section 11.01</u>, then except as set forth in <u>Section 2.02</u>, this Agreement shall be null and void and no Party shall have any further rights or obligations under this Agreement; provided, that, nothing herein shall relieve any Party from any liability for any breach hereof or any liability that has accrued prior to the date of such termination, which liability, and the applicable terms and provisions of this Agreement, shall survive such termination.

Section 11.03 Attorneys' Fees, Etc.

If either Party to this Agreement resorts to legal proceedings to enforce this Agreement, the prevailing Party in such proceedings shall be entitled to recover all costs incurred by such Party, including reasonable attorneys' fees, in addition to any other relief to which such Party may be entitled.

ARTICLE 12

Assumption and Indemnification

Section 12.01 Buyer's Obligations after Closing.

Upon and after Closing, except to the extent reflected in an upward Purchase Price Allocations and Adjustments, Buyer will assume and perform all the obligations, liabilities and duties relating or with respect to the ownership and/or operation of the Assets that are attributable to periods on or after the Effective Time, together with the Plugging and Abandonment Obligations, the Environmental Obligations, and all other obligations assumed by Buyer under this Agreement (collectively, the "Assumed Obligations"). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Assumed Obligations shall also specifically include:

(a) Responsibility for the performance of all express and implied obligations under the instruments described in <u>Exhibit A</u>, together with all other instruments in the chain of title to such Assets, the Leases, the Contracts, the Surface Agreements, the Permits and all other orders, contracts and agreements to which the Assets are subject, including the payment of royalties and overriding royalties, in each case to the extent attributable to the periods on or after the Effective Time, except to the extent reflected in a Purchase Price Adjustment;

(b) Responsibility for payment of all amounts held in suspense accounts by Seller as of the Closing Date, and for which the Purchase Price is adjusted pursuant to Section 10.02(b), without regard to whether such suspense amounts relate to periods before or after the Effective Time. Seller covenants and agrees to provide to Buyer with the Records, the owner name, number and tax identification number (if known by Seller), the reason such amounts are in suspense, the amount of suspense funds for each such owner making up the total of such funds, and all other information with respect thereto required to be provided to the owner or to the state under the laws, rules and regulations of the State of Texas. To the extent practicable, Seller shall provide such information in the electronic or computer sensible form maintained by Seller. Seller shall remain responsible for the payment of any statutory interest and penalties which may have accrued prior to the Effective Time with respect to such suspense amounts, whether payable to the interest owner or to any state agency in connection with unclaimed property laws, to the extent such interest and penalties are not included in the amount deducted from the Purchase Price pursuant to Section 10.02(b);

(c) Responsibility for compliance with all Laws now or hereafter in effect pertaining to the Assets, and the procurement and maintenance of all permits, consents and authorizations of or required by Governmental Authorities in connection with the Assets, attributable to periods on or after the Effective Time; and

(d) Responsibility for all obligations with respect to Production Imbalances attributable to the Assets, whether attributable to periods before or after the Effective Time.

Section 12.02 Seller's Obligations after Closing.

(a) After Closing, Seller will retain responsibility for (a) the payment of all operating expenses and capital expenditures related to the Assets and attributable to Seller's ownership and operation of the Assets prior to the Effective Time, (b) severance, ad valorem and similar taxes measured by the value of the Assets or measured by the production of Hydrocarbons applicable to the period from the effective date of Seller's ownership of the Assets and prior to the Effective Time, and (c) third party claims with respect to payments of lease royalties in respect of the Leases during Seller's period of ownership of such Leases (the "<u>Retained Obligations</u>").

Section 12.03 Plugging and Abandonment Obligations.

(a) <u>Buyer's Obligations</u>.

Provided Closing occurs and to the extent not otherwise addressed by the express provisions of this Agreement, Buyer assumes full responsibility and liability for the following plugging and abandonment obligations related to the Assets (the "<u>Plugging and Abandonment Obligations</u>"), regardless of whether they are attributable to the ownership or operation of the Assets before or after the Effective Time:

(i) The necessary and proper plugging, replugging and abandonment of all wells on the Assets, whether plugged and abandoned before or after the Effective Time;

(ii) The necessary and proper decommissioning, removal, abandonment, and disposal of all structures, pipelines, facilities, equipment, abandoned Assets, junk and other personal property located on or comprising any part of the Assets;

(iii) The necessary and proper capping and burying of all associated flow lines located on or comprising any part of the Assets, to the extent required by applicable Laws, the Leases, the Contracts, or other agreements;

(iv) The necessary and proper restoration of the Assets, both surface and subsurface, in compliance with any applicable Laws, the Leases, the Surface Agreements, the Contracts, or any other applicable agreements;

(v) To the extent not addressed by operation of <u>Article 4</u>, any necessary clean-up or disposal of any part of the Assets contaminated by NORM, asbestos containing materials, lead based paint or any other substances or materials considered to be hazardous under Laws, including Environmental Laws, and Laws relating to the protection of natural resources;

(vi) All obligations arising from contractual requirements and demands made by Governmental Authorities or parties claiming a vested interest in any part of the Assets; and

(vii) Obtaining and maintaining all bonds and securities, including supplemental or additional bonds or other securities, that may be required by contract or by Governmental Authorities.

(b) <u>Standard of Operations</u>. Buyer shall conduct all Plugging and Abandonment Obligations and all other operations with respect to the Assets in a good and workmanlike manner and in compliance with all Laws, including Environmental Laws and Laws (now or hereafter in effect) relating to the protection of natural resources.

Section 12.04 Environmental Obligations.

Provided Closing occurs and to the extent not otherwise addressed by the express provisions of this Agreement, Buyer assumes full responsibility and liability for the following occurrences, events, conditions and activities on, or related to, or attributable to the ownership or operation of the Assets (the "Environmental Obligations") regardless of whether arising from the ownership or operation of, or relating to, the Assets before or after the Effective Time, and regardless of whether resulting from any acts or omissions of Seller or its Representatives (INCLUDING THOSE ARISING FROM THE SOLE, JOINT OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE (BUT NOT GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT), STRICT LIABILITY OR OTHER LEGAL FAULT OF SELLER OR ANY OF SELLER'S REPRESENTATIVES) or the condition, including the environmental condition of the Assets when acquired:

(a) Environmental pollution or contamination, including pollution or contamination of the soil, groundwater or air by Hydrocarbons, drilling fluid and other chemicals, brine, produced water, NORM, asbestos containing materials, lead based paint, mercury or any other substance, and any other violation of Environmental Laws or Laws now or hereafter in effect relating to the protection of natural resources;

(b) Underground injection activities and waste disposal;

(c) Clean-up responses, and the cost of remediation, control, assessment or compliance with respect to surface and subsurface pollution caused by spills, pits, ponds, lagoons or storage tanks;

(d) Failure to comply with applicable land use, surface disturbance, licensing or notification requirements;

(e) Disposal on the Assets of any hazardous substances, wastes, materials and products generated by or used in connection with the ownership, development, operation or abandonment of any part of the Assets; and

(f) Non-compliance with Laws, including Laws relating to the protection of natural resources, Environmental Laws and requirements (now or hereafter in effect) of applicable Governmental Authorities.

Section 12.05 Definition of Claims.

The term "<u>Claims</u>" means any and all direct or indirect, demands, claims, notices of violation, notices of probable violation, filings, investigations, administrative proceedings, actions, causes of action, suits, other legal proceedings, judgments, assessments, damages, deficiencies, taxes, penalties, fines, obligations, responsibilities, liabilities, payments, charges, costs, and expenses (including costs and expenses of operating the Assets) of any kind or character (whether or not asserted prior to Closing, and whether known or unknown, fixed or unfixed, conditional or unconditional, based on negligence, strict liability or otherwise, choate or inchoate, liquidated or unliquidated, secured or unsecured, accrued, absolute, contingent, or other legal theory), including penalties and interest on any amount payable as a result of any of the foregoing, any legal or other costs and expenses incurred in connection with investigating or defending any Claim, and all amounts paid in settlement of Claims. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term "<u>Claims</u>" specifically includes any and all Claims arising from, attributable to or incurred in connection with any (a) breach of contract, (b) loss or damage to property, injury to or death of persons, and other tortuous injury and (c) violations of applicable Laws, including Laws relating to the protection of natural resources, Environmental Laws (each as now or hereafter in effect) and any other legal right or duty actionable at law or equity.

Section 12.06 Application of Indemnities.

(a) All indemnities set forth in this Agreement extend to the officers, directors, managers, members, shareholders, agents, contractors, employees and affiliates of the indemnified party ("<u>Representatives</u>"). The indemnities set forth in this Agreement do not extend to any part of an indemnified Claim that is the result of the gross negligence, willful misconduct or fraud of the indemnified party.

(b) UNLESS THIS AGREEMENT EXPRESSLY PROVIDES TO THE CONTRARY, THE INDEMNITY AND RELEASE, AND WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT APPLY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE INDEMNIFIED PARTY (OR ITS REPRESENTATIVES) CAUSES, IN WHOLE OR PART, AN INDEMNIFIED CLAIM, INCLUDING INDEMNIFIED CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, FROM, OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONDITION OF THE ASSETS OR THE SOLE, JOINT, OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE (BUT NOT GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT), STRICT LIABILITY OR OTHER LEGAL FAULT OF THE INDEMNIFIED PARTY OR ANY OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES.

EACH PARTY RELEASES THE OTHER PARTY FROM AND WAIVES, ANY LOSSES, COSTS, EXPENSES, OR DAMAGES ARISING UNDER THIS AGREEMENT OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR WITH RESPECT TO THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED IN THIS AGREEMENT ANY AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL COMPENSATORY DAMAGES SUFFERED BY SUCH PARTY. BUYER AND SELLER WAIVE, AND RELEASE EACH OTHER FROM ANY RIGHT TO RECOVER PUNITIVE, SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH OR WITH RESPECT TO THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED IN THIS AGREEMENT; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, ANY SUCH DAMAGES RECOVERED BY A THIRD PARTY (OTHER THAN SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATES OR PARENTS OF A PARTY) FOR WHICH A PARTY OWES THE OTHER PARTY AN INDEMNITY UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT BE WAIVED. BUYER AND SELLER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS STATEMENT IS CONSPICUOUS.

(d) The indemnified party in this Agreement do not cover or include any amounts that the indemnified party may legally recoup from other third party owners under applicable joint operating agreements or other agreements, and for which the indemnified party is reimbursed by any third party. The indemnifying Party will pay all costs incurred by the indemnified party in obtaining reimbursement from third parties. There will be no upward or downward adjustment in the Purchase Price as a result of any matter for which Buyer or Seller is indemnified under this Agreement.

Section 12.07 Buyer's Indemnity.

Buyer shall release and indemnify, defend and hold Seller and its Representatives harmless from and against any and all Claims caused by, resulting from or incidental to the Assumed Obligations or the Environmental Obligations, and any Claims caused by, resulting from or attributable to (a) any inaccuracy of any representation or warranty of Buyer set forth in this Agreement, or (b) any breach of, or failure to perform or satisfy any of the covenants and obligations of Buyer hereunder.

Section 12.08 Seller's Indemnity.

(a) Subject to Sections 12.10 and 12.11, Seller shall release and indemnify, defend and hold Buyer and its Representatives harmless from and against any and all Claims caused by, resulting from or incidental to the Retained Obligations, and any Claims caused by or resulting from any breach of, or failure to perform or satisfy, any of the covenants and obligations of Seller hereunder, which covenants and obligations of Seller shall not include the representations and warranties included in <u>Article 5</u>.

Section 12.09 Notices and Defense of Indemnified Claims.

Each Party shall immediately notify the other Party of any Claim of which it becomes aware and for which it is entitled to indemnification from the other Party under this Agreement. The indemnifying Party shall be obligated to defend, at the indemnifying Party's sole expense, any litigation or other administrative or adversarial proceeding against the indemnified Party relating to any Claim for which the indemnifying Party has agreed to release and indemnify and hold the indemnified Party harmless under this Agreement. However, the indemnified Party shall have the right to participate with the indemnifying Party in the defense of any such Claim at its own expense.

Section 12.10 Seller's Indemnity Limits.

In no event shall Seller be required to indemnify Buyer for any Claim unless Seller receives written notice of the Claim as provided in <u>Section 12.11</u>. Seller shall have no liability hereunder with respect to any Claims until the aggregate liability incurred by Buyer for all otherwise indemnified Claims exceeds One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) (the "Threshold"). If the Threshold is met, Seller shall be liable hereunder for the full value of the indemnified Claims. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Seller's aggregate liability hereunder shall not exceed, and shall be limited to, ten percent (10%) of the unadjusted Purchase Price; provided, that, Claims relating to Seller's failure to pay the Interim Operating Expenses, and any other costs and expenses to be paid by Seller hereunder and reflected in an upward Purchase Price Adjustment, shall not be subject to the threshold or maximum liability limit set forth above, nor shall such amounts be included in the determination of whether the Threshold or maximum liability limit has been reached.

Section 12.11 Survival.

The representations, warranties, covenants and agreements of the Parties set forth herein shall survive the Closing, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby; provided, that the covenants, agreements and indemnities of Seller shall survive only for a period of six (6) months after the Closing and the representations and warranties of Seller shall not survive the Closing. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, Buyer shall not be entitled to make, and hereby waives the right to assert, any Claim against Seller unless Buyer seeks indemnification for such Claim by a written notice received by Seller on or before the date that is six (6) months after the Closing Date (the "Expiration Date"). Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, after the Expiration Date, all of the Retained Liabilities and all of Seller's other liabilities and obligations with respect to the Assets (and all Claims with respect thereto) shall be deemed and constitute Assumed Obligations hereunder (a) except to the extent of any Claims of which Buyer notifies Seller on or before the Expiration Date in accordance with this Agreement and subject to the limitations set forth in this Agreement and paid by any applicable insurers as covered claims under valid and collectible insurance policies issued in favor of Seller.

Section 12.12 Exclusive Remedy.

The terms and provisions of this <u>Article 12</u> and those provided in <u>Article 4</u>, <u>Article 7</u>, <u>Article 8</u>, and <u>Article 9</u> shall be the sole and exclusive remedy of each of the Parties indemnified hereunder with respect to the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements of the Parties set forth in this Agreement and the other documents executed and delivered hereunder.

Section 12.13 Defenses and Counterclaims.

Each Party that is required to assume any obligation or liability of the other Party pursuant to this Agreement or that is required to release and defend, indemnify or hold the other Party harmless hereunder shall, notwithstanding any other provision hereof to the contrary, be entitled to the use and benefit of all defenses (legal and equitable) and counterclaims of such other Party in defense of third party Claims arising out of any such assumption or indemnification.

Section 12.14 <u>Anti-Indemnity Statute</u>.

Buyer and Seller agree that with respect to any statutory limitations now or hereafter in effect affecting the validity or enforceability of the indemnities provided for in this Agreement, including, the provisions of Section 127 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, such indemnities shall be deemed amended in order to comply with such limitations. This provision concerning statutory limitations shall not apply to indemnities for all liabilities of the indemnifying Party which are covered by such Party's insurance.

The express representations and warranties of Seller contained in this Agreement are exclusive and are in lieu of all other representations and warranties, express, implied, at common law or statutory. BUYER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT SELLER HAS NOT MADE, AND SELLER HEREBY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS AND NEGATES, AND BUYER HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVES, ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY, EXPRESS, IMPLIED, AT COMMON LAW, BY STATUTE OR OTHERWISE, RELATING TO (a) PRODUCTION RATES, RECOMPLETION OPPORTUNITIES, DECLINE RATES, INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF PRODUCTION IMBALANCES O R THE QUALITY, QUANTITY OR VOLUME OF THE RESERVES OF HYDROCARBONS, IF ANY, ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ASSETS, (b) THE ACCURACY, COMPLETENESS OR MATERIALITY OR SIGNIFICANCE OF ANY INFORMATION, DATA, GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL DATA (INCLUDING ANY INTERPRETATIONS OR DERIVATIVES BASED THEREON) OR OTHER MATERIALS (WRITTEN OR ORAL) CONSTITUTING PART OF THE ASSETS, NOW, HERETOFORE OR HEREAFTER FURNISHED TO BUYER BY OR ON BEHALF OF SELLER, (c) THE CONDITION, INCLUDING, THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION OF THE ASSETS AND (d) THE COMPLIANCE OF SELLER'S PAST PRACTICES WITH THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF ANY AGREEMENT IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT A, OR ANY SURFACE AGREEMENT, PERMIT OR CONTRACT OR APPLICABLE LAWS, INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND LAWS RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 5. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN THIS AGREEMENT, SELLER EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS AND NEGATES, AND BUYER HEREBY WAIVES, A S TO PERSONAL PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT, INVENTORY, MACHINERY, FIXTURES, BUILDINGS, OFFICES, TRAILERS, ROLLING STOCK, VEHICLES, AND GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL DATA (INCLUDING ANY INTERPRETATIONS OR DERIVATIVES BASED THEREON) CONSTITUTING A PART OF THE ASSETS (i) ANY IMPLIED OR EXPRESS WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, (ii) ANY IMPLIED OR EXPRESS WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, (iii) ANY IMPLIED OR EXPRESS WARRANTY OF CONFORMITY TO MODELS OR SAMPLES OF MATERIALS, (iv) ANY IMPLIED OR EXPRESS WARRANTY THAT ANY DATA TRANSFERRED PURSUANT HERETO IS NONINFRINGING, (v) ANY RIGHTS OF PURCHASERS UNDER APPROPRIATE STATUTES TO CLAIM DIMINUTION OF CONSIDERATION OR RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE, (vi) ANY IMPLIED OR EXPRESS WARRANTY OF FREEDOM FROM DEFECTS, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, (vii) ANY AND ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES EXISTING UNDER APPLICABLE LAWS, AND (viii) ANY IMPLIED OR EXPRESS WARRANTY REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, OR LAWS RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, SAFETY OR NATURAL RESOURCES OR RELATING TO THE RELEASE OF MATERIALS INTO THE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL, LEAD BASED PAINT OR MERCURY AND ANY OTHER HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES OR WASTES, IT BEING THE EXPRESS INTENTION OF BUYER AND SELLER THAT THE ASSETS, INCLUDING ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES, INVENTORY, MACHINERY, FIXTURES, BUILDINGS, OFFICES, TRAILERS, VEHICLES AND ROLLING STOCK INCLUDED IN THE ASSETS, SHALL BE CONVEYED TO BUYER, AND BUYER SHALL ACCEPT THE SAME, AS IS, WHERE IS, WITH ALL FAULTS AND IN THEIR PRESENT CONDITION AND STATE OF REPAIR. BUYER REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS TO SELLER THAT BUYER WILL MAKE, OR CAUSE TO BE MADE SUCH INSPECTIONS WITH RESPECT TO SUCH ASSETS AS BUYER DEEMS APPROPRIATE. SELLER AND BUYER AGREE THAT, TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE LAWS (INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND LAWS RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, HEALTH, SAFETY OR THE ENVIRONMENT) TO BE EFFECTIVE, THE DISCLAIMERS OF THE WARRANTIES CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION ARE "CONSPICUOUS" DISCLAIMERS FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Section 13.02 NORM.

BUYER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT OIL AND GAS PRODUCING FORMATIONS CAN CONTAIN NATURALLY OCCURRING RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL ("<u>NORM</u>"). SCALE FORMATION OR SLUDGE DEPOSITS CAN CONCENTRATE LOW LEVELS OF NORM ON EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ASSETS. THE ASSETS SUBJECT TO THIS AGREEMENT MAY HAVE LEVELS OF NORM ABOVE BACKGROUND LEVELS, AND A HEALTH HAZARD MAY EXIST IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSETS BY REASON THEREOF. THEREFORE, BUYER MAY NEED TO AND SHALL FOLLOW SAFETY PROCEDURES WHEN HANDLING THE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ASSETS.

Section 13.03 Casualty Loss; Condemnation.

(a) Buyer shall assume all risk of loss with respect to, and any change in the condition of, the Assets from and after the Effective Time, including with respect to the depletion of Hydrocarbons, the watering-out of any well, the collapse of casing, sand infiltration of wells, and the depreciation of personal property.

(b) If after the Effective Time and prior to the Closing any part of the Assets shall be damaged or destroyed by fire or other casualty or if any part of the Assets shall be taken in condemnation or under the right of eminent domain or if proceedings for such purposes shall be pending or threatened, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding any such damage, destruction, taking or proceeding, or the threat thereof, and the Parties shall proceed with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement notwithstanding such damage, destruction or taking (without reduction of Purchase Price).

(c) Notwithstanding Section 13.03(a), in the event of any loss described in Section 13.03(b), at the Closing, Seller shall pay to Buyer all sums paid to Seller by third parties by reason of the damage, destruction or taking of such Assets (up to the Allocated Value thereof) and shall assign, transfer and set over unto Buyer all of the rights, title and interest of Seller in and to any claims, causes of action, unpaid proceeds or other payments from third parties arising out of such damage, destruction or taking (up to the Allocated Value thereof). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 13.03. Seller shall not be obligated to carry or maintain any insurance coverage with respect to any of the Assets other than as required under applicable operating agreements affecting such Assets.

ARTICLE 14

Miscellaneous

Section 14.01 Names.

As soon as reasonably possible after the Closing, but in no event later than 45 days after the Closing, Buyer shall remove the names of Seller and its affiliates, and all variations thereof, from all of the Assets and make the requisite filings with, and provide the requisite notices to, the appropriate Governmental Authorities to place the title or other indicia or responsibility of ownership, including operation of the Assets, in a name other than the name of the Seller or any of its affiliates, or any variations thereof.

Section 14.02 Taxes and Expenses.

Buyer shall be liable for all sales, use, documentary, recording, stamp, transfer or similar taxes, assessments or fees arising from the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Each Party shall be solely responsible for all expenses, including due diligence expenses, incurred by it in connection with this transaction, and neither Party shall be entitled to any reimbursement for any such expenses from the other Party.

Section 14.03 Document Retention.

As used in this Section 14.03, the term "Documents" shall mean all files, documents, books, records and other data delivered to Buyer by Seller pursuant to the

provisions of this Agreement (other than those that Seller has retained either the original or a copy of), including financial and tax accounting records; land, title and division order files; contracts; engineering and well files; and books and records related to the operation of the Assets prior to the Closing Date. Buyer shall retain and preserve the Documents for a period of no less than seven (7) years following the Closing Date (or for such longer period as may be required by Laws of any Governmental Authority), and shall allow Seller or its representatives to inspect the Documents at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice during regular business hours during such time period. Seller shall have the right during such period to make copies of any of the Documents at its expense.

Section 14.04 Entire Agreement.

This Agreement, the documents to be executed and delivered hereunder, and the Exhibits, Schedules and Appendices attached hereto constitute the entire agreement between the Parties pertaining to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior agreements, understandings, negotiations and discussions, whether oral or written, of the Parties pertaining to the subject matter hereof; provided, however, that this Agreement does not supersede that certain Producing Property Confidentiality Agreement and Disclaimer Statement and the Supplemental Confidentiality Agreement and Disclaimer Statement for Exploration Prospect, each dated July 2, 2007, by and between the Parties, which agreements shall not survive the Closing. No supplement, alteration, modification or waiver of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by each of the Parties and specifically referencing this Agreement.

Section 14.05 <u>Waiver</u>

. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any other provision hereof (whether or not similar), nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver unless otherwise expressly provided.

Section 14.06 <u>Publicity</u>.

Prior to Closing, Seller and Buyer shall consult with each other with regard to all publicity and other releases concerning this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby and, except as required by applicable law or the applicable rules or regulations of any Governmental Authority or stock exchange, neither Party shall issue any such publicity or other release without the prior written consent of the other Party.

Section 14.07 <u>Construction</u>.

The captions in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be considered a part of or affect the construction or interpretation of any provision of this Agreement.

Section 14.08 <u>No Third Party Beneficiaries</u>.

Except as provided in <u>Section 12.06(a)</u>, nothing in this Agreement shall provide any benefit to any third party or entitle any third party to any claim, cause of action, remedy or right of any kind, it being the intent of the Parties that this Agreement shall otherwise not be construed as a third party beneficiary contract.

Section 14.09 Assignment.

Except as provided in Section 2.04, neither Party may assign or delegate any of its rights or duties hereunder without the prior written consent of the other Party and any assignment made without such consent shall be void. Except as otherwise provided herein, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective permitted successors, assigns and legal representatives.

Section 14.10 <u>Governing Law; Venue</u>.

This Agreement, the other documents delivered pursuant hereto, and the legal relations between the Parties shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Any litigation arising out of this Agreement shall be brought before the courts sitting in Tulsa County, Oklahoma, and the Parties irrevocably waive any right to choose or request any other venue.

Section 14.11 Notices.

Any notice, communication, request, instruction or other document required or permitted hereunder (including notices of Title Defects and Environmental Defects) shall be given in writing and delivered in person or sent by U.S. Mail postage prepaid, return receipt requested, overnight delivery service, electronically, or facsimile to the addresses of Seller and Buyer set forth below. Any such notice shall be effective and deemed given only upon receipt.

Seller:

With copy to:

Rockford Energy Partners II, LLC 2800 First Place Tower 15 East 5th Street Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103 Attention: Charles H. Perrin Fax No.: 918-583-9410 Tel. No.: 918-583-9400 Email: cperrin@Rockfordpartners.com

Conner & Winters, LLP 4000 One Williams Center Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172-0148 Attention: Lawrence A. Hall Fax No.: 918-586-8685 Tel. No.: 918-586-8585 Email: Ihall@cwlaw.com St. Mary Land & Exploration Company 777 N. Eldridge Pkwy., Suite 1000 Houston, TX 77079 Attn: Kenneth Knott, Land Manager Fax No: 281-677-2810 Tel. No: 281-677-2791 Email: kknott@stmaryland.com

With copy to:

St. Mary Land & Exploration Company 1776 Lincoln Street, Suite 700 Denver, CO 80203 Attn: Milam Randolph Pharo, Vice President – Land and Legal Fax No. 303-861-0934 Tel. No. 303-863-4313 Email: rpharo@stmaryland.com

Either Party may, by written notice so delivered to the other Party, change its address for notice purposes hereunder.

Section 14.12 Severability.

If any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any rule of law or public policy, all other conditions and provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect and the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect their original intent as closely as possible in an acceptable manner to the end that the transactions contemplated hereby are fulfilled to the extent possible.

Section 14.13 Interpretation.

This Agreement shall be deemed and considered for all purposes to have been jointly prepared by the Parties, and shall not be construed against any one Party (nor shall any inference or presumption be made) on the basis of who drafted this Agreement or any particular provision hereof, who supplied the form of Agreement, or any other event of the negotiation, drafting or execution of this Agreement. Each Party agrees that this Agreement has been purposefully drawn and correctly reflects its understanding of the transaction that it contemplates. In construing this Agreement, the following principles will apply:

(a) A defined term has its defined meaning throughout this Agreement and each Exhibit and Schedule to this Agreement, regardless of whether it appears before or after the place where it is defined.

(b) If there is any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of the main body of this Agreement and the provisions of any Exhibit or Schedule hereto, the provisions of this Agreement shall take precedence. If there is any conflict between the provisions of any pro forma Assignment or other transaction documents attached to this Agreement as an Exhibit and the provisions of any Assignment and other transaction documents actually executed by the parties, the provisions of the executed Assignment and other executed transaction documents shall take precedence.

(c) Schedules and Exhibits referred to herein are hereby incorporated and made a part of this Agreement for all purposes by such reference.

(d) The omission of certain provisions of this Agreement from the Assignment does not constitute a conflict or inconsistency between this Agreement and the Assignment, and will not effect a merger of the omitted provisions. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws, all provisions of this Agreement are hereby deemed incorporated into the Assignment by reference.

(e) The word "includes" and its derivatives means "includes, but not limited to" and corresponding derivative meanings.

(f) The Article, Section, Exhibit and Schedules references in this Agreement refer to the Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules of this Agreement. The headings and titles in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall have no significance in interpreting or otherwise affect the meaning of this Agreement.

(g) The term "knowledge," whether or not capitalized, shall mean the actual knowledge of a Party's employees who, as of Closing are in a supervisory capacity responsible for the ownership and operation of the Assets and any material facts relating thereto, without duty of inquiry under the terms of this Agreement.

(h) The adjective, "<u>material</u>", whether or not capitalized, shall mean a situation, circumstance, consequence or concept whose relevance to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement as a whole is of significance, and would not be considered a small or insignificant deviation from the terms of this Agreement.

(i) The term "<u>Material Adverse Effect</u>" shall mean any defect, condition, change or effect (other than with respect to which an adjustment to the Purchase Price has been made) that when taken together with all other such defects, conditions, changes and effects significantly diminishes the value, use, operations or development of the Assets, taken as a whole. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following shall not be considered in determining whether a Material Adverse Effect has occurred:

- (i) Fluctuations in commodity prices;
- (ii) Changes in Laws or Environmental Laws; or
- (iii) Changes in the oil and gas industry that do not have a disproportionate impact on the ownership and operation of the

Assets.

(j) The plural shall be deemed to include the singular, and vice versa.

Section 14.14 <u>Time of the Essence</u>.

Time shall be of the essence with respect to all time periods and notice periods set forth in this Agreement.

Section 14.15 Counterpart Execution.

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and each counterpart hereof shall be effective as to each Party that executes the same whether or not all of such parties execute the same counterpart. If counterparts of this Agreement are executed, the signature pages from various counterparts may be combined into one composite instrument for all purposes. All counterparts together shall constitute only one Agreement, but each counterpart shall be considered an original.

Section 14.16 Insurance.

Prior to the Closing, Seller shall use commercially reasonable efforts (which in any event will not require the payment of additional consideration by Seller) to have Buyer named by a specific endorsement as an additional insured under those certain policies of insurance described in Schedule 5.13 and the corresponding policies issued to Seller that immediately preceded these three specific policies for the prior policy year, in each case to the extent that Buyer would not otherwise be an insured party under the current terms of the applicable policy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Seller and Buyer have executed and delivered this Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

SELLER:

ROCKFORD ENERGY PARTNERS II, LLC

By: <u>/s/ CHARLES H. PERRIN</u> Charles H. Perrin Chief Executive Officer and President

BUYER:

ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY

By: <u>/s/ MILAM RANDOLPH PHARO</u> Milam Randolph Pharo Vice President – Land and Legal The following is a list of schedules and exhibits to the Purchase and Sale Agreement that were omitted from Exhibit 2.1 pursuant to the provisions of Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K. St. Mary Land & Exploration Company agrees to furnish supplementally a copy of any omitted schedule or exhibit to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

1. Exhibit A	Subject Interests
2. Exhibit B	Surface Agreements
3. Exhibit C	Permits
4. Exhibit D-1	Wells
5. Exhibit D-2	PDNPs, PUD Locations and Probable and/or Possible Locations
6. Exhibit E	Contracts
7. Exhibit F	Excluded Assets
8. Exhibit G	Assignment and Bill of Sale
9. Schedule 1.02(g)	Production Imbalances
10. Schedule 1.02(h)	Vehicles
11. Schedule 4.07	Rights of Preferential Purchase & Rights of Co-Sale
12. Schedule 4.08	Consents to Assignment
13. Schedule 5.06	Litigation
14. Schedule 5.08	Authorizations for Expenditures
15. Schedule 5.13	Insurance
16. Schedule 5.14	Inactive Wells
17. Schedule 5.21	Non-Transferable Permits