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**Re: Request For Extension of Time
Northstar Unit
North Slope, Alaska**

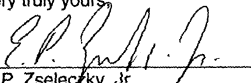
Gentlemen:

BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. (BP) and Amerada Hess Corporation (AHC) are in the process of concluding an arrangement by which BP will acquire AHC's leasehold interest in the Northstar leases. Upon the conclusion of a satisfactory arrangement and with the acceptance of the other Northstar Unit working interest owners, BP will seek approval as the successor Unit Operator to the Northstar Unit Agreement and Unit Operating Agreement.

Subsequent to acquisition of AHC's interest and approval as successor Operator, BP will attempt to cure the default for the Northstar Unit. BP respectfully requests an extension of time to cure said default. An extension of not less than ninety (90) days should provide BP the opportunity to conclude its acquisition, succeed as Unit operator, and formulate with the other working interest owners a new Plan of Development for the Northstar Unit.

It is our intention to discuss this with you in our meeting scheduled for 9:00 A.M., January 19, 1995. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (907) 564-5083 or R.L. Skillern at (907) 564-5567.

Very truly yours,


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