ASSIGNMENT OF LEASES

THIS ASSIGNMENT OF LEASES, effective as of March 30, 1979, at 7:00 a.m., local time, is from ASHLAND EXPLORATION, INC., a Delaware corporation (herein called "Assignor"), 2 Houston Center, Houston, Texas 77002 to LEAR PETROLEUM CORPORATION (herein called "Assignee").

For \$10.00 and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by Assignor, Assignor hereby transfers, grants, conveys and assigns to Assignee all of Assignor's right, title and interest in, to and under all of those oil, gas and mineral Leases of Assignor, described in Exhibit A (herein called the "Leases").

To have and to hold the Leases unto Assignee and its successors and assigns forever.

The Leases are being sold by Assignor to Assignee without recourse, convenant or warranty of any kind, express, implied or statutory, including warranties as to title and to the extent the Leases conveyed hereby constitute personal property or fixtures, ASSIGNOR EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS AND NEGATES (a) ANY IMPLIED OR EXPRESS WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, (b) ANY IMPLIED OR EXPRESS WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, AND (c) ANY IMPLIED OR EXPRESS WARRANTY OF CONFORMITY TO MODELS OR SAMPLES OF MATERIAL.

Assignor hereby assigns to Assignee, with full right of subrogation, to the extent so transferable, the benefit of and the right to enforce the covenants and warranties, if any, which Assignor is entitled to enforce with respect to the Leases against Assignor's predecessors in title to the Leases except any covenants or warranties that Assignor may have the right to enforce against Ashland Oil, Inc., or any affiliate due to the fact that such entity was a predecessor in title to Assignor with respect to any of the Leases.

Separate assignments of the Leases shall be executed on approved forms by Assignor to Assignee, in sufficient counterparts to satisfy applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. Said assignments shall be deemed to contain all of the exceptions, reservations, rights, titles, powers and privileges set forth herein as fully as though the same

were set forth in each such assignment. The interests conveyed by such separate assignments are the same, and not in addition to, the Leases conveyed herein.

Reference is made to Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes. References in Exhibit A to instruments on file in the public records are made for all purposes. Unless provided otherwise, all recording references in Exhibit A are to the official real property records of the county or parish in which the Leases are located. There may be omitted, from each copy of this Assignment of Leases which is to be recorded in the official real property records of a county or parish, those portions of Exhibit A relating to portions of the Leases located outside of such county or parish.

This Assignment of Leases shall bind and inure to the benefit of Assignor and Assignee and their respective successors and assigns.

Ma Douge Morris

Witness

ASHLAND EXPLORATION, INC.

Vice President

(SEAL)

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS

Be it remembered, that, I, the undersigned a Notary Public duly qualified, commissioned, sworn and acting in and for the County and State aforesaid,

Notary Public duly qualified, commissioned, sworn and acting in and for the County and State aforesaid hereby certify that, on the day and year set forth at the end of this acknowledgment, there appeared before me ARLOE W. MAYNE, Vice President of Ashland Exploration, Inc., a Delaware corporation, party to the foregoing instrument, who resides at 2 Houston Center, Houston, Texas.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day by such person, the designated officer of said corporation.

(Colorado)

Before me appeared such person, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is the designated officer of said corporation, and that the seal affixed to said instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation and that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and he acknowledged said instrument to be the true act and deed of said corporation.

(Louisiana, New Mexico, Oregon)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this date by such person, the designated officer of said corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

(Nebraska, North Dakot Arizona, South Carolina)

Before me personally appeared such person, who is known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument as the designated officer of said corporation, being one of the corporations named in said instrument, and who is personally known to me to be such officer of said corporation, and acknowledged to me that he executed said instrument for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, for and on behalf of and as the act of said corporation.

(Texas)

Before me personally appeared such person, who, being by me duly sworn, did say, that he is the designated officer of said corporation, and that said instrument was signed on behalf of said corporation by resolution of its Board of Directors, and he acknowledged to me that said corporation executed the same.

(Utah)

Before me appeared such person, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is the designated officer of said corporation, and that the seal affixed to said instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation and that said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and he acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of such corporation.

(Wyoming)

Before me personally appeared such person, who, being known to me, acknowledged before me on this

(Alabama, Nevada) day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, he, as such officer and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said corporation.

Before me personally appeared such person, who acknowledged himself to be the designated officer of said corporation, and that he, as such officer, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing the name of the corporation by himself as such officer.

(Arkansas, South Dakota)

Before me personally appeared such person, to me known, and known to me to be the designated officer of said corporation, and to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the execution thereof to be his free act and deed, and the free act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

(Florida)

Before me personally appeared such person known to me to be the designated officer of the corporation that executed the instrument on behalf of said corporation, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

(Idaho, Montana, California

Before me personally appeared such person, who, being by me first duly sworn, declared that he is the designated officer of said corporation, that he executed the foregoing document as the designated officer of the corporation, and that the statements therein contained are true.

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Before me personally appeared such person, to me known to be the designated officer of said corporation, that executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged said instrument to be free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes, therein mentioned, and on oath stated that he was authorized to execute said instrument and that the seal affixed is the corporate seal of spid corporation.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official notarial seal in the City of Houston, County of Harris, State of Texas, this 30th day of March, 1979.

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Linda Simmons , Notary Public

Printed name of Notary Public

Linda Simmons

Residing at 15319 Falcon Ridge Humble, Texas 77338

My commission expires:

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EXHIBIT A

TO THAT CERTAIN ASSIGNMENT OF LEASES FROM
ASHLAND EXPLORATION, INC. TO LEAR PETROLEUM CORPORATION

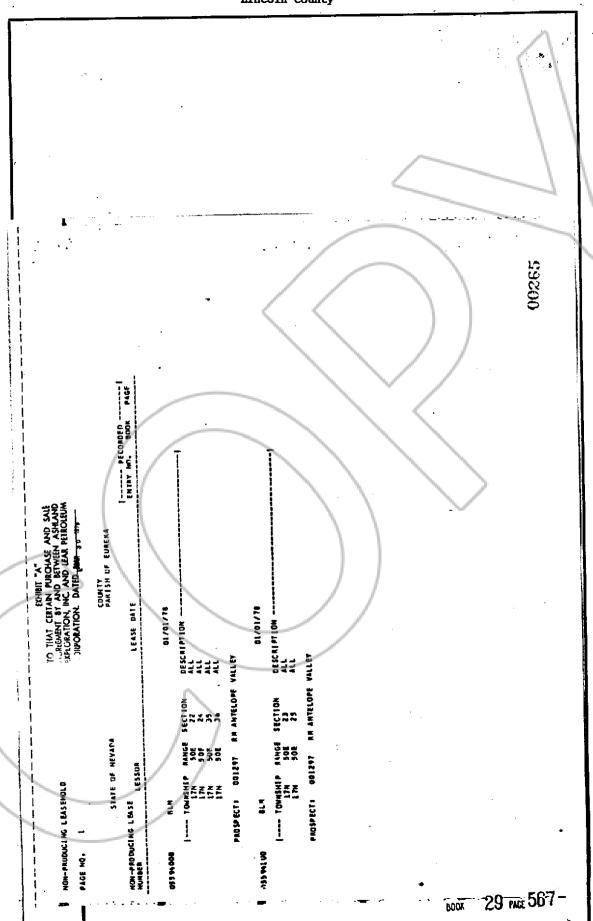
PREAMBLE

The Leases described on this Exhibit A are transferred without warranties of any kind, including warranties as to title, except certain representations of limited duration contained in that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement between Assignee and Assignor of even date herewith. Assignee accepts the Leases subject to the matters burdening the Leases, together with the Permitted Encumbrances (as defined in said Purchase and Sale Agreement) and, pursuant to the Purchase and Sale Agreement referenced above, assumes all obligations of Assignor with respect to the Leases and the matters burdening such Leases as of the date hereof.

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