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STATE OF MONTANA

ARTICLES OF MERGER OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN CORPORATIONS

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The undersigned corporations, pursuant to Section 35-1-819 of the Montana Business Corporation Act, hereby execute the following Articles of Merger:

ARTICLE ONE

The names of the corporations proposing to erge and the names of the states under the laws of which such corporations are organized, are ollows:

Name of Corporation

State of Incorporation

Meridian Minerals Company Glacier Park Company Montana Delaware

ARTICLE TWO

The laws of Delaware, the state under which Glacier Park Company is organized, permit such merger.

ARTICLE THREE

The name of the surviving corporation shall be Glacier Park Company and it shall be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware.

ARTICLE FOUR

The Plan of Merger (the ::") is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

ARTICLE FIVE

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Name of Corporation	Class	Total No. Outstanding and Entitled to Vote	
Meridian Minerals Company	Common	1,000	
Glacier Park Company	Common	19,053	

ARTICLE SIX

As to each corporation, the number of shares of common stock voted for and against the Plan, respectively, are as follows:

Name of Corporation	Total Shares <u>Voted For</u>	Total Shares Voted Against
Meridian Minerals Company	1,000	0
Glacier Park Company	19,053	0

ARTICLE SEVEN

All provisions of the laws of the State of Montana and the State of Delaware applicable to the proposed merger have been complied with.

ARTICLE EIGHT

It is agreed that, upon and after the issuance of a Certificate of Merger by the Secretary of State of the State of Montana that:

- (a) Glacier Park Company, a Delaware corporation and the surviving corporation of this merger, be served with process in the State of Montana in any proceeding for the enforcement of any obligations of any corporation organized under the laws of the State of Montana which is a party to the merger and in any proceeding for the enforcement of the rights of a dissenting shareholder of any such corporation organized under the laws of the State of Montana against the surviving corporation;
- (b) the Secretary of State of the State of Montana is hereby irrevocably appointed as its agent to accept service of process in any such proceeding. Copies of any process served on the Secretary of State of the State of Montana shall be directed via overnight delivery to the corporation at the following address:

Gerald J. Schissler, Executive Vice President c/o Meridian Oil Inc. 5051 Westheimer, Suite 1400 Houston, Texas 77056

(c) the surviving corporation will promptly pay to the dissenting shareholders of any corporation organized under the laws of the State of Montana which are a party to the merger the amount, if any, to which they shall be entitled under the provisions of the Montana Business Corporation Law with respect to the rights of dissenting shareholders.

Dated: June 30, 1995.

MERIDIAN MINERALS COMPANY

By:

Gerald J. Schizsler Executive Vice President

GLACIER PAPK COMPANY

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L. David Hanower

Senior Vice President, Law

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This PLAN OF MERGER, dated as of June 30, 1995 (the "Plan"), is between MERIDIAN MINERALS COMPANY, a Montana corporation (the "Company"), and GLACIER PARK COMPANY, a Delaware corporation ("GPC").

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WHEREAS, the Board of Directors and the sole shareholder of each of the Company a. have approved the merger of the Company into GPC (the "Merger") on the terms and conditions set forth in this Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, the Company and GPC hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I The Merger

Section 1.01 The Merger. Upon the terms and conditions hereof, and in accordance with the relevant provisions of Title 35 of the Montana Code Annotated (the "Code"), the Company shall be merged with and into GPC. Following the Merger, GPC shall continue as the surviving corporation (the "Surviving Corporation") and shall continue its existence under the laws of the State of Delaware, and the separate existence of the Company shall cease.

Section 1.02 Effective Time. The merger shall be consummated by filing with the Secretary of State of the State of Montana articles of merger of domestic and foreign corporations (the "Articles of Merger") in accordance with Montana Law. The Merger shall become effective at such time as the Articles of Merger are duly filed (the time the Merger becomes effective being the "Effective Time").

Section 1.03 Effect of the Merger. The Merger shall have the effects set forth in Title 35, Chapter 1-817 of the Code.

Section 1.04 Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws. The Certificate of Incorporation and the By-Laws of GPC shall be the Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Surviving Corporation until thereafter changed or amended as provided therein or by applicable law.

Section 1.05 Directors and Officers. The directors and officers of GPC immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be the directors and officers of the Surviving Corporation until the earlier of their resignation or removal or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified.

Section 1.06 Conversion of Units. At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of the Company or GPC:

- (a) each share of capital stock of the Company shall be cancelled and retired and shall cease to exist, and no payment or consideration shall be made with respect thereto; and
- (b) each issued and outstanding share of capital stock of GPC shall remain outstanding and shall represent one fully paid and non-assessable share of common stock, no par value, of the Surviving Corporation.

ARTICLE II Miscellaneous

Section 2.01 Entire Agreement. This Plan constitutes the entire agreement among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

Section 2.02 Governing Law. This Plan shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of Montana regardless of the laws that might otherwise govern under principles of conflicts of laws applicable thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties has caused this Plan to be executed on its behalf by its respective officers thereunto duly authorized, all as of the day and year first above written.

MERIDIAN MINERALS COMPANY

Gerald J. Schissler

Executive Vice President

GLACIER PARK COMPANY

David Hanower

Senior Vice President, Law

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Department of Revenue Mick Robinson, Director

June 27, 1995

Natural Resource and Corporation Tax Division

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TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 35-1-944, Montana Code Annotated: this certificate is hereby issued to the above-named corporation.

The undersigned, acting on behalf of the Department of Revenue, is satisfied from available evidence that the taxes due the State of Montana under Title 15, Chapter 31, Montana Code Annotated, have been paid.

> MICK RUBINSON, DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE STATE OF MONTANA

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LYNN R. CHENOWETH, CHIEF Corporate Tax Bureau



STATE OF MONTANA Office of the Secretary of State

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