I claim:

1. A method of subterranean completion, comprising:

locating a production screen adjacent each of at least two spaced apart producing zones with said production screens connected with a connecting tubular extending between them and said connecting tubular extending through a non-producing zone to define an annulus that spans said zones;

depositing gravel in said annulus adjacent said non-producing zone;

connecting a production string to said production screens;

using only said deposited gravel to control flow between said producing zones through said annulus while one of said producing zones is producing through its associated production screen and into said production string.

2. The method of claim **1**, comprising:

providing at least one selectively closable opening in said connecting tubular while depositing said gravel.

3. The method of claim **2**, comprising:

closing said opening by inserting said production string through said connecting tubular.

4. The method of claim **3**, comprising:

providing spaced seals on said production tubing to straddle said opening through said connecting tubular and contact an interior wall in said connecting tubular.

5. The method of claim **4**, comprising:

providing at least one production port in a wall of said production string to align with at least a first production screen to create a flowpath between said first production screen and the surface.

6. The method of claim **5**, comprising:

providing an opening at the lower end of said production string to create a flowpath between said second production screen and the surface.

7. The method of claim **6**, comprising:

plugging said opening at said lower end of said production string;

producing through said first production screen while isolating said second production screen with said plugging.

8. The method of claim **5**, comprising:

providing at least one selectively operated closure on said port in the wall of said production string.

9. The method of claim **8**, comprising:

using a sliding sleeve for selective closure of said port.

10. The method of claim **7**, comprising:

isolating said first production screen after producing through it;

unplugging said lower end of said production string after isolating said first production screen;

producing through said second production screen after said unplugging of said lower end of said production string.

11. The method of claim **4**, comprising:

using at least one screen as said opening in said connecting tubular.

12. The method of claim **11**, comprising:

providing at least one selectively closable port between a pair of said spaced seals to create a flowpath from said screen in said connecting tubular to the surface.

13. The method of claim **6**, comprising:

closing said production port in the wall of said production string while leaving said lower end open;

producing first through said second production screen while said first production screen is isolated.

14. The method of claim **13**, comprising:

plugging said lower end of said production string after producing through said second production screen and thereafter opening said production port in the wall of said production string to subsequently produce from said first production screen.

15. The method of claim **1**, comprising:

using no packers outside said connecting tubular.

16. The method of claim **4**, comprising:

providing a plurality of seals on said production string to be disposed on either side of said opening in said connecting tubular so as to serve as backup for each other and to force any flow from one producing zone to the other to flow first through said gravel packed annular space.

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1. A method of subterranean completion, comprising:

locating a production screen adjacent each of at least two spaced apart producing zones with said production screens connected with a connecting tubular extending between them and said connecting tubular extending through a non-producing zone to define an annulus that spans said zones;

depositing gravel in said annulus adjacent said non-producing zone;

connecting a production string to said production screens;

using only said deposited gravel to control flow between said producing zones through said annulus while one of said producing zones is producing through its associated production screen and into said production string

providing at least one selectively closable opening in said connecting tubular while depositing said gavel.

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3. The method of claim **1**, comprising:

closing said opening by inserting said production string through said connecting tubular.

4. The method of claim **3**, comprising:

providing spaced seals on said production tubing to straddle said opening through said connecting tubular and contact an interior wall in said connecting tubular.

5. The method of claim **4**, comprising:

providing at least one production port in a wall of said production string to align with at least a first production screen to create a flowpath between said first production screen and the surface.

6. The method of claim **5**, comprising:

providing an opening at the lower end of said production string to create a flowpath between said second production screen and the surface.

7. The method of claim **6**, comprising:

plugging said opening at said lower end of said production string;

producing through said first production screen while isolating said second production screen with said plugging.

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8. The method of claim **5**, comprising:

providing at least one selectively operated closure on said port in the wall of said production string.

9. The method of claim **8**, comprising:

using a sliding sleeve for selective closure of said port.

10. The method of claim **7**, comprising:

isolating said first production screen after producing through it;

unplugging said lower end of said production string after isolating said first production screen;

producing through said second production screen after said unplugging of said lower end of said production string.

11. The method of claim **4**, comprising:

using at least one screen as said opening in said connecting tubular.

12. The method of claim **11**, comprising:

providing at least one selectively closable port between a pair of said spaced seals to create a flowpath from said screen in said connecting tubular to the surface.

13. The method of claim **6**, comprising:

closing said production port in the wall of said production string while leaving said lower end open;

producing first through said second production screen while said first production screen is isolated.

14. The method of claim **13**, comprising:

plugging said lower end of said production string after producing through said second production screen and thereafter opening said production port in the wall of said production string to subsequently produce from said first production screen.

15. The method of claim **1**, comprising:

using no packers outside said connecting tubular.

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16. The method of claim **4**, comprising:

providing a plurality of seals on said production string to be disposed on either side of said opening in said connecting tubular so as to serve as backup for each other and to force any flow from one producing zone to the other to flow first through said gravel packed annular space.

I claim:

1. A method of subterranean completion, comprising:

locating a production screen adjacent each of at least two spaced apart producing zones with said production screens connected with a connecting tubular extending between them and said connecting tubular extending through a non-producing zone to define an annulus that spans said zones;

providing in said connecting tubular at least one screened opening;

depositing gravel in said annulus adjacent said non-producing zone while taking fluid returns through said screened opening;

connecting a production string comprising external spaced barriers to straddle said production screens;

isolating said screened opening while said screened opening is open between said spaced barriers while producing through an opening in said production string that is located outside the portion of said production string between said spaced barriers, said opening aligned with at least one said production screen;

using only said deposited gravel to control flow between said producing zones through said annulus while one of said producing zones is producing through its associated production screen and into said production string.

2. The method of claim 1, comprising:

providing an opening at the lower end of said production string to create a flowpath between said second production screen and the surface.

3. The method of claim 2, comprising:

plugging said opening at said lower end of said production string; producing through said first production screen while isolating said second production screen with said plugging.

4. The method of claim 3, comprising:

isolating said first production screen after producing through said first production screen;

unplugging said lower end of said production string after isolating said first production screen;

producing through said second production screen after said unplugging of said lower end of said production string.

5. The method of claim 2, comprising:

closing said production port in the wall of said production string while leaving said lower end open;

producing first through said second production screen while said first production screen is isolated.

6. The method of claim 5, comprising:

plugging said lower end of said production string after producing through said second production screen and thereafter opening said production port in the wall of said production string to subsequently produce from said first production screen.

7. The method of claim 1, comprising:

providing at least one selectively operated closure on said port in the wall of said production string.

8. The method of claim 7, comprising:

using a sliding sleeve for selective closure of said port.

9. The method of claim 1, comprising:

using no packers outside said connecting tubular.

10. The method of claim 1, comprising:

providing a plurality of seals on said production string to be disposed on either side of said opening in said connecting tubular so as to serve as backup for each other and to force any flow from one producing zone to the other to flow first through said gravel packed annular space.