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BETWEEN CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI and RED BAY, ALABAMA, IN  
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AND FRANKLIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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**VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**  
PURSUANT TO 49 CFR 1150.41

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NOTICE OF OPERATION OF RAIL LINES  
INFORMATION REQUIRED BY 49 CFR 1150.43

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VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1150.41, et. seq., Mississippi Central Railroad Co. ("MSCI"), a Class III rail carrier, hereby files this Verified Notice of Exemption to lease and operate a line of railroad owned by the Mississippi-Alabama Railroad Authority between Corinth, Mississippi (Milepost IC-529.5) and Red Bay, Alabama (Milepost IC-571.0), as shown on Exhibit A, attached hereto, in Alcorn, Prentiss, Tishomingo, and Itawamba Counties, Mississippi, and Franklin County, Alabama (the "Line"). MSCI will also proposes to acquire incidental trackage rights for interchange over Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NS") between Milepost IC-529.5 and Milepost IC-527.3 at NS' Corinth, Mississippi yard. Based on projected revenues for the Line, MSCI expects to remain a Class III rail carrier after consummation of the transaction proposed herein.

In accordance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §1150.43, MSCI submits the following information:

**Name and Address of Applicant: 49 C.F.R. §1150.43(a)**

The full name and address of the Class III rail carrier applicant herein is as follows:

Mississippi Central Railroad Co.  
1318 S. Johanson Road  
Peoria, Illinois 61607

**Applicant's Representative: 49 C.F.R. §1150.43(b)**

The name, address and telephone number of the representative of the applicant who should receive correspondence is as follows:

Daniel A. LaKemper, General Counsel  
Mississippi Central Railroad Co.  
1318 S. Johanson Road  
Peoria, Illinois 61607

**Statement Concerning Agreement: 49 C.F.R. §1150.43(c)**

MSCI has reached agreement with Redmont Railway Company, Inc. ("RRC"), the current operator of the Line, and Mississippi-Alabama Railroad Authority ("MARA"), the owner of the Line, providing for MSCI to acquire RRC's leasehold interest in the Line, and for MSCI to lease and operate MARA's Line between Corinth, Mississippi (Milepost IC-529.5) and Red Bay, Alabama (Milepost IC-571.0). RRC will also assign its incidental trackage rights between MP IC-529.5 and IC-527.3, at NS' Corinth yard.

**Operation of the Property: 49 C.F.R. §1149.43(d)**

MSCI will operate, maintain and provide all rail common carrier services on the Line.

**Brief Summary of the Transaction: 49 C.F.R. §1150.43(e):**

Pursuant to the Agreements with RRC and MARA, MSCI proposes to lease, operate, maintain, and perform all common carrier service on the Line. MSCI will interchange with NS and KCS at Corinth, Mississippi. There are no restrictions on interchange.

The Line is currently leased and operated by RRC (**See Finance Docket No. 32616, Decided February 17, 1995, Redmont Railway Company, Inc., Lease and Operation Exemption – Certain Lines of Mississippi-Alabama Railroad Authority.**

MSCI is controlled by Pioneer Railcorp, **See Finance Docket No. FD-35323, Served December 2, 2009 (Pioneer Railcorp – Continuance in Control Exemption – Georgia Southern Railway Co.** MSCI currently operates two lines of railroad, one between Oxford, MS and Grand Junction, TN, and the other between Iuka, MS and the Tri-State Commerce Park, near Iuka, MS **See Finance Docket No. 35258, Served July 10, 2009 – Mississippi Central Railroad Co. – Change in Operators Exemption – Tishomingo Railroad Company, Inc.**

None of these lines physically connect with the Line, nor are there any plans to connect them (Iuka, MS is approximately 23 miles from Corinth). MSCI will operate the Line as a separate line.

- (1) The name and address of the railroad transferring the subject property to the Class III rail carrier applicant:

Redmont Railway Company, Inc.  
916 Vine Street  
Red Bay, Alabama 47331

- (2) The proposed time schedule for consummation of the transaction:

Under the Agreement, consummation of this transaction will occur on or about

September 12, 2013, and operations under this exemption will begin thereafter.

(3) The mileposts of the subject property:

The Line extends from the connection with NS at/near Corinth, MS ((Milepost IC-529.5), in Alcorn County, MS, through Prentiss, Tishomingo and Itawamba Counties, MS, to a point in/near Red Bay (Milepost IC-571.0), in Franklin County, Alabama.

(4) The total route miles being acquired:

The length of the mainline trackage is approximately 41.5 miles, plus 2.2 miles of incidental trackage rights.

**Map: 49 C.F.R. §1150.43(f):**

A map showing the Line and the surrounding trackage is attached as Exhibit A of this Notice.

**Certificate of Compliance: 49 C.F.R. §1150.43(g):**

A Certificate of Compliance with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. §1150.33(g) is attached as Exhibit B to this Notice.

**Transactions Imposing Interchange Commitment: 49 C.F.R. §1105.43(h):**

The proposed lease and operation of the Line does not involve a provision or agreement that would limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

**Environmental and Historic Preservation Data: 49 C.F.R. §1105:**

Under 49 C.F.R. §1105(c )(2), MSCI's proposed acquisition and operation of the Line is

exempt from environmental reporting requirements. The proposed transaction will not result in significant changes in carrier operations, **i.e.**, changes that exceed the thresholds established in 49 C.F.R. §1105.7(e)(4) or (5).

Under 49 C.F.R. §1105.8(b)(1), MSCI's acquisition and operation of the Line is also exempt from historic preservation reporting requirements. The proposed lease is for the purpose of continued rail operations. Further Surface Transportation Board approval is required to discontinue or abandon service, and there are no plans to dispose of or alter properties subject to Board jurisdiction that are fifty years old or older.

**Caption Summary: 49 C.F.R. §1150.44:**

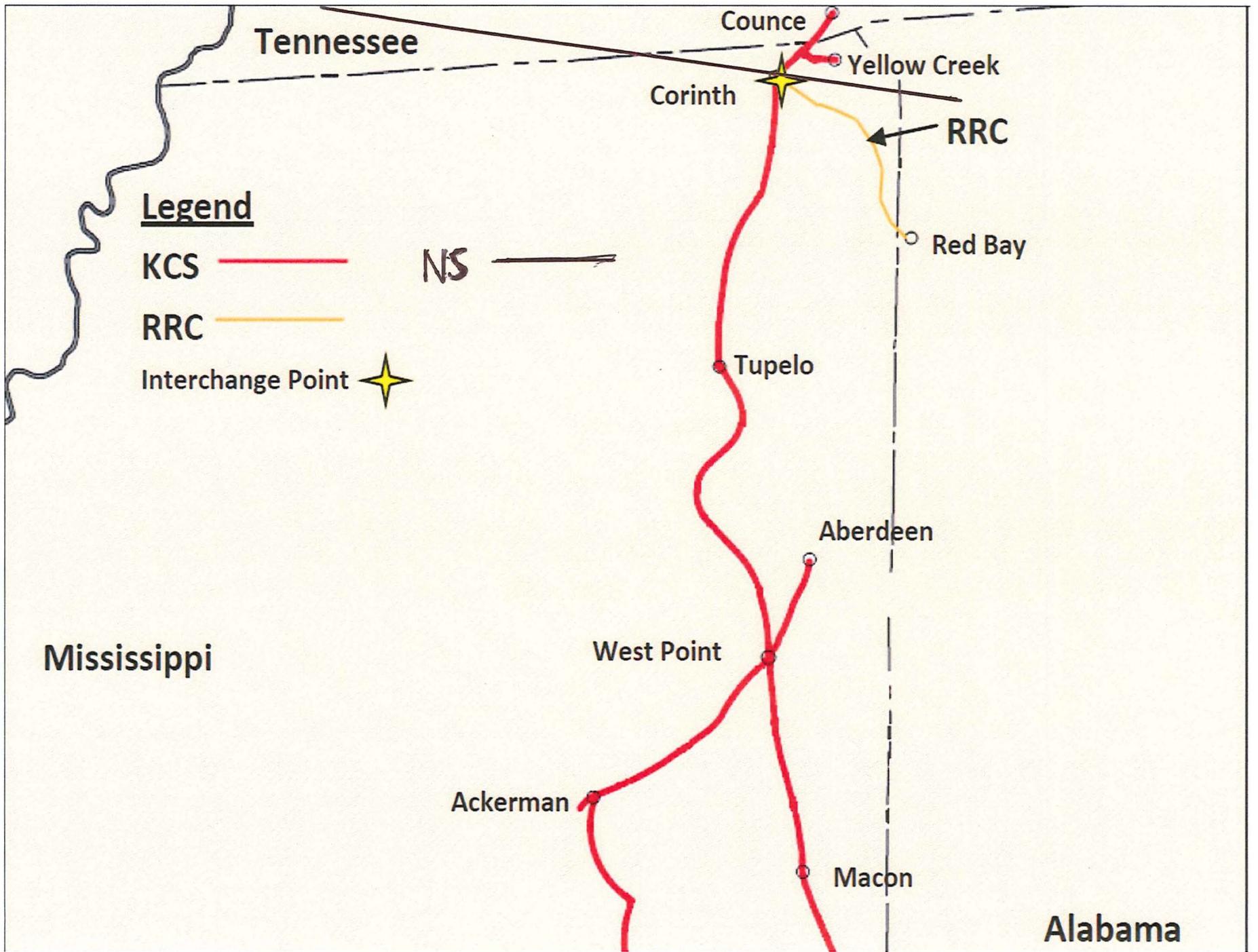
A caption summary in appropriate form is attached as Exhibit C to this Notice.

Pursuant to 49 USC §10902(d), no labor protection is required by the action described in this Notice. The only shipper known to have shipped within the last two years is being served a copy of this Notice.

Respectfully submitted,



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Mississippi Central Railroad Co. has filed a notice of exemption to lease and operate the Mississippi-Alabama Railroad Authority's Line between Corinth, Mississippi (MP IC-529.5) and Red Bay, Alabama (MP IC-571.0), and acquire incidental trackage rights from MP IC-529.5 to MP IC-527.0 in Norfolk Southern Railway Company's Corinth, Mississippi yard, from Redmont Railway Company, Inc. Comments must be filed with the Board and served upon Petitioner's representative, Daniel A. LaKemper, 1318 S. Johanson Road, Peoria, Illinois 61607.

The notice is filed under 49 CFR 1150.41. If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

Dated:

By the Board,  
Anne K. Quinlan,  
Acting Secretary.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Verified Notice of Exemption was served on the following via UPS Overnight Mail on August 12 2013:

Sunshine Mills, Inc.  
509 6<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Red Bay, Alabama 35582



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Daniel A. LaKemper