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Hon. Robert L. Oswald
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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing with and recording by the Interstate Commerce Commission are an original and nine certified counterparts of a Lease Agreement dated as of December 22, 1976 between SSI Rail Corp., Two Embarcadero Center, San Francisco, California, Lessor, and Escanaba and Lake Superior Railroad Company, Wells, Minnesota, Lessee, covering the following railroad equipment:

50 50'6", 70-ton capacity, general service, single-sheath boxcars built by FMC Corporation, numbered ELS 9000 - 9049, inclusive.

Identifying marks on all of the foregoing equipment: The words, "Owned subject to a Security Interest filed under the Interstate Commerce Act, Section 20c," printed on each side of each unit.

Also enclosed is this Company's check in the sum of \$50.00, payable to the Interstate Commerce Commission, being the prescribed fee for filing and recording the foregoing document.

Please return all copies of the enclosed counterparts with recordation data stamped thereon to the representative of the office of Sullivan and Worcester, Attorneys at Law, Washington, D. C., who will be delivering this letter on our behalf.

Very truly yours

Martin D. Goodman
Secretary

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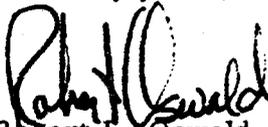
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The enclosed document(s) was recorded pursuant to the provisions of Section 20(c) of the Interstate Commerce Act, 49 U.S.C. 20(c), on 1/10/77 at 2:05 pm , and assigned recordation number(s) 8653

Sincerely yours,


Robert L. Oswald
Secretary

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT, made as of this 22 day of December, 1976, between SSI RAIL CORP., a Delaware corporation, Two Embarcadero Center, San Francisco, California 94111 ("SSI"), as Lessor, and Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad Company a Michigan corporation ("Lessee"), as Lessee.

1. Scope of Agreement

A. SSI agrees to lease to Lessee, and Lessee agrees to lease from SSI, boxcars and/or other railroad equipment of the types and descriptions as set forth in any lease schedules executed by the parties concurrently herewith or hereafter and made a part of this Agreement. The word "Schedule" as used herein includes the Schedule or Schedules executed herewith and any additional Schedules and amendments thereto whether for boxcars or other railroad equipment, each of which when signed by both parties shall be a part of this Agreement. The scheduled items of equipment are hereinafter called collectively the "Boxcars."

B. It is the intent of the parties to this Agreement that SSI shall at all times be and remain the lessor of all Boxcars. Lessee agrees that it will at no time take any action or file any document which is inconsistent with the foregoing intent and that it will take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary to accomplish this intent.

2. Term

A. This Agreement shall remain in full force until it shall have been terminated as to all of the Boxcars as provided herein. The term of lease with respect to all of the Boxcars described on each Schedule shall be for fifteen (15) years commencing upon the date when all Boxcars on such Schedule have been delivered as set forth in Section 3A hereof.

B. If this Agreement has not been earlier terminated and no default has occurred and is continuing, it shall automatically be extended for not more than five consecutive periods of twelve months each with respect to all of the Boxcars described on each Schedule, provided, however, that SSI or Lessee may terminate this Agreement as to all, but not fewer than all, of the Boxcars on any such Schedule by written notice delivered to the other not less than twelve months prior to the end of the initial lease term or any extended lease term.

3. Supply Provisions

A. SSI will inspect each of the Boxcars tendered by the manufacturer for delivery to Lessee. Prior to such inspection, however, Lessee shall confirm in writing to SSI that the sample Boxcar which will be made available for Lessee's inspection prior to the commencement of deliveries conforms to the specifications of the equipment agreed to by Lessee. Upon such approval by Lessee and SSI's determination that the Boxcar conforms to the specifications ordered by SSI and to all applicable governmental regulatory specifications, and this Agreement has not been terminated, SSI will accept delivery thereof at the manufacturer's facility and shall notify Lessee in writing of such acceptance. Each of the Boxcars shall be deemed delivered to Lessee upon acceptance by SSI. The Boxcars shall be moved to Lessee's railroad line at no cost to Lessee as soon after

acceptance of delivery by SSI as is consistent with mutual convenience and economy. Due to the nature of railroad operations in the United States, SSI can neither control nor determine when the Boxcars leased hereunder will actually be available to Lessee for its use on its railroad tracks. Notwithstanding that Lessee may not have immediate physical possession of the Boxcars leased hereunder, Lessee agrees to pay to SSI the rent set forth in this Agreement. To move the Boxcars to Lessee's railroad line and insure optimal use of the Boxcars after the first loading of freight for each Boxcar on the railroad line of Lessee (the "initial loading"), SSI agrees to assist Lessee in monitoring Boxcar movements and, when deemed necessary by Lessee and SSI, to issue movement orders with respect to such Boxcars to other railroad lines in accordance with ICC and AAR interchange agreements and rules. (at its expense)

B. Lessee agrees that so long as it shall have on lease any Boxcars, it shall not lease boxcars from any other party until it shall have received all of the Boxcars on the Schedule or Schedules. Once Boxcars have been delivered to Lessee, it shall then not lease boxcars from any other party until it shall have given SSI at least three (3) months' prior written notice of its desire to lease boxcars similar to the type on lease and SSI shall then have the opportunity to procure and lease such boxcars to Lessee subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and manufacturers' delivery schedules and at terms not less favorable to Lessee than those offered by such other parties. The foregoing, however, shall not be deemed to prohibit Lessee from leasing from other parties if SSI does not offer lease terms equal to or better than those offered by such other parties. Lessee shall give preference to SSI and shall load the Boxcars leased from SSI prior to loading boxcars leased from other parties or purchased by Lessee subsequent to the date of this Agreement or interchanged with railroads; provided, however, that this shall in no event prevent or prohibit Lessee from fulfilling its obligations to provide transportation and facilities upon reasonable request therefor to shippers on its railroad tracks.

C. Additional Boxcars may be leased from SSI by Lessee only upon the mutual agreement of the parties hereto. Upon such agreement, such additional Boxcars shall be identified in Schedules to this Agreement and shall benefit from and be subject to this Agreement upon execution of the Schedules by SSI and Lessee. Notwithstanding the execution of any Schedules, including Schedules for additional Boxcars, the delivery of any Boxcar to Lessee shall be subject to manufacturers' delivery schedules, financing satisfactory to SSI and the mutual acknowledgment of the parties that the addition of such Boxcars is not likely to reduce utilization of all Boxcars on lease to Lessee to less than 87.5 per cent in any calendar quarter. If, due to the factors listed in the preceding sentence, fewer than all of the Boxcars listed on a Schedule shall be delivered to Lessee, the term of the lease shall be deemed to have commenced on the date the final Boxcar of the most recent group of Boxcars was delivered to Lessee.

4. Railroad Markings and Record Keeping

A. SSI and Lessee agree that on or before delivery of any Boxcars to Lessee, said Boxcars will be lettered with the railroad markings of Lessee and may also be marked with the name and/or other insignia used by Lessee. Such name and/or insignia shall comply with all applicable regulations.

B. At no cost to Lessee, SSI shall during the term of this Agreement prepare for Lessee's signature and filing all documents relating to the registration, maintenance and record keeping functions involving the Boxcars. Such documents shall include but are not limited to the following: (i) appropriate AAR documents including an application for relief from AAR Car Service Rules 1 and 2; (ii) registration in the Official Railway Equipment Register and the Universal Machine Language Equipment Register; and (iii) such reports as may be required from time to time by the ICC and/or other regulatory agencies.

C. Each Boxcar leased hereunder shall be registered at no cost to Lessee in the Official Railway Equipment Register and the Universal Machine Language Equipment Register. SSI shall, on behalf of Lessee, perform all record keeping functions related to the use of the Boxcars by Lessee and other railroads in accordance with AAR railroad interchange agreements and rules, such as car hire recon-

costs and charges resulting from wear and tear which occur while such boxcar is in physical possession of Lessee.

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ciliation. Correspondence from railroads using such Boxcars shall be addressed to Lessee at such address as SSI shall select.

D. All record keeping performed by SSI hereunder and all record of payments, charges and correspondence related to the Boxcars shall be separately recorded and maintained by SSI in a form suitable for reasonable inspection by Lessee from time to time during regular SSI business hours. Lessee shall supply SSI with such reports, including daily telephone reports of the number of Boxcars on Lessee's tracks, regarding the use of the Boxcars by Lessee on its railroad line as SSI may reasonably request. SSI will be responsible for the cost of such daily telephone reports.

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5. Maintenance, Taxes and Insurance

A. Except as otherwise provided herein, SSI will pay all costs, expenses, fees and charges incurred in connection with the use and operation of each of the Boxcars during its lease term and any extension thereof, including but not limited to repairs, maintenance and servicing, unless the same was occasioned by the fault of Lessee while such Boxcar is in the physical possession of Lessee. Lessee shall inspect all Boxcars interchanged to it to insure that such Boxcars are in good working order and condition and shall be liable to SSI for any repairs required for damage not noted at the time of interchange. Lessee hereby transfers and assigns to SSI for and during the lease term of each Boxcar all of its right, title and interest in any warranty in respect to the Boxcars. All claims or actions on any warranty so assigned shall be made and prosecuted by SSI at its sole expense and Lessee shall have no obligation to make any claim on such warranty. Any recovery under any warranty shall be payable solely to SSI.

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B. Except as provided above, SSI shall make or cause to be made such inspections of, and maintenance and repairs to, the Boxcars as may be required. Upon request of SSI, Lessee shall perform any necessary maintenance and repairs to Boxcars on Lessee's railroad tracks as may be reasonably requested by SSI. SSI shall also make, at its expense, all alterations, modifications or replacement of parts, as shall be necessary to maintain the Boxcars in good operating condition throughout the term of the lease of such Boxcars. Lessee may make running repairs to facilitate continued immediate use of a Boxcar, but shall not otherwise make any repairs, alterations, improvements or additions to the Boxcars without SSI's prior written consent. If Lessee makes an alteration, improvement or addition to any Boxcar without SSI's prior written consent, Lessee shall be liable to SSI for any revenues lost due to such alteration. Title to any such alteration, improvement or addition shall be and remain with SSI. SSI will promptly reimburse Lessee for said requested maintenance and repairs and for said running repairs, including all costs involved.

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and repairs

C. Lessee will at all times while this Agreement is in effect be responsible for the Boxcars while on Lessee's railroad tracks in the same manner that Lessee is responsible under Rule 7 of the AAR Car Service and Car Hire Agreement Code of Car Service Rules—Freight for cars not owned by Lessee on Lessee's railroad tracks. Lessee shall protect against the consequences of an event of loss involving the Boxcars while on Lessee's railroad tracks by either obtaining insurance or maintaining a self insurance program which conforms to sound actuarial principles. If Lessee elects to carry insurance, it shall furnish SSI concurrently with the execution hereof and thereafter at intervals of not more than 12 calendar months with a certificate of insurance with respect to the insurance carried on the Boxcars signed by an independent insurance broker. All insurance shall be taken out in the name of Lessee and SSI (or its assignee) as their interests may appear.

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D. SSI agrees to promptly reimburse Lessee for all taxes, assessments and other governmental charges of whatsoever kind or character paid by Lessee relating to such Boxcar and on the lease, delivery or operation thereof which may remain unpaid as of the date of delivery of such Boxcar to Lessee or which may be accrued, levied, assessed or imposed during the lease term, except taxes or income imposed on Lessee and sales or use taxes imposed on the mileage charges and/or car hire revenues. SSI shall forward to Lessee all sales and use tax payments received by it on behalf of Lessee and Lessee will comply with all state and local laws regarding the filing of valuations or returns on the Boxcars. SSI shall review all applicable tax returns prior to filing.

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If any such sales or use taxes cannot be collected by the railroad liable to Lessee for such mileage charges and/or car hire payments, then Lessee may at its option request SSI to pay such taxes, and in such event, SSI may at its option terminate this agreement.

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6. Lease Rental

A. Lessee agrees to pay the following rent to SSI for the use of the Boxcars:

(i) SSI shall receive all payments made to Lessee by other railroad companies for their use or handling of the Boxcars, including but not limited to mileage charges, straight car hire payments and incentive car hire payments (all of which payments made to Lessee are herein-after collectively referred to as "payments") if the utilization of all of the Boxcars delivered to Lessee on an aggregate basis for each calendar year shall be equal to or less than 90 per cent. For the purpose of this Agreement, utilization of the Boxcars shall be determined by a fraction, the numerator of which is the aggregate number of days in each calendar year that car hire payments are earned by Lessee on the Boxcars, commencing from the initial loading, and the denominator of which is the aggregate number of days in each year that the Boxcars are on lease to Lessee, commencing from the initial loading (such term referred to as "utilization"). In addition, SSI will receive, as additional rental, all monies earned by the Boxcars prior to their initial loading.

(ii) In the event utilization exceeds 90 per cent in any calendar year, SSI shall receive an amount equal to the SSI Base Rental plus an amount equal to one-half of the payments earned in excess of the SSI Base Rental. For the purpose hereof, SSI Base Rental shall be an amount equal to the total payments for the calendar year multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is 90 percent and the denominator of which is the utilization for such calendar year. (The above determination of SSI Base Rental insures that Lessee will, if utilization is greater than 90 per cent in any calendar year, receive one-half of all the payments made by other railroads for use or handling of the Boxcars in excess of the SSI Base Rental.)

(iii) If SSI pays other railroads to move Boxcars in accordance with Section 3A, except for any payments incurred to deliver such Boxcars to Lessee's railroad line, Lessee shall reimburse SSI for such payments only from and out of the monies received by Lessee pursuant to subsection 6A(ii).

(iv) The rental charges payable to SSI by Lessee shall be paid from the payments received by Lessee in the following order until SSI receives the amounts due it pursuant to this section: (1) incentive car hire payments; (2) straight car hire payments; (3) mileage charges and (4) other.

(v) In the event damage beyond repair or destruction of a Boxcar has been reported in accordance with Rule 7 of the AAR Car Service and Car Hire Agreement Code of Car Hire Rules—Freight and the appropriate amount due as a result thereof is received by SSI, said damaged or destroyed Boxcar will be removed from the coverage of this Agreement as of the date that payment of car hire payments ceased.

B. The calculations required above shall be made within five months after the end of each calendar year. However, to enable SSI to meet its financial commitments, SSI may, prior to such calculations, retain the payments received by it on behalf of Lessee. Further, since the parties desire to determine on a quarterly basis the approximate amount of the rental charges due SSI, SSI shall within three months after the end of each calendar quarter, calculate on a quarterly basis rather than a yearly basis the amount due it pursuant to this section. Any amounts payable pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be paid promptly following such calculation, provided, however, that following the yearly calculation, any amount paid to either party in excess of the amounts required by the yearly calculation shall be promptly refunded to the appropriate party.

C. In the event utilization in any calendar quarter is less than 57.5 per cent or if at any time during a calendar quarter, the number of days that the Boxcars have not earned car hire payments is such as to make it mathematically certain that the utilization cannot be equal to or greater than 57.5 per cent, SSI may, at its option and upon no less than 10 days prior written notice to Lessee, terminate this Agreement as to such Boxcars as SSI shall determine.

D. SSI may, at its option, terminate this Agreement if the ICC shall, at any time, (1) issue an order reducing incentive car hire for Boxcars on an annual basis to three months or less without a corresponding increase in straight car hire or other monies available to both SSI and Lessee at least equal in amount to such reduction, (2) determine that Lessee may not apply its incentive car hire receipts in payment of the rental charges set forth in this section or (3) require that Lessee spend funds not earned by the Boxcars in order for Lessee to continue to meet its obligations set forth in this section.

E. Subsequent to the initial loading, if any Boxcar remains on Lessee's railroad tracks for more than seven consecutive days, SSI may, at its option and upon not less than 24 hours prior written notice, terminate this Agreement as to such Boxcar and withdraw such Boxcar from Lessee's railroad tracks. *If any such Boxcar remains on Lessee's railroad tracks more than seven consecutive days because Lessee has not given preference to the Boxcars as specified in Section 3B, Lessee shall be liable for and remit to SSI an amount equal to the car hire revenues Lessee would have earned if such Boxcars were in the physical possession and use of another railroad for the entire period.

7. Possession and Use

A. So long as Lessee shall not be in default under this Agreement, Lessee shall be entitled to the possession, use and quiet enjoyment of the Boxcars in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and in the manner and to the extent Boxcars are customarily used in the railroad freight business, provided that Lessee retain on its railroad tracks no more Boxcars than are necessary to fulfill its immediate requirements to provide transportation and facilities upon reasonable request therefor to shippers on its railroad tracks. However, Lessee's rights shall be subject and subordinate to the rights of any owner or secured party under any financing agreement entered into by SSI in connection with the acquisition of Boxcars, *i.e.*, upon notice to Lessee from any such secured party or owner that an event of default has occurred and is continuing under such financing agreement, such party may require that all rent shall be made directly to such party and/or that the Boxcars be returned to such party. Lessee agrees that to the extent it has physical possession and can control use of the Boxcars, the Boxcars will at all times be used and operated under and in compliance with the laws of the jurisdiction in which the same may be located and in compliance with all lawful acts, rules and regulations and orders of any governmental bodies or officers having power to regulate or supervise the use of such property, except that either SSI or Lessee may in good faith and by appropriate proceedings contest the application of any such rule, regulation or order in any reasonable manner at the expense of the contesting party.

B. Lessee will not directly or indirectly create, incur, assume, or suffer to exist any mortgage, pledge, lien, charge, encumbrance, or other security interest or claim on or with respect to the Boxcars or any interest therein or in this Agreement or Schedule thereto. Lessee will promptly, at its expense, take such action as may be necessary to duly discharge any such mortgage, pledge, lien, charge, encumbrances, security interest, or claim if the same shall arise at any time.

8. Default

A. The occurrence of any of the following events shall be an event of default:

(i) The nonpayment by Lessee of any sum required herein to be paid by Lessee within ten days after the date any such payment is due.

(ii) The breach by Lessee of any other term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement, which is not cured within ten days thereafter.

(iii) Any act of insolvency by Lessee, or the filing by Lessee of any petition or action under any bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency or moratorium law, or any other law or laws for the relief of, or relating to, debtors.

* provided also that in the then current⁵ calendar quarter the number of days that the leased Boxcars have not earned car hire payments is such as to make it mathematically certain that the utilization cannot be equal to or greater than 87.5 percent.

(iv) The filing of any involuntary petition under any bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency or moratorium law against Lessee that is not dismissed within sixty (60) days thereafter, or the appointment of any receiver or trustee to take possession of the properties of Lessee, unless such petition or appointment is set aside or withdrawn or ceases to be in effect within sixty (60) days from the date of said filing or appointment.

(v) The subjection of any of Lessee's property to any levy, seizure, assignment, application or sale for or by any creditor or governmental agency.

~~with the exception of Lessee's discretion to rail service on rail or air portion of its track or sublease any of its rail property pursuant to applicable provisions of the Interstate Commerce Act or the laws of any state.~~

B. Upon the occurrence of any event of default SSI may, at its option, terminate this Agreement and may

(i) Proceed by any lawful means to enforce performance by Lessee of this Agreement or to recover damages for a breach thereof (and Lessee agrees to bear SSI's costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, in securing such enforcement), or

(ii) By notice in writing to Lessee, terminate Lessee's right of possession and use of the Boxcars, whereupon all right and interest of Lessee in the Boxcars shall terminate; and thereupon SSI may enter upon any premises where the Boxcars may be located and take possession of them and henceforth hold, possess and enjoy the same free from any right of Lessee. SSI shall nevertheless have the right to recover from Lessee any and all rental amounts which under the terms of this Agreement may then be due or which may have accrued to that date.

9. Termination *

At the expiration or termination of this Agreement as to any Boxcars, Lessee will surrender possession of such Boxcars to SSI by delivering the same to SSI. A Boxcar shall be no longer subject to this Agreement upon the removal of Lessee's railroad markings from the Boxcar and the placing thereon of such markings as may be designated by SSI, either, at the option of SSI, (1) by Lessee upon return of such Boxcars to Lessee's railroad line or (2) by another railroad line which has physical possession of the Boxcar at the time of or subsequent to termination of the lease term as to such Boxcar. If such Boxcars are not on the railroad line of Lessee upon termination, any cost of assembling, delivering, storing, and transporting such Boxcars to Lessee's railroad line or the railroad line of a subsequent lessee shall be borne by SSI. If such Boxcars are on the railroad line of Lessee upon such expiration or termination or are subsequently returned to Lessee's railroad line, Lessee shall at its own expense within five working days remove Lessee's railroad markings from the Boxcars and place thereon such markings as may be designated by SSI. After the removal and replacement of markings, Lessee shall use its best efforts to load such Boxcars with freight and deliver them to a connecting carrier for shipment. Lessee shall provide up to thirty (30) days free storage on its railroad tracks for SSI or the subsequent lessee of any terminated Boxcar. If any Boxcar is terminated pursuant to subsections 35733.6E or section 8 prior to the end of its lease term, Lessee shall be liable to SSI for all costs and expenses incurred by SSI to repaint the Boxcars and place thereon the markings and name or other insignia of SSI's subsequent lessee.

10. Indemnities

SSI will defend, indemnify and hold Lessee harmless from and against (1) any and all loss or damage of or to the Boxcars, usual wear and tear excepted, unless occurring while Lessee has physical possession of Boxcars and (2) any claim, cause of action, damage, liability, cost or expense which may be asserted against Lessee with respect to the Boxcars other than loss or physical damage (unless occurring through the fault of Lessee), including without limitation the construction, pur-

In addition to other provisions in this Agreement for termination, this Agreement shall be deemed terminated at such time as Lessee does in compliance with any and all legal requirements discontinuing all rail service, whereupon Lessee shall be relieved of any further obligations under this Agreement at the time of such discontinuance of rail service.

chase and delivery of the Boxcars to Lessee's railroad line, ownership, leasing or return of the Boxcars, or as a result of the use, maintenance, repair, replacement, operation or the condition thereof (whether defects, if any, are latent or are discoverable by SSI or Lessee).

11. Representations, Warranties and Covenants

Lessee represents, warrants and covenants that:

(i) Lessee is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state where it is incorporated and has the corporate power, authority and is duly qualified and authorized to do business wherever necessary, to carry out its present business and operations and to own or hold under lease its properties and to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

(ii) The entering into and performance of this Agreement will not violate any judgment, order, law or regulation applicable to Lessee, or result in any breach of, or constitute a default under, or result in the creation of any lien, charge, security interest or other encumbrance upon any assets of Lessee or on the Boxcars pursuant to any instrument to which Lessee is a party or by which it or its assets may be bound.

(iii) There is no action or proceeding pending or threatened against Lessee before any court or administrative agency or other governmental body which might result in any material adverse effect on the business, properties and assets, or conditions, financial or otherwise, of Lessee.

(iv) There is no fact which Lessee has not disclosed to SSI in writing, nor is Lessee a party to any agreement or instrument or subject to any charter or other corporate restriction which, so far as the Lessee can now reasonably foresee, will individually or in the aggregate materially adversely affect the business, condition or any material portion of the properties of the Lessee or the ability of the Lessee to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

(v) Lessee has during the years 1964-1968 neither leased nor purchased any boxcars.

12. Inspection

SSI shall at any time during normal business hours have the right to enter the premises where the Boxcars may be located for the purpose of inspecting and examining the Boxcars to insure Lessee's compliance with its obligations hereunder. Lessee shall immediately notify SSI of any accident connected with the malfunctioning or operation of the Boxcars, including in such report the time, place and nature of the accident and the damage caused, the names and addresses of any persons injured and of witnesses, and other information pertinent to Lessee's investigation of the accident. Lessee shall also notify SSI in writing within five (5) days after any attachment, tax lien or other judicial process shall attach to any Boxcar. Lessee shall furnish to SSI promptly upon its becoming available, a copy of its annual report submitted to the ICC and, when requested, copies of any other income or balance sheet statements required to be submitted to the ICC.

13. Miscellaneous

A. This Agreement and the Schedules contemplated hereby shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns, except that Lessee may not without the prior written consent of SSI assign this Agreement or any of its rights hereunder or sublease the Boxcars to any party, and any purported assignment or sublease in violation hereof shall be void.

B. Both parties agree to execute the documents contemplated by this transaction and such other documents as may be required in furtherance of any financing agreement entered into by SSI in connection with the acquisition of the Boxcars in order to confirm the financing party's interest in and to the Boxcars, this Agreement and Schedules hereto and to confirm the subordination provisions contained in Section 7 and in furtherance of this Agreement.

C. It is expressly understood and agreed by the parties hereto that this Agreement constitutes a lease of the Boxcars only and no joint venture or partnership is being created. Notwithstanding the calculation of rental payments, nothing herein shall be construed as conveying to Lessee any right, title or interest in the Boxcars except as a lessee only.

D. No failure or delay by SSI shall constitute a waiver or otherwise affect or impair any right, power or remedy available to SSI nor shall any waiver or indulgence by SSI or any partial or single exercise of any right, power or remedy preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or remedy.

E. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of California.

F. All notices hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given when delivered personally or when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, certified or registered, addressed to the president of the other party at the address set forth above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

SSI RAIL CORP.

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

President

DATE: December 29, 1976

Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad
Company

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

President

DATE: December 22, 1976

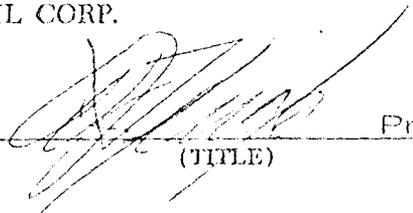
EQUIPMENT SCHEDULE

Superior Railroad Company

SSI Rail Corp. hereby leases the following Boxcars to Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad Company pursuant to that certain Lease Agreement dated as of Dec. 22, 1976

A.A.R. Mech. Desig.	Description	Numbers	Length	Dimensions Inside Width	Height	Doors Width	No. of Cars
XM	General purpose Boxcars "Plate B" with 10" end of car cushioning	9000-9049	50'6"	9'6"	10'7"	10' sliding	50

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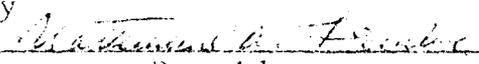


President

(TITLE)

DATE: December 29, 1976

Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad
Company



President

(TITLE)

DATE: December 22, 1976

STATE OF Wisconsin }
COUNTY OF Milwaukee }

On this 22 day of December, before me personally appeared Nathanael A. Lemke to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn says that such person is President of Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad Company, that the foregoing Lease Agreement was signed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its board of directors, and such person acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

Mary Jane Travis
Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My commission expires: 9-14-80

STATE OF California }
COUNTY OF San Francisco }

On this 29th day of December, before me personally appeared William J. Texido to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn says that such person is President of SSI Rail Corp., that the foregoing Lease Agreement was signed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its board of directors, and such person acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of such corporation.



Terry L. Russell
Notary Public

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)
CITY AND COUNTY OF)
SAN FRANCISCO)

On this 7th day of January, 1977, I, Terry L. Russell, compared the foregoing Lease Agreement between SSI Rail Corp. and Escanaba and Lake Superior Railroad Company dated December 22, 1976 with the original Lease Agreement and hereby certify that such foregoing Lease Agreement is a true and correct copy of the original Lease Agreement in all respects.



Terry L. Russell
Notary Public