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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

Interstate Commerce Commission  
12th & Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423

Attention: Mildred Lee

Dear Ms. Lee:

No. 8-0144010  
Date ..... JAN 14 1988  
Fee \$ ..... 10.00 .....  
ICC Washington, D. C.

Enclosed for filing recordation with the Commission is certified true copy and one counterpart of the document described below to be recorded pursuant to Section 11303 of the Interstate Commerce Act, 49 U.S.C. §11303.

This document is a LEASE, dated March 27, 1980, between Evans Railcar Leasing Company, on the one hand, and Ferdinand Railroad Company, on the other.

The names and addresses of the parties to this document are as follows:

Lessor	Lessee
Evans Railcar Leasing Company 2550 Golf Road Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60008	Ferdinand Railroad Company Box 6 Ferdinand, Indiana 47532

The equipment covered by this document is Two hundred thirty-three (233) covered hopper cars bearing markings FERD as shown in Schedules 4 and 23 to the document.

This document should be indexed as:

Lease dated March 27, 1980 between Evans Railcar Leasing Company (Lessor) and the Ferdinand Railroad Company (Lessee).

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Interstate Commerce Commission  
ATTN: Mildred Lee  
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A check in the amount of \$10 is enclosed for the requisite filing fee as required by 49 CFR §1177.3.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Calhoun  
Attorney for Louis Dreyfus  
Corporation

RLC:bc

**Interstate Commerce Commission**  
Washington, D.C. 20423

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

Robert L. Calhoun  
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Dear  
Sir

The enclosed document(s) was recorded pursuant to the provisions of Section 11303 of the Interstate Commerce Act, 49 U.S.C.

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Secretary

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Form 1429

**UNITED STATES RAILWAY LEASING COMPANY**

**RAILROAD CAR LEASE AGREEMENT**

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AGREEMENT made and entered into this 27th day of March, 1980, **INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION**

between UNITED STATES RAILWAY LEASING COMPANY, an Illinois corporation (hereinafter called "United") and Ferdinand Railroad Co.

a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ corporation, with its principal place of business at  
P.O. Box 6, Ferdinand, Indiana 47532  
(hereinafter called "Lessee")

**RECITALS**

Lessee desires to lease from United as Lessor certain railroad cars, hereinafter specifically designated, all upon the rentals, terms and conditions set forth in this Railroad Car Lease Agreement and the Schedules from time to time made a part hereof (together hereinafter referred to as the "Lease").

**AGREEMENT**

It is Agreed:

1. **Lease of Cars.** United agrees to lease to Lessee and Lessee agrees to and does hereby lease from United, railroad cars of the number of units, model, type, construction and such other description (hereinafter referred to as the "Cars") as is set forth in Schedule 1 attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof and as set forth in Schedules which may from time to time be added to this Railroad Car Lease Agreement and thereby made a part hereof. The Lease shall become effective as to any Car immediately upon its delivery to and acceptance by Lessee pursuant to Paragraph 3. The Schedules added hereto shall be in the form of Schedule 1 hereto, shall contain such other terms and provisions as United and Lessee may agree upon and shall, if requested by either party, have the signatures thereto acknowledged by a notary public. The terms and provisions of the Schedule shall control over any inconsistent or contrary terms and provisions in this Railroad Car Lease Agreement.

2. **Delivery of Cars.** United shall deliver the Cars as promptly as is reasonably possible. United's obligations with respect to delivery of all or any of the Cars are hereby made expressly subject to, and United shall not be responsible for, failure to deliver or delays in delivering Cars due to labor difficulties, fire, delays and defaults of carriers and material suppliers or Car manufacturers, acts of God, governmental acts, regulations and restrictions or any other causes, casualties or contingencies beyond United's control. Delivery shall be F.O.T. the point specified in the applicable Schedule. From and after acceptance of a Car, Lessee shall be liable for, and shall pay or reimburse United for the payment of all costs, charges and expenses of any kind whatsoever on account of or relating to switching, demurrage, detention, storage, transportation or movement of a Car, including specifically, but not exclusively, freight and switching charges for movement at any time and from time to time to and from repair shops, storage or terminal facilities.

3. **Condition of Cars - Acceptance.** All Cars delivered under this Lease shall be in satisfactory condition for movement in the normal interchange of rail traffic and shall otherwise comply with the description and specifications contained in the applicable Schedule; but Lessee shall be solely responsible for determining that Cars are in proper condition for loading and shipment. Within five days after United shall give Lessee notice that Cars are ready for delivery, Lessee may have its authorized representative inspect such Cars at the point specified in the notice

and accept or reject them as to condition. Cars so inspected and accepted and any Cars which Lessee does not elect to inspect shall upon delivery thereof to Lessee as above provided be conclusively deemed to be accepted and subject to this Lease and to meet all requirements of this Lease. At United's request, Lessee shall deliver to United an executed Certificate of Acceptance in the form of Exhibit A with respect to all Cars.

4. *Use and Possession.* Throughout the continuance of this Lease so long as Lessee is not in default under this Lease, Lessee shall be entitled to possession of each Car from the date the Lease becomes effective as to such Car and shall use such Car on its own property or lines or in the usual interchange of traffic; provided, however, that Lessee agrees that the Cars shall at all times be used (i) in conformity with all Interchange Rules; (ii) in compliance with the terms and provisions of this Lease, (iii) in a careful and prudent manner, solely in the use, service and manner for which they were designed; (iv) only within the continental limits of the United States of America or in temporary or incidental use in Canada; and (v) in such service as will not constitute a train hauling predominantly a single commodity, such as coal or grain, between the same points on a regular basis, commonly referred to as a "unit train."

5. *Term.* This Lease shall be effective as to any Car on the date of delivery by United of such Car, as provided in Paragraph 2 hereof. The lease term with respect to all Cars covered by a particular Schedule shall commence on the Average Date of Delivery of the Cars covered by such Schedule and shall terminate upon expiration of the lease term specified in such Schedule unless sooner terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Lease.

6. *Rental.* (a) *Per Car.* During the term of this Lease, Lessee shall pay to United for each Car, commencing on the date of delivery thereof, the monthly rental specified in the applicable Schedule.

(b) *Mileage Credits.* If the Cars bear United's reporting marks and numbers, any time and mileage payments paid or allowed by railroads on the Cars shall be the property of United, but United shall credit time and mileage payments actually received by it (less taxes, other than income taxes, due or to become due on account thereof) against rental then or thereafter due under this Lease with respect to Cars covered by a particular Schedule; provided, however, that in no event shall the aggregate time and mileage payments credited exceed the total rental payable by Lessee.

7. *Payment.* Lessee shall make payment of all sums due hereunder to United in immediately available funds at the address provided in Paragraph 21 hereof, or such other place as United may direct. Rental payments shall be made monthly in advance on or before the 1st day of each month for which such rental is due, except that the first full month's payment shall, in addition, include rental covering any prior period of less than one month.

8. *Title.* Lessee shall not by reason of this Lease or any action taken hereunder acquire or have any right or title in the Cars except the rights herein expressly granted to it as Lessee.

9. *Repairs.* Lessee shall perform or cause to be performed and shall pay all costs and expenses of all Repair Work without any abatement in rent or other loss, cost or expense to United. Any parts, replacements or additions made to any Car shall be accessions to such Car and title thereto shall immediately vest in United.

10. *Substitution of Cars.* United may, at any time and from time to time, replace any Casualty Cars with Replacement Cars and such Replacement Cars shall be deemed to be subject to all terms and conditions of this Lease as if the same had been originally delivered to Lessee at the time and in the place of Cars for which they are substituted. The parties shall execute amendments to the Schedule applicable to such Cars and such other or further documents as may be required

by either party hereto to evidence the withdrawal from and termination of this Lease with respect to Casualty Cars, or to include any Replacement Cars within the terms and provisions of this Lease and of any other document under which United has assigned its rights under such Schedule, as permitted in Paragraph 19 hereof.

11. **Abatement of Rent.** Rental payments on any Car shall not abate if such Car is out of service for Repair Work nor on account of any other reason whatsoever.

12. **Taxes.** Lessee shall be liable at all times for and shall pay or reimburse United for payment of all Federal, State or other governmental charges or taxes assessed or levied against the Cars, including but not limited to (i) all Federal, State or other governmental property taxes assessed or levied against the Cars; (ii) all Federal, State or local sales or use taxes imposed upon or in connection with the Cars, this Lease, or the manufacture, acquisition, or use of the Cars for or under this Lease, (iii) all taxes, duties or imposts assessed or levied on the Cars or this Lease by a foreign country and/or any governmental subdivision thereof and (iv) all taxes or governmental charges assessed or levied upon its interest as Lessee of Cars.

13. **Liens.** Lessee shall keep the Cars free from any and all encumbrances or liens in favor of anyone claiming by, through or under Lessee which may be a cloud upon or otherwise affect United's title, including, but not limited to liens or encumbrances which arise out of any suit involving Lessee, or any act or omission of Lessee or Lessee's failure to comply with the provisions of this Lease, and Lessee shall promptly discharge any such lien, encumbrance or legal process.

14. **Indemnities – Patent Covenants.** Lessee agrees to indemnify United and hold it harmless from any loss, expense or liability which United may suffer or incur from any charge, claim, proceeding, suit or other event which in any manner or from any cause arises in connection with the use, possession or operation of a Car while subject to this Lease, excepting only any such loss, expense or liability which arises solely from United's negligence. United agrees to indemnify Lessee and save it harmless against any charge, loss, claim, suit, expense or liability arising out of or on account of the use or incorporation by United upon delivery of a Car or upon the making of repairs thereto by United, of any invention or the infringement of any patents; except if such invention was used or incorporated by reason of Lessee's specifications. The term "United" shall mean and include any subsidiary, parent or affiliated corporation for all purposes of this Paragraph 14. Lessee's indemnity shall not eliminate the rights given Lessee under any manufacturer's warranty assigned to it pursuant to Paragraph 22. The indemnities and assumptions of liability herein contained shall survive the termination of this Lease. Each party shall, upon learning of same, give the other prompt notice of any claim or liability hereby indemnified against.

15. **Lettering – Inventory.** At United's election all Cars may be marked to indicate the rights of United, or an assignee, mortgagee, trustee, pledgee or security holder of United or a lessor to United and may bear the following inscription: "Title to this Car subject to documents recorded under Section 20c of the Interstate Commerce Act." Except for renewal and maintenance of the aforesaid lettering or lettering indicating that the Car is leased to the Lessee or to a sublessee in accordance with demurrage tariffs, no lettering or marking shall be placed upon any of the Cars by Lessee and Lessee will not remove or change the reporting marks and numbers indicated on the applicable schedule except upon the written direction or consent of United. United may at its own cost and expense inspect the Cars from time to time wherever they may be, and Lessee shall, upon request of United, but no more than once every year, furnish to United its certified inventory of all Cars then covered by this Lease.

16. **Loss, Theft or Destruction of Cars.** In the event any Car is lost, stolen, destroyed or damaged beyond economic repair, Lessee shall, within five days of its knowledge thereof, by written notice, fully advise United of such occurrence. Except where United shall have received payment for such Casualty Car from a handling railroad or other party under and pursuant to

Interchange Rules, Lessee shall, within 45 days after demand by United, promptly make payment to United in the same amount as is prescribed in the Interchange Rules for the loss of such Car. This Lease shall continue in full force and effect with respect to any Casualty Car irrespective of the cause, place or extent of any casualty occurrence, the risk of which shall be borne by Lessee, provided, however, that this Lease shall terminate with respect to a Casualty Car on the date United shall receive all amounts and things granted it on account of such Car under this Paragraph 16, and thereafter Lessee shall have no further liability to United under this Lease with respect thereto excepting accrued rent and liabilities arising or existing under Paragraphs 12, 13, and 14 hereof.

17. *Return of Cars.* Upon the expiration or termination of this Lease with respect to any Car (other than pursuant to Paragraph 16 hereof), Lessee shall at its sole cost and expense forthwith surrender possession of such Car to United by delivering same to United at such repair shop, storage or terminal facility as United may designate by notice to Lessee. Each Car so surrendered shall be in the same or as good condition, order and repair as when delivered to Lessee, wear and tear from ordinary use and the passage of time excepted, shall be in need of no repairs, and shall be free from all accumulations or deposits from commodities transported in or on the Cars while in the service of Lessee. If any of the Cars do not bear United's reporting marks and numbers, Lessee shall place such reporting marks and numbers on any or all of the Cars as United shall designate in writing to Lessee prior to the end of the lease term. Until the delivery of possession to United pursuant to this Paragraph 17, Lessee shall continue to be liable for and shall pay rental at the rate being paid immediately prior to termination or expiration, and Lessee shall in addition make all other payments and keep all obligations and undertakings required of Lessee under any and all provisions of this Lease as though such termination or expiration had not occurred. If Lessee is a railroad, Lessee agrees to provide storage at its expense, upon the request of United, for any or all of the Cars for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of expiration or termination of this Lease. Nothing in this Paragraph 17 shall give Lessee the right to retain possession of any Car after expiration or termination of this Lease with respect to such Car.

18. *Default.* If Lessee shall fail to make any payment required under this Lease within 20 days after same shall have become due or shall default or fail for a period of 20 days in the due observance or performance of any covenant, condition or agreement required to be observed or performed on its part under this Lease, or if a proceeding shall have been commenced by or against Lessee under any bankruptcy laws, Federal or State, or for the appointment of a receiver, assignee or trustee of Lessee or its property, or if Lessee shall make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, then and in any of said events United may at its election:

(a) terminate this Lease by written notice to such effect, and retake the Cars and thereafter recover as liquidated damages for loss of a bargain and not as a penalty, any and all damages sustained by reason of Lessee's default in addition to all rental unpaid as of said date; or

(b) without terminating the Lease repossess the Cars, and may relet the same or any part thereof to others upon such rental and other terms as it may see fit. The proceeds of any such reletting shall first be applied to the expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) of retaking and reletting of the Cars and delivery to the new lessee and then to the payment of rent due under this Lease. Lessee shall pay any deficiency remaining due after so applying the proceeds as the same shall accrue. United shall not be obligated to accept any lessee offered by Lessee, or to do any act or exercise any diligence whatsoever in the procuring of another lessee to mitigate the damages of Lessee or otherwise. The election by United to relet the Cars and the acceptance of a new lessee shall not operate to release Lessee from liability for any existing or future default in any other covenant or promise herein contained. The obligation to pay such deficiency or any sum or sums due and unpaid or any damages suffered by reason of Lessee's default hereunder shall survive the termination of the Lease and the retaking of the Cars.

The remedies provided in this Paragraph 18 in favor of United shall not be deemed exclusive but

shall, where not by rule of law inconsistent with each other, be cumulative and may be availed of singly, in combination, or all together and in any order, and shall be in addition to all other remedies in United's favor existing at law or in equity. The Lessee hereby waives any mandatory requirements of law now or hereafter in effect which might limit or modify any of the remedies herein provided to the extent that such waiver is permitted by law.

19. *Sublease and Assignment.* The right to assign this Lease by either party and the Lessee's right to sublease shall exist only as follows:

(a) Lessee shall have no right to assign or sublease or loan any of the Cars without the prior written consent of United; provided, however, that Lessee shall have the right to sublease any of the Cars for single trips within the continental limits of the United States to its customers or suppliers where the sole purpose of such sublease is to obtain exemption from demurrage on the subleased Cars. Any such sublease shall be upon terms which are in compliance with all applicable Interchange Rules, tariffs, regulations and laws and all terms and conditions of this Lease;

(b) all rights of United under this Lease may be assigned, pledged, mortgaged, transferred or otherwise disposed of either in whole or in part without notice to or consent of Lessee. This Lease and Lessee's rights hereunder are and shall be subject and subordinate to any lease, chattel mortgage, security agreement or equipment trust or other security instrument covering the Cars heretofore or hereafter created by United provided only that so long as Lessee is not in default under the Lease, Lessee shall be entitled to the peaceful and quiet possession of the Cars. In the event that Lessee receives notice that United has assigned its rights under this Lease with respect to Cars subject to a particular Schedule, Lessee shall, if requested in writing by United or such assignee, make separate payment of rentals and other sums due with respect to such Cars to such place and person as United or such assignee shall from time to time designate. The right of any assignee or any party on behalf of whom such assignee is acting shall not be subject to any defense, set-off, counterclaim or recoupment whatsoever, whether arising out of any breach of any obligation of United under this Lease or by reason of any other indebtedness or liability at any time owing by United to Lessee.

The making of an assignment or sublease by Lessee or an assignment by United shall not serve to relieve such party of any liability or undertaking under this Lease nor to impose any liability or undertaking under this Lease upon any such assignee or sublessee except as otherwise provided herein or unless expressly assumed in writing by such sublessee or assignee.

20. *Opinion of Counsel.* Upon the request of United or its assignee, Lessee will deliver to United an opinion of counsel for Lessee, addressed to United or its assignee in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for United or its assignee, which opinion shall be to the effect that:

(a) Lessee is a corporation duly organized and validly existing in good standing under the laws of the state of its incorporation, and has corporate power and has taken all corporate action necessary to enter into this Lease and carry out its obligations hereunder;

(b) this Lease has been duly executed on behalf of Lessee and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of Lessee, enforceable in accordance with its terms;

(c) the Cars which are then subject to the Lease are held by Lessee under and subject to the provisions of this Lease prior to any lien, charge or encumbrance in favor of anyone claiming by, through or under Lessee; and

(d) no governmental, administrative or judicial authorization, permission, consent, or approval or recording is necessary on the part of Lessee in connection with this Lease or any action contemplated on its part hereunder.

21. *Notice.* Any notice required or permitted to be given pursuant to the terms of this Lease shall be properly given when made in writing, deposited in the United States mail, registered or certified, postage prepaid, addressed to:

United at: The East Tower, Suite 900  
2550 Golf Road  
Rolling Meadow, Illinois 60008

or at such other addresses as United may from time to time designate by such notice in writing and to Lessee at the address first above written or any such other address as Lessee may from time to time designate by notice in writing.

22. *Warranty.* United agrees to assign to Lessee such rights as it may have under warranties, if any, which it may have received from the manufacturer of any Cars or parts therefor and shall at Lessee's expense cooperate with Lessee and take such action as may be reasonably requested to enable Lessee to enforce such rights. United makes no warranty or representation of any kind, either express or implied, as to any matter whatsoever, including specifically but not exclusively, merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose extending beyond the description in the applicable Schedule, or the design, workmanship, condition or quality of the Cars or parts thereof which Cars have been accepted by Lessee hereunder; and United shall have no liability hereunder for damages of any kind, including specifically but not exclusively, special, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages on account of any matter which might otherwise constitute a breach of warranty or representation. Lessee represents that all of the matters set forth in Paragraphs 20(a), (b) and (c) shall be and are true and correct at all times that any Car is subject to this Lease.

23. *Governing Law - Writing.* The terms of this Lease and all rights and obligations under this Lease shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois. The terms of this Lease and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto may not be changed or terminated orally, but only by agreement in writing signed by the party against whom enforcement of such change or termination is sought.

24. *Counterparts.* This Lease may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts together shall constitute but one and the same contract, which may be evidenced by any such signed counterpart.

25. *Severability - Waiver.* If any term or provision of this Lease or the application thereof to any persons or circumstances shall to any extent be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Lease or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby, and each provision of this Lease shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law. Failure of United to exercise any rights under this Lease shall not constitute a waiver of any such right upon the continuation or recurrence of the situation or contingency giving rise to such right.

26. *Terminology.* In construing any language contained in this Lease, no reference shall be made and no significance given to paragraph titles, such titles being used only for convenience of reference. Where the context so permits, the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.

27. *Past Due Payments.* Any nonpayment of rentals or other sums due under this Lease, whether during the period within which a default may be cured or for a longer period, and whether or not deemed a default or violation of this Lease, shall result in the obligation on the part of the Lessee to pay also an amount equal to twelve per cent per annum (or if such rate may not lawfully be charged, then the highest rate which may lawfully be charged) of such overdue sum for the period of time from one week after the due date until such overdue sum is paid.

28. **Definitions.** For all purposes of this Lease the following terms shall have the following meaning:

(a) "Interchange Rules" – all codes, rules, interpretations, laws or orders governing hire, use, condition, repair and all other matters pertaining to the interchange of freight traffic reasonably interpreted as being applicable to the Cars, adopted and in effect from time to time by the Association of American Railroads and any other organization, association, agency, or governmental authority, including the Interstate Commerce Commission and the United States Department of Transportation, which may from time to time be responsible for or have authority to impose such codes, rules, interpretations, laws or orders.

(b) "Average Date of Delivery" – that date which is determined by (i) multiplying the number of Cars delivered by United on each day by the number of days elapsed between such day and the date of delivery of the first Car under the applicable Schedule, and (ii) adding all of the products so obtained and dividing that sum by the total number of Cars delivered under the applicable Schedule and (iii) adding such quotient rounded out to the nearest whole number to the date of delivery of the first Car under the applicable Schedule. The date on which delivery of a Car shall be deemed to have been made will be the day following delivery of the Car to the Lessee. A Car shall be conclusively deemed delivered to the Lessee on the earliest date shown on any of the following: (i) Certificate of Acceptance or other writing accepting a Car signed by the Lessee; or (ii) a bill of lading showing delivery to Lessee or to a railroad for the account of Lessee.

(c) "Repair Work" – all repairs, maintenance, modifications, additions or replacements required to keep and maintain the Cars in good working order and repair in accordance with and on the effective date of the requirements of all Interchange Rules and preventive maintenance necessary to keep and maintain the Cars in good working order and repair.

(d) "Casualty Cars" – Cars which are lost, stolen, destroyed or damaged beyond economic repair.

(e) "Replacement Cars" – Cars of substantially similar description and specification to that set forth in the applicable Schedule which are substituted for Casualty Cars.

29. **Benefit.** Except as otherwise provided in this Lease the covenants, conditions and agreements contained in this Lease shall bind and inure to the benefit of the parties and (to the extent permitted in Paragraph 19 hereof) their successors and assigns. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the indemnities of the Lessee contained in Paragraph 14 hereof shall apply to and inure to the benefit of any assignee of United, and if such assignee is a trustee or secured party under an indenture under which evidence of indebtedness has been issued in connection with the financing of the Cars, then also to the benefit of any holder of such evidence of indebtedness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, United and Lessee have duly executed this Railroad Car Lease Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

UNITED STATES RAILWAY LEASING COMPANY  
an Illinois corporation

By *Carl C. Felt*  
Senior Vice President

[CORPORATE SEAL]

ATTEST:  
*Robert C. Payne*  
ASST. Secretary

Ferdinand Railroad Co.  
a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ corporation

[CORPORATE SEAL]

ATTEST:  
*Nancy Beadie*  
Secretary

By *Walter Anderson*  
President

**EXHIBIT A**

Schedule.....to Lease dated....., 19....., by and between United States  
Railway Leasing Company ("United") and.....("Lessee")

**CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE**

\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_

United States Railway Leasing Company  
2550 Golf Road  
Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60008

Gentlemen:

The undersigned, being a duly authorized representative of Lessee, hereby accepts  
\_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Cars bearing numbers as  
follows:

for the Lessee pursuant to the Lease and certifies that each of said Cars is plainly marked in stencil  
on both sides of each Car with the words

**UNITED STATES RAILWAY LEASING COMPANY  
OWNER AND LESSOR**

Title to this Car subject to documents recorded  
under Section 20c of Interstate Commerce Act

in readily visible letters not less than one inch (1") in height; and that each of said Cars conforms  
to, and fully complies with the terms of said Lease and is in condition satisfactory to the Lessee. If  
the Lessee is a railroad, Lessee hereby certifies that it is an interstate carrier by rail and that the  
Cars are intended for actual use and movement in interstate commerce.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lessee

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF COOK

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On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1981, before me personally appeared Curtis C. Tabor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is James V. ... President of United States Railway Leasing Company, and Lawrence T. Prange ~~President~~ personally known to be the Asst. Secretary of said corporation, that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and they acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

Susan E. Muehle  
Notary Public

STATE OF Indiana  
COUNTY OF Harrison ss

On this 3 day of April, 1980, before me personally appeared Walter Sullman, to me personally know, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is President of Sheridan Railroad, and Nancy Biddle to me personally known to be the Secretary of said corporation, that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and they acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

Paul J. Turk  
Notary Public

EVANS' LOT NO. 1922-01  
1922-02

SCHEDULE 4

Page 1 of Schedule 4 dated January 13, 1983 to Lease dated March 27, 1980 by and between EVANS RAILCAR LEASING COMPANY ("Evans") and FERDINAND RAILROAD COMPANY ("Lessee").

TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF CAR:

4780 c.f. 100-ton covered hoppers

NUMBER OF CARS:

208

INTERIOR EQUIPMENT:

None

SPECIAL LININGS:

None

PERMITTED LADING USE:

Non-Corrosive Commodities

REPORTING MARKS AND NUMBERS:

FRDN (numbers to be advised)

SPECIFICATIONS DESIGNATED BY LESSEE:

None

INITIAL F.O.T. POINT:

Louisville, Kentucky

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Page 2 of Schedule 4 dated January 13, 1983 to Lease dated March 27, 1980 by and between EVANS RAILCAR LEASING COMPANY ("Evans") and FERDINAND RAILROAD COMPANY ("Lessee").

LEASE TERM: Month to Month

MONTHLY RENTAL: 100% of all net car hire received by the Ferdinand to the account Evans.

SPECIAL TERMS: See Exhibit A dated January 13, 1983

(CORPORATE SEAL)

ATTEST:

By: Nancy Bidase  
Secretary

FERDINAND RAILROAD COMPANY

By: Walter Coulman  
President

(CORPORATE SEAL)

ATTEST:

By: Robert B. Long  
Asst. Secretary

EVANS RAILCAR LEASING COMPANY

By: Curtis C. Tatham  
Senior Vice President

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and

FERDINAND RAILROAD COMPANY  
(hereinafter called "Lessee")

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AGREEMENT

It is agreed:

1. Lease of Cars. Evans agrees to lease to Lessee and Lessee agrees to and hereby lease from Evans that number of railroad cars, of the type, construction and such other description (hereinafter referred to as the "Cars") as is set forth in Schedule 1 of this Lease and as is set forth in Schedules which may from time to time be added to this Lease. The Cars covered by this Lease are those which shall be delivered to and accepted by or on behalf of Lessee pursuant to the terms hereof. This Lease shall become effective with respect to any Car as of the date of its delivery and acceptance hereunder and shall continue with respect to such Car for the term provided in the Schedule covering such Car unless sooner terminated as hereinafter provided. Evans shall deliver Cars f.o.t., at the delivery point specified in the Schedule covering such Cars and from and after such delivery, if any action by Lessee either oral or written cause cars to be routed in such a manner as to incur transportation cost; Lessee shall pay all costs and expenses on account of transportation or movement of the Cars to and from any place and for any reason whatsoever.

2. Rental. Rental shall be equivalent to but not less than 100% in any calendar year, of net car hire earnings defined as gross car hire earnings less per diem reclaim, property taxes and maintenance expenses. The rental per Car per day shall be all payments including but not limited to mileage charges, straight car hire and incentive car hire (if any) payable to Lessee on account of such Car. Payments shall be monthly within ninety (90) days after the month the car hire is earned.

Daily Car Usage of each Car shall be deemed to be the average Car Usage as finally determined for all Cars covered by this Lease as of the end of each calendar quarter or other applicable period during the term of this Lease. Lessee will within sixty (60) days after the end of each calendar quarter during the term hereof compute the Car Usage for such quarter and the amount so determined to be due to Evans shall be promptly paid. Rental on each Car shall accrue from and after the date of delivery and acceptance of each Car; provided, however, that rental shall be payable to Evans only for amounts actually received by or credited to Lessee.

3. Acceptance of Cars. Within three (3) days after Evans shall give Lessee notice that some or all Cars covered by a Schedule are ready for delivery, Lessee may have its authorized representative inspect such Cars at the point of delivery and accept or reject them as being or failing to be in compliance with the terms hereof. Cars so inspected and accepted and any Cars which Lessee does not elect to inspect shall be conclusively deemed to meet all requirements of this Lease and shall be conclusively deemed delivered to and accepted by Lessee.

4. Records. Lessee shall keep records of and monitor the use and movements of all Cars and shall provide to Evans all information and copies of all records and reports, pertaining to the Cars received by Lessee or available to it. Evans shall have the right at any time and from time to time to audit and verify any such information, records and reports and other data pertinent hereto and Lessee shall cooperate with and assist Evans in any such audit or verification. Lessee will at Evans' expense take all appropriate action to record and register the Cars as Evans may request. In addition, if Lessee knows of the initial loading of any of the Cars, Lessee shall promptly thereafter notify Evans of the date, handling railroad and destination of such initial loading.

5. Use - Lettering. Lessee shall use the Cars in a careful and prudent manner in compliance with all Interchange Rules and solely for the uses for which they were designed. From and after the delivery of a Car to Lessee, so long as Lessee shall not be in default hereunder, Lessee shall be entitled to the use of the Car for the full term of this Lease, but solely within the continental limits of the United States of America. Except for the lettering to be placed on the Cars by Evans prior to delivery indicating the interest of Lessee, Evans and any assignee or mortgagee of Evans as permitted in Paragraph 11 hereof, no lettering or marking shall be placed upon any of the Cars by Lessee except upon the written direction or consent of Evans. Lessee shall give preference and shall load the Cars prior to loading similar railroad cars leased from other parties or purchased by Lessee subsequent to the date of this Lease or interchanged with the other 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 to shippers on its railroad tracks, and provided further, Lessee shall not have to give priority to the loading of the Cars at the expense of unreasonably disrupting Lessee's normal operations.

6. Repair Work. Except as otherwise provided herein, Evans shall at its sole cost and expense perform all Repair Work or authorize or cause same to be done. Lessee shall at its sole cost and expense perform or cause to be performed all Repair Work required by reason of the negligence of Lessee or an affiliate of Lessee. Evans shall have a duty to promptly perform Repair Work for which it is responsible, but such obligation shall not commence until Evans is informed of the need for such Repair Work. Evans may require Lessee to return Cars for preventive maintenance or Repair Work and may withdraw from this Lease any Cars which it in its sole discretion deems uneconomical for Repair Work of any kind.

7. Casualty Cars. Evans shall bear the risk of any Car which is lost, stolen, destroyed or damaged beyond economical repair ("Casualty Car") other than on Lessee's lines. Lessee shall bear the risk of and be responsible for any Car which is lost, stolen, destroyed or damaged beyond economical repair on its lines and shall within thirty (30) days after the occurrence of any such event, pay to Evans the amount provided in the Interchange Rules to be paid for such Casualty Car. This Lease shall terminate as to any Casualty Car on the date on which the casualty occurred. All payments for Repair Work or in connection with the loss of any Casualty Car due from third parties shall be assigned to and belong to Evans and Lessee shall cooperate with Evans in the prosecution and collection of all claims therefor.

8. Indemnities. Evans agrees to indemnify Lessee and hold it harmless from any loss, expense or liability which Lessee may suffer or incur from any charge, claim, proceeding, suit or other event which in any manner or from any cause arises in connection with the use, possession, or operation of the Cars while subject to this Lease, excepting only any such loss, expense or liability which arises from Lessee's negligence or which arise as a result of the operation of the Cars on Lessee's lines and Lessee shall indemnify Evans for such loss, expense or liability. The indemnities and assumptions of liability herein contained shall survive the termination of this Lease. Each party shall, upon learning of same, give the other prompt notice of any claim or liability hereby indemnified against.

9. Taxes. Evans shall be liable for and pay all Federal, State or other governmental property taxes assessed or levied against the Cars except that Lessee shall be liable for and pay such taxes when the Cars bear reporting marks other than Evans'. Lessee shall be liable at all times for and shall pay or reimburse Evans for payment of (i) all Federal, State or Local sales or use taxes imposed upon or in connection with the Cars, this Lease, or the manufacture, acquisition, or use of the Cars for or under this Lease, (ii) all taxes, duties or imposts assessed or levied on the Cars or this Lease by a foreign country and/or any governmental subdivision thereof and (iii) all taxes or governmental charges assessed or levied upon its interest as Lessee of Cars.

10. Termination. This Lease shall terminate upon expiration of its term, at election of either party hereto by reason of the default or breach of the other party in the terms hereof, or upon the election of Evans as hereinafter provided. In the event of a default or breach by either party, the other party may elect to terminate this Lease with respect to less than all of the cars. In the event that (i) daily Car Usage for all Cars or any group of Car in any calendar quarter is less than 100% or (ii) the rental payable to Evans during such quarter averages less than \$18.00 per car per day, then Evans may at its option upon thirty (30) days notice to Lessee terminate this Lease in its entirety, or terminate the Lease as to any or all of the Cars subject to this Lease or any Schedule hereto. Lessee shall at the termination of the Lease with respect to any Cars return such Cars to Evans in the same condition (except to Casualty Cars) in which the Cars were furnished and maintained by Evans during the term hereof, ordinary wear and tear excepted. Upon the termination of this Lease with respect to any or all Cars, Lessee shall at its sole cost and expense forthwith surrender possession of such Cars to Evans at a railcar facility to be designated by Evans. Lessee shall provide free storage for a period of up to 90 days for Cars as to which the Lease is terminated. This Lease may be terminated as to all Cars or as to any group of Cars covered by a Schedule without termination of the Lease as to Cars covered by any other Schedule. From and after termination of this Lease with respect to any Car and until its return to Evans all amounts earned by such Car shall be paid to Evans as additional rental for use of the Cars during the term hereof.

11. Sublease and Assignment. The right to assign this Lease by either party and the Lessee's right to sublease shall exist only as follows:

(a) Lessee shall have no right to assign or sublease or loan the Cars without the prior written consent of Evans.

(b) all rights of Evans under this Lease may be assigned, pledged, mortgaged, transferred or otherwise disposed of either in whole or in part and Evans agrees to give notice to Lessee within 30 days of such assignment, pledge, mortgage, transfer or other such disposition. This Lease and Lessee's rights hereunder are and shall be subject and subordinate to any chattel mortgage, security agreement or equipment trust covering the cars heretofore or hereafter created by Evans.

If Evans shall have given written notice to Lessee stating the identity and post office address of any assignee entitled to receive future rentals and any other sums payable by Lessee hereunder, Lessee shall thereafter make such payments to the designated assignee.

The making of an assignment or sublease by Lessee or an assignment by Evans shall not serve to relieve such party of any liability or undertaking hereunder nor to impose any liability or undertaking hereunder upon any such assignee or sublessee except as otherwise provided herein or unless expressly assumed in writing by such sublessee or assignee.

12. Default. If Lessee or Evans shall fail to make any payment required hereunder within five (5) days after same shall have become due or shall breach any representation or warranty contained herein or shall default or fail for a period of ten (10) days in the due observance or performance of any covenant, condition or agreement required to be observed or performed on its part hereunder, or a proceeding shall have been commenced by or against Lessee or Evans under any bankruptcy laws, Federal or State, or other laws for the appointment of a receiver, assignee or trustee of Lessee or Evans or their property, or Lessee or Evans shall make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, then and in any of said events Evans or Lessee, as the case may be, may in addition to all other rights and remedies provided in law of equity, upon written notice to such effect, terminate this Lease in its entirety or with respect to any group of Cars with respect to which said default has occurred and thereafter recover any and all damages sustained by reason of Lessee's or Evans' default. The obligation to pay rental then or thereafter due or any other sum or sums due and unpaid or any damages suffered by reason of Lessee's or Evans' default hereunder shall survive the termination of the Lease and the retaking of the Cars.

13. Definitions. For all purposes of this Lease the following terms shall have the following meaning:

"Repair Work" - all repairs, maintenance, modifications, additions or replacements required to keep and maintain the Cars in good working order and repair in accordance with and on the effective date of the requirements of all Interchange Rules and preventive maintenance as determined by Evans to keep and maintain the Cars in good working order and repair.

"Interchange Rules" - all codes, rules, interpretations, laws or orders governing hire, use, condition, repair and all other matters pertaining to the interchange of freight traffic reasonably interpreted as being applicable to the Cars, adopted and in effect from time to time be the Association of American Railroads and any other organization, association, agency, or governmental authority, including the Interstate Commerce Commission and the United States Department of Transportation, which may from time to time be responsible for or have authority to impose such codes, rules, interpretations, laws or orders.

"Car Usage" - a percentage equal to the quotient obtained by dividing the aggregate number of hours in a calendar year (or other applicable time period) in which straight car hire is earned on a Car by the Lessee commencing with its date of delivery, by the aggregate number of hours in such year (or other applicable time period) in which the Car is under lease to Lessee commencing with its date of delivery.

14. Representations. Lessee and Evans respectively covenant, warrant and represent that all of the following matters shall be true and correct at all times that any Car is subject to this Lease:

- (a) Each party is a corporation duly organized and validly existing in good standing under the laws of the state of its incorporation and has the corporate power, authority and is duly authorized and qualified to do business wherever it transacts business and such qualification is required, and has corporate power to and has taken all corporate action necessary to enter into this Lease and carry out its obligations hereunder.
- (b) This Lease has been duly executed on behalf of each party and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the respective parties enforceable in accordance with its term.
- (c) No governmental, administrative or judicial authorization, permission, consent or approval is necessary on the part of either party in connection with this Lease or any action contemplated on its part hereunder, nor will the execution or performance of this Lease violate any law, judgement order or regulation, or any indenture or agreement binding upon either party; and
- (d) Neither party nor their respective counsel know of any requirements for recording, filing or depositing this Lease other than pursuant to Section 20c of the Interstate Commerce Act, which is necessary to preserve or protect the title of Evans or its assignee or mortgagee in the United States of America.

Upon request of Evans or its assignee or mortgagee at any time or times, Lessee shall deliver to Evans an opinion of its counsel addressed to Evans or its assignee or mortgagee, in form and substance satisfactory to Evans or its assignee or mortgagee, which opinion shall confirm the matters set forth in this Paragraph 14 (a) through (d).

15. Miscellaneous.

- (a) This agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective legal representatives, successors and assigns to the extent permitted herein.
- (b) Any notice required or permitted to be given by one party to another hereunder shall be properly given when made in writing, deposited in the United States Mail, registered or certified, postage prepaid addressed to:

Evans at: East Tower  
2550 Golf Road  
Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60008

Lessee at:

or such other address as either party may from time to time designate by such notice in writing to the other.

- (c) Lessee shall keep the Cars free from any encumbrances or liens, which may be a cloud upon or otherwise affect Evans' title, which arise out of any suit involving Lessee, or any act, omission or failure of Lessee or Lessee's failure to comply with the provisions of this Lease and shall promptly discharge any such lien, encumbrance or legal process. Lessee shall take all action requested by Evans to confirm Evans' interest in the Cars as Lessor and that Lessee has no interest in the Cars other than as Lessee hereunder.
- (d) So long as Lessee is not in default under this Lease, Lessee shall be entitled to the peaceful and quiet possession of the Cars.
- (e) During the continuance of this Lease, Evans shall have the right, at its own cost and expense, to inspect the Cars at any reasonable time or time wherever the Cars may be. Lessee shall, upon request of Evans, but no more than once every year, furnish to Evans two (2) copies of an accurate inventory of all Cars in service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Evans and Lessee have duly executed this Lease as of the day and year first above written.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

ATTEST:

By: Nancy Bradie  
Secretary

FERDINAND RAILROAD COMPANY

By: Walter DeLuna  
President

(CORPORATE SEAL)

ATTEST:

By: [Signature]  
Asst. Secretary

EVANS RAILCAR LEASING COMPANY

By: Curtis C. Tatham  
Curtis C. Tatham  
Senior Vice President Marketing

Ferdinand Railroad Processing Center  
THE EAST TOWER, 2550 GOLF ROAD, SUITE 900  
ROLLING MEADOWS, ILLINOIS 60008  
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April 10, 1986

Mr. R. F. Seymour  
Director, Strategic Planning & Forecasting  
Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company  
233 N. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60601

Re: Lease Agreement Extension

Dear Mr. Seymour:

This letter serves as confirmation to extend the terms of the Lease Agreement dated September 1, 1985 covering one hundred (100) 4750 c.f. 100-ton covered hoppers for a period of twelve (12) months until March 1, 1987 continuing month to month thereafter unless cancelled upon thirty (30) days prior written notice by either party. All other terms and conditions shall remain the same as stated in the Lease Agreement as aforementioned. ESH  
JMP

Please acknowledge your acceptance of this extension by having the Vice President & Chief Transportation Officer sign below, returning four (4) copies to me at this office and retaining one (1) copy for your files.

We are pleased to be able to extend the service of these cars with the ICG and look forward to a continuing relationship between our two organizations.

Sincerely,

  
William M. Peyton  
Acting President  
Ferdinand Railroad Company

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO:

ILLINOIS CENTRAL GULF RAILROAD COMPANY

  
Vice President & Chief Transportation Officer

WMP/adp

cc: Lot 1922-22

APR 20 1987



**EVANS RAILCAR**

AFFILIATE OF EVANS TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

Executive Offices

The East Tower, Suite 900 • 2550 Golf Road • Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 • 312/640-7000

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William M. Sheehan  
Vice President - Marketing  
and Agent for the  
Ferdinand Railroad Company

Accepted and Agreed to:  
Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'W. H. Burgess'.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHEDULE 23

Page 1 of Schedule 23 dated May 12, 1987, to Lease dated March 27, 1980, by and between EVANS RAILCAR LEASING COMPANY ("Evans") and FERDINAND RAILROAD COMPANY ("Lessee").

TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF CAR:

Used 4780 c.f 100-ton covered hoppers

NUMBER OF CARS:

Twenty-five (25)

INTERIOR EQUIPMENT:

None

SPECIAL LININGS:

None

PERMITTED LADING USE:

Non-Corrosive Commodities

REPORTING MARKS AND NUMBERS:

FRDN 26170-26193; 26260

SPECIFICATIONS DESIGNATED BY LESSEE:

None

INITIAL F.O.B. POINT:

Nearest connecting ICG interchange

Page 2 of Schedule 23 dated May 12, 1987, to Lease dated March 27, 1980, 1982, by and between EVANS RAILCAR LEASING COMPANY ("Evans") and FERDINAND RAILROAD COMPANY ("Lessee").

LEASE TERM:

One (1) year commencing upon delivery continuing month to month thereafter unless cancelled upon thirty (30) days prior written notice by either party.

EVANS' PERCENTAGE OF  
CAR HIRE RECEIVED:

All earnings to the account of Evans.

SPECIAL TERMS:

None

(CORPORATE SEAL)

ATTEST:

By: Nancy Diddle  
Secretary

FERDINAND RAILROAD COMPANY

By: William M. Peyton  
William M. Peyton  
Vice President

(CORPORATE SEAL)

ATTEST:

By: Laurence P. Prange  
Laurence P. Prange  
Assistant Secretary

EVANS RAILCAR LEASING COMPANY

By: William M. Sheehan  
William M. Sheehan  
Vice President Marketing