

First Union Rail Corporation

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**FIRST
UNION**

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Jan Fort
1925 K Street, N.W.
Room 704
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Memorandum of Lease Agreement

Dear Ms. Fort:

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 11301 (a) are two (2) originals and two (2) copies of a Memorandum of Lease Agreement, dated August 25, 1997, a primary document as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents. The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed document are:

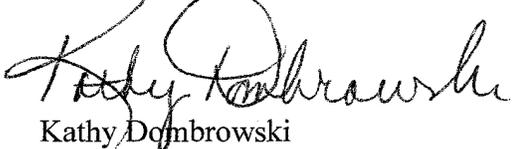
Lessor: First Union Rail Corporation
One O'Hare Center
6250 River Road, Suite 5000
Rosemont, IL 60018

Lessee: Archer Daniels Midland Company
P.O. Box 1470
Decatur, IL 62525

A description of the railroad equipment covered by the enclosed document is set forth on Exhibit A, as attached to such Memorandum.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$24.00 payable to the order of the Surface Transportation Board covering the required recordation fee. Kindly return one (1) stamped original of the enclosed document to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



Kathy Dombrowski
Manager-Documentation

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Memorandum of Lease

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THIS MEMORANDUM OF LEASE (the "Memorandum") is made and entered into as of this the 25th day of August, 1997, by and between First Union Rail Corporation ("Lessor"), a North Carolina corporation, and ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND COMPANY ("Lessee").

WITNESSETH:

The undersigned Lessor and Lessee have entered into that certain Lease Agreement, dated as of August 25, 1997, whereby Lessor has agreed to lease to Lessee certain railcars being described in more particular on Exhibit A attached hereto, effective as of the date set forth above and subject to the terms, conditions and provisions of said Lease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this Memorandum to be duly executed under seal by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

LESSOR:

FIRST UNION RAIL CORPORATION

By: Richard F. Seymour

Name: RICHARD F. SEYMOUR
Vice President Sales & Marketing

Title: _____

ATTEST:

By: Robert Hamilton

Name: ROBERT HAMILTON

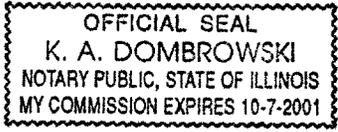
Title: DIRECTOR OF DOCUMENTATION Executed on this 18th day of Sept., 1997.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK

I, K. A. Dombrowski, a Notary Public in and for said state and county, certify that RICHARD F. SEYMOUR personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged his due execution of the foregoing Memorandum of Lease.

WITNESS my hand and official stamp or seal, this 18th day of Sept., 1997.



K. A. Dombrowski
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
10/7/2001
(Notary Public)

LESSEE:

ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND COMPANY

By: Randy Neumayer

Name: Randy Neumayer

Title: Vice President-Rail Transportation

ATTEST:

By: Robert J. Meisner

Name: Robert J. Meisner

Title: Director Sales

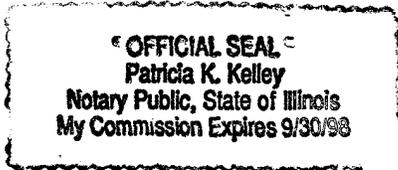
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STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF MACON

I, Patricia K. Kelley, a Notary Public in and for said state and county, certify that Randy Neumayer personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged his due execution of the foregoing Memorandum of Lease.

WITNESS my hand and official stamp or seal, this 8th day of September, 1997.



Patricia K. Kelley
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

9/30/98
(Notary Public)

EXHIBIT A
to
Memorandum of Lease

200 Covered Hopper Cars
Car Numbers: NDYX 51500 -- 515699