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August 29, 1997

Mr. Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RECORDATION NO. 17394-A FILED

SEP 5 '97 8-34AM

RE: Termination of Lease of Railroad Equipment dated as of August 13, 1997 by Helm Financial Corporation ("Lease Termination").

Dear Mr. Williams:

On behalf of Helm Financial Corporation, I submit for filing and recording, under 49 U.S.C. Section 11303(a) and the regulations promulgated thereunder the following document:

Two (2) fully-executed originals of the above-referenced Lease Termination.

In connection with the recording of the Lease Termination, please note the following information:

Name and Address of Lessor: Helm Financial Corporation
One Embarcadero Center, Suite 3700
San Francisco, CA 94111

Name and Address of Lessee: Arch Mineral Corporation
CityPlace One
St. Louis, MO 63141-7056

Equipment: Five hundred (500) railcars as more fully described in Schedule A to the Lease Termination attached hereto.

Previous STB Filing: Memorandum of Lease of Railroad Equipment filed on June 24, 1991 at 10:10 a.m. under Recordation No. 17394.

Please file the Lease Termination as a supplementary document and return one (1) endorsed original to my attention. A check covering the filing fee of twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) is enclosed.

Sincerely,



Patrick Hapin
Document Administrator

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Enclosures (2)

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

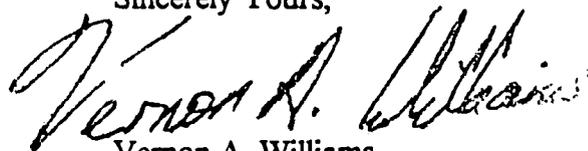
Patrick Hapin
Document Administrator
Faba Financial Corporation
One Embarcadero Center
San Francisco, CA., 94111

DATE: 9/5/97

Dear Sir:

The enclosed document(s) was recorded pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 11301 and 49 CFR 1177.3 (c), on 9/5/97 at 8:24AM, and assigned recordation number(s) 16252-B, 16435-A, 16525-A, 17394-A, 17455 A, 17579-A, 17693-A and 19873-A.

Sincerely Yours,



Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

Enclosure(s)

\$ 192.00 The amount indicated at the left has been received in payment of a fee in connection with a document filed on the date shown. This receipt is issued for the amount paid. In the event of an error or any questions concerning this fee, you will receive a notification after the Surface Transportation Board has an opportunity to examine your document.

Signature



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TERMINATION OF LEASE

THIS TERMINATION OF LEASE OF RAILROAD EQUIPMENT ("Termination") is dated as of August 13, 1997 by HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION, a California corporation ("Lessor").

1. Recitals. Lessor entered into the Lease of Railroad Equipment dated as of May 13, 1991 ("Lease") with Arch Mineral Corporation, a Delaware corporation, with respect to the five hundred (500) railcars described in Schedule A attached hereto. The Lease is on file at the Surface Transportation Board of the Department of Transportation (f.k.a. the Interstate Commerce Commission) ("STB") under STB Recordation No. 17394 filed on June 24, 1991 at 10:10 a.m.

The Lease was terminated on September 18, 1991. The purpose of this Termination of Lease is to provide a formal termination document for filing with the STB.

2. Termination. The Lease is hereby formally terminated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Lessor, pursuant to due corporate authority, has caused this Termination of Lease to be signed in its corporate name as of the date first written above.

HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION

ph By: John F. Dains

Print Name: John F. Dains

Title: Senior Vice President & CFO

ph

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) S.S.
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO)

On August 15, 1997, before me, Patrick M. Hapin - ^{Notary} _{Public}
personally appeared John F. Dains, Senior Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer of HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION,

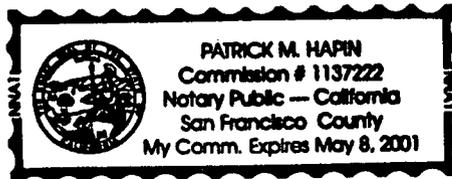
personally known to me -OR-

proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s)
whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and
acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their
authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on
the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the
person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Patrick M. Hapin

SIGNATURE OF THE NOTARY



SCHEDULE A

Description of the Units:

Unit Numbers:

One hundred eighty (180),
3,420 cubic foot, 100-ton
capacity, roller bearing,
three-pocket, open top coal
hopper railcars built by
Greenville in 1975.

URDX 87600-87799.

Two hundred three (203),
3,502 cubic foot, 100-ton
capacity, roller bearing,
three-pocket, open top coal
hopper railcars built by
Missouri Pacific in 1967.

URDX 87000-87499.

Ninety-four (94), 3,422
cubic foot, 100-ton capacity,
three-pocket open top coal
hopper railcars built by
Bethlehem Steel in 1967.

URDX 87000-87499.

Twenty-three (23), 3,685
cubic foot, 100-ton capacity,
roller bearing, open top coal
gondola railcars built by
Ortner in 1973.

URDX 817-839.

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