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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Secretary Williams:

I have enclosed the original and one certified copy of two documents described below, to be recorded pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 11301.

The first document is a Partial Release of Collateral, a secondary document, dated as of April 9, 1997. The primary document to which this is connected is recorded under Recordation No. 15599. We request that this document be recorded under Recordation No. 15599-B.

The names and addresses of the parties to the Partial Release of Collateral are:

Secured Party:

Southdown Financing, Inc.
1200 Smith Street
Houston, TX 77002

Debtor:

Southdown, Inc.
1200 Smith Street
Houston, TX 77002

A description of the equipment covered by the Partial Release of Collateral consists of 59 3250 cubic foot, 110-ton covered hopper cars numbered SDWX 9701, 9705, 9712, 9723, 9728,

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9731, 9734, 9736-9750, inclusive, 9752-9754, inclusive, 9756-9773, inclusive, 9775-9777, inclusive, and 9779-9791, inclusive.

The second document is a Partial Release of Collateral, a secondary document, dated as of April 9, 1997. The primary document to which this is connected is recorded under Recordation No. 15599. We request that this document be recorded under Recordation No. 15599-C.

The names and addresses of the parties to the Partial Release of Collateral are:

Secured Party:

Southdown Financing, Inc.
1200 Smith Street
Houston, TX 77002

Debtor:

Southdown, Inc.
1200 Smith Street
Houston, TX 77002

A description of the equipment covered by the Partial Release of Collateral consists of 11 3250 cubic foot, 110-ton covered hopper cars numbered SDWX 9792-9797, inclusive, and 9799-9803, inclusive.

A fee of \$48.00 is enclosed. Please return the original of each document to:

Louis E. Gitomer
Of Counsel
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Suite 225
1455 F Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005

A short summary of the documents to appear in the index follows: (1) a Partial Release of Collateral between Southdown Financing, Inc., 1200 Smith Street, Houston, TX 77002, and Southdown, Inc., 1200 Smith Street, Houston, TX 77002 covering 59 3250 cubic foot, 110-ton covered hopper cars numbered SDWX 9701, 9705, 9712, 9723, 9728, 9731, 9734, 9736-9750,

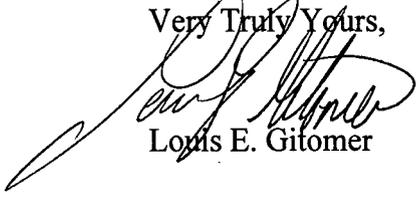
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inclusive, 9752-9754, inclusive, 9756-9773, inclusive, 9775-9777, inclusive, and 9779-9791, inclusive; and (2) a Partial Release of Collateral between Southdown Financing, Inc., 1200 Smith Street, Houston, TX 77002, and Southdown, Inc., 1200 Smith Street, Houston, TX 77002 covering 11 3250 cubic foot, 110-ton covered hopper cars numbered SDWX 9792-9797, inclusive, and 9799-9803, inclusive.

Very Truly Yours,



Louis E. Gitomer

Enclosures

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20423-0001

4/11/97

Louis E. Gitomer
Of Counsel
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1455 F Street, NW., Ste. 225
Washington, DC., 20005

Dear Sir:

The enclosed document(s) was recorded pursuant to the provisions of Section 11303 of the Interstate Commerce Act, 49 U.S.C. 11303, on 4/11/97 at 11:32 AM, and assigned recordation number(s) 15599-B, 15599-C, 15600-E, 15600-F, 20627 and 20628.

Sincerely yours,


Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

Enclosure(s)

\$ 144.00 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 and in no way indicates acknowledgment that the fee paid is correct. This is accepted subject to review of the document which has been assigned the transaction number corresponding to the one typed on this receipt. In the event of an error or any questions concerning this fee, you will receive a notification after the Commission has had an opportunity to examine your document.

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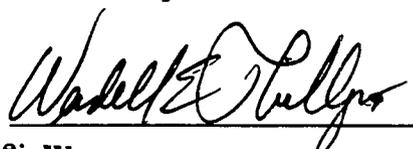
PARTIAL RELEASE OF COLLATERAL

THIS PARTIAL RELEASE OF COLLATERAL, dated as of April 9, 1997 (this "Partial Release"), is executed by **SOUTHDOWN FINANCING, INC.**, a Delaware corporation ("Secured Party"). Secured Party and Southdown, Inc., a Louisiana corporation and successor by merger to Southwestern Portland Cement Company, a Delaware corporation ("Debtor"), are parties to that certain Security Agreement, dated as of April 5, 1988, and recorded with the Interstate Commerce Commission on April 22, 1988 (Recordation Number 15599).

Secured Party hereby releases its security interest in after acquired property created by section three of the Security Agreement 59 110-ton covered hopper cars numbered SDWX 9701, 9705, 9712, 9723, 9728, 9731, 9734, 9736-9750, inclusive, 9752-9754, inclusive, 9756-9773, inclusive, 9775-9777, inclusive, and 9779-9791, inclusive. Except as expressly modified and amended by this Partial Release, the provisions of the Security Agreement shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their original terms.

Secured Party has executed this Partial Release as of the date first set forth above.

SOUTHDOWN FINANCING, INC.,
a Delaware corporation

By: 

Title: **Wendell E. Phillips, II**
Secretary

ACKNOWLEDGED AND ACCEPTED:

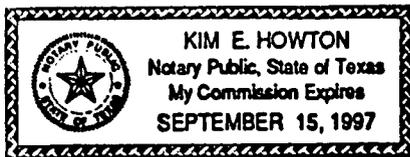
SOUTHDOWN, INC.
a Louisiana corporation

✓ By: h Craig Curbitt
Title: Assistant Treasurer

STATE OF)
) ss
COUNTY OF)

On 4/9/97, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Wendell Phillips, personally known to me (or proved to me on basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

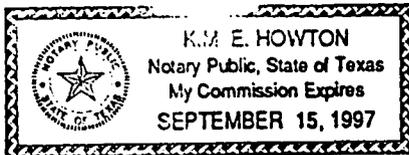


Kim E. Howton
Notary Public in and for Said State

STATE OF)
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COUNTY OF)

On 4/9/97, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Craig Carlstrom, personally known to me (or proved to me on basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

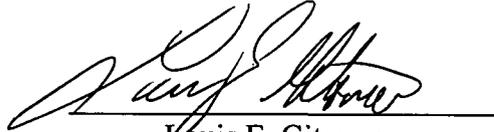
WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Kim E. Howton
Notary Public in and for Said State

CERTIFICATION

I, LOUIS E. GITOMER, have compared this copy to the original Partial Release of Collateral, dated as of April 9, 1997, and found the copy to be complete and identical in all respects to the original document. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Louis E. Gitomer", written over a horizontal line.

Louis E. Gitomer
April 11, 1997