

HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION

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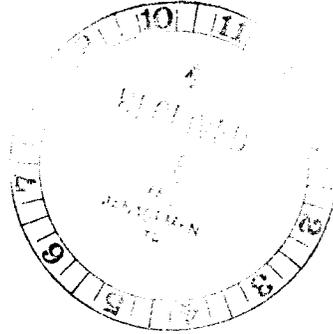
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September 8, 2000

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

RE: Termination of Net Lease Agreement dated September 8, 2000,
("Termination"), by Helm Financial Corporation ("Lessor").

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 Termination.

In connection with the recording of the 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: Salm Construction Company
7915 South 261st Street
Kent, WA 98032

A short summary of the document to appear in the index follows:

This Termination of Net Lease Agreement dated September 8, 2000, between Helm Financial Corporation as Lessor and Salm Construction Company as Lessee covers 4 railcars within the series HLMX 100015-100018.

Please file this Termination as a supplementary document to Recordation No. 20963 filed on October 28, 1997 at 10:28 a.m. and return one (1) stamped original to my attention. A check covering the filing fee of twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) is enclosed.

Yours truly,

Alison Drain
Alison Drain
Document Administrator

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TERMINATION OF NET LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS TERMINATION OF NET LEASE AGREEMENT ("Termination") is dated September 8, 2000 by HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION, a California corporation ("Lessor").

1. **Recitals.** Lessor entered into the Net Lease Agreement dated as of July 7, 1997 ("Lease"), with SALM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, a Washington corporation, with respect to the four (4) railcars more fully described in Schedule A attached hereto. The Lease is on file at the Surface Transportation Board of the Department of Transportation ("STB"), under STB Recordation No. 20963 filed on October 28, 1997 at 10:28 a.m.

The Lease was terminated as of June 25, 1999. 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 above written.

HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: John F. Dains

Print Name: John F. Dains

Title: Senior Vice President & CFO

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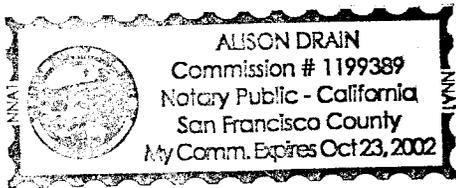
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) S.S.
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO)

On September 25, 2000, before me, Alison Drain, personally appeared John F. Dains, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of **HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION**,

X 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.

Alison Drain
SIGNATURE OF THE NOTARY

[Notarial Seal]

SCHEDULE A

To the Termination of Net Lease Agreement dated September 8, 2000.

THE UNITS

Equipment Description:

Four (4), 2150 cubic foot, 286,000 lb. gross weight on rail capacity open top hoppers equipped with manually operated Miner ballast gates. Rebuilt per AAR Rule 88 in 1997.

Units' Reporting Mark & Numbers:

HLMX 100015
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HLMX 100018