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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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December 5, 2000

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

Dear Secretary Williams:

I have enclosed two originals of the document described below, to be recorded pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 11301.

The document is a Memorandum of Lease Agreement, a secondary document, dated as of November 30, 2000. The primary document to which this is connected is recorded under Recordation No. 22673. We request that one copy of this document be recorded under Recordation No. 22673-X.

The names and addresses of the parties to the Memorandum of Lease Agreement are:

Lessor:

LaSalle National Leasing Corporation
One West Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 1000
Towson, MD 21204

Lessee:

Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company
1141 Maple Road
Joliet, IL 60432

A description of the equipment covered by the Memorandum of Lease Agreement consists of 16 89-ton side discharge quad hopper cars numbered EJ&E 73159-73174, inclusive.

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A fee of \$ 26.00 is enclosed. Please return one original to:

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A short summary of the document to appear in the index follows: a Memorandum of Lease Agreement between LaSalle National Leasing Corporation, One West Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 1000, Towson, MD 21204, and Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company, 1141 Maple Road, Joliet, IL 60432, covering 16 89-ton side discharge quad hopper cars numbered EJ&E 73159-73174, inclusive.

Very Truly Yours,



Louis E. Gitomer

Enclosures

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AGREEMENT

dated as of November 30, 2000

between

ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
as Lessee,

and

LASALLE NATIONAL LEASING CORPORATION
as Lessor

FILED WITH THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
PURSUANT TO 49 U.S.C. § 11301
on _____, 1999 at __:__.m.

MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of November 30, 2000 by and between LASALLE NATIONAL LEASING CORPORATION ("Lessor"), and ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY ("Lessee"), with reference to the following:

1. Lessor has agreed to purchase and lease to Lessee, and Lessee has agreed to lease from Lessor, those certain railcars described on Exhibit No. 1 attached hereto.

All of such railcars are more fully described in that certain Master Railcar Lease Agreement dated December 14, 1999, and Interim Schedule No. 13, thereto, and incorporating the terms thereof, dated as of November 30, 2000 (together with all of the riders, schedules and other attachments thereto, collectively, the "Lease"), each between Lessor and Lessee.

2. The Lease shall be effective as of the date hereof and shall be subject to the term specified in the Lease, and any extension of such term to the extent provided for in the Lease.

This Memorandum of Lease Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each executed counterpart constituting an original but all together only one Memorandum of Lease Agreement.

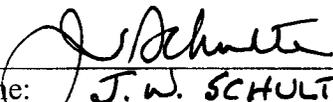
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed or caused this Memorandum of Lease Agreement to be executed as of the date first above written.

LASALLE NATIONAL LEASING
CORPORATION

By: 
Name: Terri Preston
Title: VP

ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY
COMPANY

By: 
Name: J.W. SCHULTE
Title: VP FINANCE & CFO

STATE OF MARYLAND)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BALTIMORE)

On this 4th day of December, 2000 before me appeared Terrri J. Preston, the person who signed this instrument, who acknowledged that he/she is the Vice President of LASALLE NATIONAL LEASING CORPORATION and that, being duly authorized, he/she signed such instrument as a free act on behalf of said corporation.

DANA L. WELKER
[Seal] **NOTARY PUBLIC**
BALTIMORE COUNTY

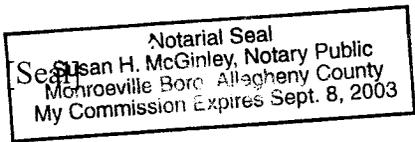
Dana L. Welker
Notary Public

My commission expires:

November 12, 2003

STATE OF Pennsylvania)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Allegheny)

On this 30th day of November, 2000 before me appeared J. W. Schulte signed this instrument, who acknowledged that (s)he is the UP 71 manager of ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY and that, being duly authorized, (s)he signed such instrument as a free act on behalf of said corporation.



Susan H. McGinley
Notary Public

My commission expires:

Sept. 8 2000

EXHIBIT NO. 1

89-Ton Side Discharge Quad Hopper Cars

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