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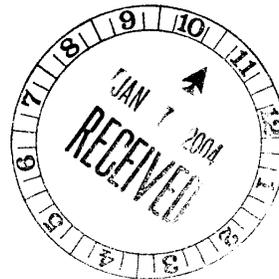
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**Via Overnight Delivery**

Mr. Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Office of the Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423



Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of 48 U.S.C. Section 1301(a) are one original executed and two photostatic copies of the Partial Release of Lien ("Partial Release") dated December 22, 2003, from LaSalle Bank National Association ("Secured Party"), a secondary document as defined in the Commissioner's Rules for the Recordation of Documents. The Partial Release relates to that certain Co-Borrower Security Agreement, dated as of September 11, 2003 (the "Security Agreement") between Secured Party and Johnstown America Corporation ("Debtor") and certain of Debtor's affiliates, which Security Agreement was duly recorded and filed, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 11301, with the Surface Transportation Board on September 17, 2003 and assigned recordation number 24591.

The name and address of the party to the enclosed Partial Release is:

Secured Party: LaSalle Bank National Association  
135 South LaSalle Street  
Chicago, IL 60603

A description of the railroad equipment covered by the enclosed Partial Release is as follows: 50 steel bathtub gondola railcars bearing WEPX marks and the road numbers set forth on Exhibit A to the enclosed Partial Release.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$30.00 payable to the order of the Surface Transportation Board covering the required recordation fee.

Kindly return both stamped photostatic copies of the enclosed document and the stamped photostatic copy of this letter to Susan G. Lichtenfeld at Piper Rudnick, 203 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1800, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

Following is a short summary of the enclosed document and the primary document to which it relates:

Secondary Document to Be Recorded

Partial Release of Lien, dated December 22, 2003, by LaSalle Bank National Association, as Secured Party, releasing the Secured Party's lien on 50 steel bathtub gondola railcars bearing WEPX marks and the road numbers set forth on Exhibit A to the enclosed Partial Release of Lien.

Primary Document to which the Secondary Document Relates

Co-Borrower Security Agreement dated as of September 11, 2003 between LaSalle Bank National Association, as Secured Party, and Johnstown America Corporation, as Debtor (and certain of Debtor's affiliates), granting to the Secured Party a security interest in all of the Debtor's rail equipment now owned or hereinafter acquired, duly recorded and filed, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §11301, with the Surface Transportation Board on September 17, 2003 and assigned Recordation Number 24591.

Very truly yours,

**PIPER RUDNICK LLP**

  
Susan G. Lichtenfeld

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Enclosures

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**PARTIAL RELEASE OF LIEN**

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT:

WHEREAS, **JOHNSTOWN AMERICA CORPORATION**, a Delaware corporation ("JAC"), has heretofore executed and delivered the Co-Borrower Security Agreement dated as of September 11, 2003, as amended and supplemented through the date hereof (the "Security Agreement") among **LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, a national association, as secured party (the "Secured Party"), JAC, and JAC's affiliates identified therein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Security Agreement, JAC granted to the Secured Party a lien on and security interest in, among other things, all inventory and equipment, including, without limitation, all railcars then owned or thereafter acquired by JAC, including the railcars identified in Exhibit A hereto, (the railcars identified on Exhibit A, the "Released Railcars"); and

WHEREAS, to perfect and evidence the grant of the security interest to the Secured Party in all railcars then owned or thereafter acquired by JAC, the Security Agreement was duly recorded and filed with the Surface Transportation Board pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §11301 on September 17, 2003, under Recordation Number 24591; and

WHEREAS, JAC has requested the Secured Party to release from the lien of the Security Agreement the Released Railcars and any right, title or interest which the Secured Party may have in or to the Released Railcars, other than the continuing lien of the Secured Party in and to any proceeds from the sale or other disposition by JAC of the Released Railcars, and JAC has represented and warranted to Secured Party that JAC has complied with all conditions of the Security Agreement precedent to such release.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and pursuant to the authority vested by the Security Agreement in the Secured Party, the Secured Party does hereby **RELEASE, REMISE, CONVEY AND QUIT CLAIM** unto JAC, its successors and assigns (without representation, warranty or recourse of any kind), all of the right, title, lien, interest, claim or demand whatsoever which the Secured Party has or may have acquired under, through or by virtue of the Security Agreement in and to the Released Railcars, excepting, however, the continuing lien of the Secured Party in and to all proceeds realized by JAC from the sale or other disposition of the Released Railcars.

**THIS INSTRUMENT** is executed upon the express condition that nothing herein contained shall be construed to release from the lien of the Security Agreement, or to impair said lien upon any property subject hereto, except the Released Railcars.



**EXHIBIT A  
RELEASED CARS**

Fifty (50) 1988 Thrall Car Manufacturing Company built, 4,200-c.f. capacity, 263,000 pound gross rail load, steel bathtub gondola railcars marked as follows:

WEPX 1314	WEPX 1470
WEPX 1317	WEPX 1476
WEPX 1321	WEPX 1479
WEPX 1322	WEPX 1480
WEPX 1325	WEPX 1491
WEPX 1328	WEPX 1492
WEPX 1329	WEPX 1498
WEPX 1333	WEPX 1500
WEPX 1335	WEPX 1501
WEPX 1337	WEPX 1503
WEPX 1338	WEPX 1509
WEPX 1344	WEPX 1510
WEPX 1351	
WEPX 1368	
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WEPX 1443	
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