

# HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 16, 2004

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

RE: Termination of Lease of Railroad Equipment dated as of August 26, 2004 by Helm Financial Corporation ("**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 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: Trona Railway Company LLC  
13068 Main Street  
Trona, Ca 93562

Equipment: 6 SD40-2 Locomotives  
TRC 3601 - 3606 (Inclusive)

Please record this Termination as a supplemental agreement to STB Recordation No. 18178 filed on March 23, 1993. The filing fee of \$30.00 is included in our enclosed check.

**Summary:** Termination of Lease of Railroad Equipment dated as of August 26, 2004 by Helm Financial Corporation for 6 SD40-2 locomotives, TRC 3601- 3606, to be filed as a supplemental agreement. Please file this Termination as a supplemental agreement to STB Recordation No. 18178.

Yours truly,



Sharon L. Van Fossan  
Supervisor Contract Administration

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Enclosures (2)

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**TERMINATION OF LEASE**

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

THIS TERMINATION OF LEASE OF RAILROAD EQUIPMENT ("**Termination of Lease**") is dated as of August 26, 2004 by **HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION**, a California corporation ("**Lessor**").

1. **Recitals.** Lessor entered into the Lease of Railroad Equipment dated as of December 31, 1992 ("**Lease**") with **TRONA RAILWAY COMPANY LLC** (as successor to Trona Railway Company) with respect to the six (6) locomotives as 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. **18178** filed on March 23, 1993.

The Lease terminated on June 18, 2004. 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: *Barbara Wilson*  
Name: Barbara W. Wilson  
Title: Senior Vice President & CFO



**SCHEDULE A**

**To the Termination of Lease dated as of August 26, 2004**

**Description of Units:**

Six (6), EMD Model SD40-2 locomotives.

**Unit Numbers:**

TRC 3601 - 3606