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#### QUIT-CLAIM MIMERAL DEED

THE GRANTOR, MT. ST. HELEMS HIMING AND RECOVERY, a LIMITED PARTMERSHIP, for and in consideration of Ten Dellaxs and other considerations, conveys and quit claims to Dec Fermi Partmers Corp., all right, title, and interest of whatever kind or nature of the grantor, in and to the attached 75 unpatented mining claims, situated in the County of Skamania, State of Washington, together with any and all after acquired title of the grantor therein, to vit:

ATTACKED LEGAL DESCRIPTION.

Dated: August , 2003.

MICK MICHABLE Managing Partner,

Ht. St. Helens Mining and Recovery,

a Limited Partnership.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF VENTURA

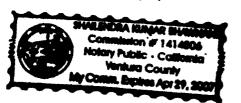
On this 25 th day of August, 2003, personally appeared before me MICK MICHAELS, to-me-known (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the Managing Partner of Mt. It. Helens Mining and Recovery, the Limited Partnership that executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and used of said Limited Partnership, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and on oath stated that he was authorized to execute the said instrument.

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## DAN FER INVESTMENT CORP. WASHINGTON STATE DOMESTIC PROFIT CORPORATION ID # 601 109 036

## CERTIFIED FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND HISTORICAL ANALYSIS

PREPARED Jess E. Minium, Jr., Attorney at Law, W.S.B. # 3427, BY: P.O. Box 120, Kelso, WA., 98626, Phone: (360) 578-5958.

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

SUBJECT: Donation of Unpatented Mining Claims within the boundaries of the Mount. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument to the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with Tax Code.

#### AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS

Dan Fer Investment Corp. (Dan Fer), is a closely-held Washington Business Corporation, owned by four individuals.

Dan Fer is duly organized, validly existing, in good standing, licensed, with all fees paid, and authorized, with all Corporate powers, to hold mining claims and conduct business.

#### AUTHORIZED SHARES OF STOCK

Dan Fer has only 50,000 authorized shares of Common Voting Stock with a par value of \$1.00 each. Each share is validly issued, fully paid, and non-assessable.

27,500 shares of Dan Fer stock, endorsed in blank, are held by Victor Surface Sr., and Jess E. Minium, Jr., as owners. The remaining 22,500 shares are held by them as optionees.

Dan Fer stock is not, and not required to be, registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

## LIST OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Victor D. Surface Sr., is now the President and sole Officer of Dan Fer. He is also Chairman of the Board and sole Director. There is one Director position vacant.

## DAN FER HAS NO INCOME NOR TAXES DUE

Dan Fer's sole business activity is and has been the holding of mining claims. It has had no income whatsoever. No Federal Tax Returns have ever been filed and no taxes are owed. There are no employees. There are no Salaries or other fees paid to Directors and/or Officers. All costs, i.e., recording fees and other expenses are paid by the stockholders from their own pockets, as incurred.

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES

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Dan Fer is not a party to any suit, nor in default under any agreement. Dan Fer owes no Taxes, whatsoever. There are no liens filed. Dan Fer owes no Debts or other Liabilities; except, a \$45,000.00 Attorney Fee, including interest, to Roger Dierking, and a \$45,000.00 appraisal fee, including interest, to Ronald J. Pfeifer, and a \$10,000.00 appraisal review fee, including interest, to Professor Hugo A. Moreno, University of Chile, Santiago, Chile. There are minor debts that total another \$80,000.00. All claims will be fully satisfied.

#### **ASSETS**

Dan Fer's sole asset is Seventy-Five unpatented mining claims, in the Green River-Polar Star area, of the Mt. St. Helens Mining District, near Mt. St. Helens, Skamania County, Washington, located under 30 U.S.C. Sec. 26, and recorded under 43 U.S.C. 1744.

Thirty-four of these claims are completely within the boundaries of the Mount. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. Six claims are mostly within the National Monument.

These forty unpatened mining claims will be donated to the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the Tax Code, under a Court Stipulation. The remaining thirty-five mining claims are near the Monument boundaries and will be held by Dan Fer.

Dan Fer or assigns should have United States Government approval before donation of the forty mining claims to Secretary, preferably by a Closing Agreement with the Internal Revenue Service.

#### MARKET VALUE APPRAISAL

On July 21, 1990 Mr. Pfiefer, using well recognized facts, geological criteria, and acceptable methodology appraised the Market Value of the forty claims to be donated to the Secretary of Agriculture to be:

1. Underground mining, TOTAL APPRAISED VALUE: \$24,465,000,000.00 2. Open Pit mining, TOTAL APPRAISED VALUE: \$53,083,350,000.00

On December 23, 2003, upon being informed by Dan Fer that they will cause their forty mining claims to be donated to the Secretary, Mr. Pfiefer again reviewed his July 21, 1990 appraisal report. He determined that the market value remains the same as above.

Mr. Pfiefer's Appraisal Review noted that:

"There has been no significant change whatsoever in the minerals, the conditions, or the surrounding areas. Production cost and/or some other costs may have risen slightly. But, any and all cost increases are offset and more than balanced by the fact that I appraised gold at \$300.00 an ounce; when, the current price is slightly over \$400.00 an ounce."

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The forty claims are located upon the Spirit Lake Pluton, a well known mineral anomaly. The appraised value is corroborated by the drill logs of the nearly adjacent comparable claims of Duval Corporation. The thirteen Duval claims, comprising about 164 acres, were patented by the Federal Government in 1982.

#### APPRAISAL REVIEW

Mr. Pfiefer's 1991 appraisal was reviewed by Hugo A. Moreno, Professor of Geology, University of Chile.

In a review of that appraisal, Professor Moreno found:

"I find that the appraisal description of the minerals and geology of the mining claim area, is based on well recognized facts besides well documented geological criteria, and that the appraisal uses acceptable methodology in the effort to value the mining claims."

As a visiting Professor, Mr. Moreno, an expert in Volcanic Petrology, studied and become aware of the geology of the area in connection with the 1982-85 volcanic activity of Mount St. Helens.

#### NO WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION OF APPRAISAL

The market value of the mining claims is a matter of Expert Opinion. Therefore, Dan Fer Investment Corp. makes no Warranty nor Representation of any kind or nature, whatsoever, regarding the appraisal, nor the value of the mining claims, within or without the National Monument; except to say that, their appraiser Ronald J. Pfiefer is an abundantly experienced and extremely well qualified Registered Professional Geologist, #G-449, State of Oregon,.

It is expressly stated that an appraised market value is merely a statement of opinion by the Appraiser. Qualified mineral Appraisers could differ on the value of the mining claims.

#### ASSET ACQUISITION BASIS

Over the eighty to one hundred years that the mining claims have been held, many hours of assessment work have been performed and costs and expenses paid. However, records have not been kept to substantiate these costs and expenses, so that a COST BASIS for income tax purposes would be about \$500,000.00

## MINING CLAIMS ARE REAL PROPERTY AND PATENT IS NOT REQUIRED

The rule is established by innumerable decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court, and of state and lower federal courts; that, when the location of a mining claim is perfected under the law, it has the effect of a grant by the United States of the right of present and exclusive possession.

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The claim is property in the fullest sense of that term, and may be sold, transferred, mortgages, and inherited without infringing any right or title of the United States. The right of the owner is taxable by the State; and is "real property", subject to the lien of a judgment recovered against the owner in a state or territorial court....

The owner is not required to purchase the claim or secure patent from the United States; but, so long as he complies with the provisions of the mining laws, his possessory right, for all practical purposes of ownership, is as good as though secured by patent. Wilbur v. U.S., ex re Krushnic, 280 U.S. 306, 316, 317, 50 S.Ct. 103, 104, 74 L.Ed. 445.

#### TITLE TO 75 MINING CLAIMS HAS BEEN QUIETED

Title to the forty Mining Claims within the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument has been quieted by Washington State Superior Court Judgment, cause # 94-2-00069-3, dated September 22, 1994. Title to the 35 claims # 99-2-00112-7, dated March 13, 2000.

#### OWNERSHIP WARRANTY TO 75 MINING CLAIMS

Dan Fer Investment Corp. warrants and represents that it has the exclusive rights of possession to the seventy-five mining claims according to the 1872 Mining Laws. Dan Fer Corp., is the uncontested free and clear owner of all minerals appraised and contained within those 75 mining claims.

#### DOCUMENTATION FOR SEVENTY-FIVE CLAIMS ARE PROPERLY RECORDED

Dan Fer further warrants and represents that: (1) under 30 U.S.C. 26 and Washington State Mining Laws, R.C.W. 78.08.005 thru 78.08.050, LOCATION DOCUMENTS and Amendments theret; (2) under 43 U.S.C. 1744, annual recordings of NOTICE TO HOLD MINING CLAIMS, are current and on file in the mining records at the Skamania County Auditor's Office, Stevenson, Washington, and the Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon for all seventy-five claims.

#### VALIDITY

Dan Fer, and it's predecessors in interest, for almost 100 years, have diligently perfected and protected the Validity of the mining claims, toward the ultimate goal of open pit mining.

Claims are presumed valid. If the Government contests the validity of a mining claims, a legal contest is initiated by the Department of Interior. No Contest Proceedings have ever been initiated by the Department of Interior, against the claims.

The claims had been determined, prior to the National Volcanic Monument Act, to be located on lands valuable for minerals in accordance with 30 U.S.C. Sec. 21-26.

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The legal determination was made by the U.S. Government in a contested hearing, Contest #2154, 2070, 2071, and 2072, before the Land Commissioner Public Lands, Department of the Interior, on February 21, 1917, Dixie Queen Mining Company, et al, v. Northern Pacific Railroad Company, which held that the claims were Mineral in Character, and valuable for the minerals contained therein.

Congress, by Sec. 3(a) of the Monument Act, established the Validity of the mining claims by authorizing the exchange of forest lands for the minerals in the Green River-Polar Star area, with the consent of the owners, i.e., Dan Fer. Dan Fer consented to the exchange on February 11, 1983.

The Secretary of Agriculture approved the Validity of the mining claims by agreeing to accept the Donation of the claims in the Court Stipulation.

The Department of Justice approved the Validity of the mining claims by approving the Donation for Tax Code benefits. Also the Department of Justice negotiated and approved the Court Stipulation.

And the Federal Court approved the Validity of the mining claims by approving and so Ordering the Court Stipulation.

#### HISTORY AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Some of the claims date back as far as March 22, 1900, prior to the forming of the Columbia National Forest, in 1920, now known as Gifford Pinchot National Forest over the known mining claims.

#### ERUPTION OF MOUNT ST. HELENS.

On May 18, 1980, Mount. St. Helens, an active volcano, erupted, drastically transforming the geologic and ecologic character of the area. However, Dan Fer's claims were not impacted. The Virgin Old Growth that over-burdens the claims remained intact and is used by the elk herds for habitat cover. Timber is not claimed by Dan Fer, except to be used for mining purposes.

#### GOVERNMENT CLOSURE

Immediately after the eruption, both the State and Federal Government created, no entry, red and blue zones. These zones prohibited entry to the area, except for authorized personnel.

#### CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION

The volcanic eruption caused Congress to consider legislation for a National Volcanic Monument. During the Legislative process, Congress was informed of the existence and value of minerals in the Green River-Polar Star area of the National Monument where Dan Fer's claims are located. Adjacent 13 Duval claims were being patented.

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#### FOREST SERVICE OPPOSED INCLUSION OF MINERALS

The Forest Service opposed the inclusion of the claims within the boundaries of the Monument, because of their enormous value.

Congress, by the Monument Act, exercised their Great Wisdom, by the inclusion of the claims within the boundaries of the Monument.

#### MOUNT ST. HELENS NATIONAL VOLCANIC MONUMENT ACT

On August 26, 1982, the United States Congress passed Public Law No. 97-243, (16 U.S.C. 431n), extending the boundaries of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, by creating the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. The area is under the supervision of the Secretary of Agriculture.

## ACT CREATES A NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND RECREATIONAL PRESERVE

The purpose of the Act is to protect and preserve the natural geologic, ecologic, and cultural resources and processes, by allowing geologic forces and ecological succession to continue substantially unimpeded. Section  $4 \ (b)(1)$  and 4(i)(1).

The Act, Section 7 (a), established a Scientific Advisory Board, Section 7 (a)(1), to be concerned with measures needed to protect and manage the natural and scientific values of the Monument; and Section 7(a)(2), to administer policies, programs, and activities which are specifically intended to retain the natural ecologic and geologic processes and integrity of the Monument.

## MINING ACTIVITY RESTRICTED AND MADE UNECONOMICAL

The Act, Section 4 (f), subject to valid existing rights, withdraws all lands within the Monument from all forms of entry or appropriations or disposal under the public land laws, and from location, entry, and patent under the United States mining laws. Any mining activity carried out pursuant to valid existing rights shall be conducted in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws, including the Monument Act and the Forest Service Management Plan.

The Act, Section 4 (a)(1), prohibits modification of geologic forces (which freely translates - prohibits mining). The Act places very specific limitations on private activities that might disturb the existing geologic and ecologic conditions within the Monument. The Act, Section 4, as an economic and practical matter eliminates mining, as in conflict with Monument purposes.

The Forest Service Comprehensive Management Plan, page 39, recognizes the direction in the Act to acquire all lands and interest in lands within the boundaries. The Plan, page 110, makes no provision for mining activity, except to exchange for patented claims.

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#### OPTION TO CONSENT TO AN EXCHANGE

The Act, Section 3(a) directs the Secretary of Agriculture to acquire all lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of the Monument by purchase, exchange, or donation, except that the Secretary may acquire mineral interest only by exchange.

(Note: this provision excludes the Secretary from purchasing mineral interests, however, it does not prevent the Secretary from accepting a Donation or making an exchange).

The Act further states: Those mining claims in the Green River-Polar Star area (Dan Fer's mining claims) shall not be acquired without the consent of the owner. This provision gives Dan Fer the OPTION TO CONSENT TO AN EXCHANGE.

Dan Fer by letter, dated February 11, 1983, consented to an exchange. By final agency action, without hearing, dated March 9, 1983, the Chief, Forest Service, recognized Dan Fer's possessory right to develop and remove the valuable minerals without patent, but denied and refused to complete an exchange until the mining claims are developed and a patent issued.

#### AGREED STIPULATION BY FEDERAL COURT ACTION

Suit was brought by Dan Fer against United States of America, the Secretary of Agriculture, et. al., in Cause # 85-37T, Federal District Court, Western District of Washington, at Tacoma, before the Honorable Jack E. Tanner.

A United States District Court approved Stipulation and Order, date January 31, 1986, was entered between the United States of America and the Secretary of Agriculture, approved by the Department of Justice, and Dan Fer Corporation whereby the parties agree that Dan Fer "WILL CAUSE" it's mining claims in the Green River-Polar Star area, within the boundaries of the Mount. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, to be donated by Quit Claim Deed to the Secretary of Agriculture, in accordance with 7 U.S.C. 2269, and Section 170 and other sections, Tax Code. The Secretary of Agriculture has agreed to accept said Donation.

Time passed and nothing was accomplished toward a donation to the Secretary of Agriculture. Dan Fer tried for a tax ruling, but was told that it was hypothetical until a end-user was identified. The Secretary of Agriculture refused attempts by Dan Fer to amend the Court Stipulation.

In 1995, Dan Fer entered into a Limited Partnership with Mt. St. Helens Mining and Recovery, L.P., (Mt. St. Helens, L.P.), general partners and other limited partners. The idea was to join with several claimants, some patented claim owners, into one lawsuit. Dan Fer's 75 mining claims were deeded to Mt. St. Helens, L.P. for purposes of the lawsuit.

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On December 30, 1999, suit was again brought in U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington, at Tacoma, Washington, by Mt. St. Helens, L.P., as Plaintiff, under Case Number C99-5687 FDB.

Judge Burgess Dismissed Dan Fer's unpatented mining claims by Summary Judgment, by Order dated November 7, 2001, holding that the Stipulation was still in effect.

Mt. St. Helens, L.P., appealed this Order to the Ninth Circuit Court. The appeal was withdrawn and a final Stipulated Order of Dismissal was entered on January , 2004, whereby the original Stipulation was again put into effect.

#### · COURT STIPULATION

Although the Court Approved Stipulation is very short, it is immensely powerful. If understood, it is all that is necessary to complete the donation in accordance with the Tax Code; except for the Donation Deed and the Appraisal.

By way of explanation, the Federal Court Ordered Stipulation accomplishes the following:

Established ownership in the minerals.

Established the Validity of the mining claims.

- Established an exchange of the minerals by the donation to the Secretary in accordance with the Tax Code. Established inter-agency approval of the donation. 3.
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- Established the Public Interest in the Donation.
- Established the I.R.S. as valuation determinator. Protects the I.R.S. in its' valuation determination.

#### WILL CAUSE TO BE DONATED

The Court Stipulation does not state that Mt. st. Helens or Dan Fer will donate the forty mining claims to the Secretary.

The Stipulation does state that plaintiff WILL CAUSE the claims to be donated. This allows the transfer of the mining claims to another legal entity before donation, if desired. Any legal entity could donate the claims in accordance with the Tax Code, OR the I.R.S. could approve an end-user.

To prevent confusion amongst professional people concerning the transfer of tax loses or other tax transfer concerns. It must always be remember that: Dan Fer does not currently own a tax loss or other tax concerns.

Dan Fer owns mining claims. These mining claims are favored/burdened with a Stipulation that at some time in the future they WILL be CAUSED to be donated to the Secretary.

It would be a strange Governmental policy to prevent Dan Fer, who does not have income taxes due, from donating mining claims in

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accordance with the Tax Code, when Congress has determined that the acquisition of those claims would be in the Public Interest.

As explained in Richard A. Skripnak, et al., Section 84.22 P-H TC., as follows:

"The deduction for charitable contributions was intended to provide a tax incentive for taxpayers to support charities. Consequently, a taxpayer's desire to avoid or eliminate taxes by contributing cash or property to charities cannot be used as a basis for disallowing the deduction for that charitable contribution."

#### THE MINING CLAIMS HAVE NOT YET BEEN DONATED

At present, the lawsuit is soon to be over and the claims have not yet been donated. Dan Fer has in its possession a signed deed for the 75 mining claims from Mt. St. Helens, L.P., as grantor. Funds are necessary exercise the options to dissolve the Limited Partnership and purchase stockholder interests.

#### CONCLUSION -

Dan Fer owns 75 valuable mining claims, of which 40 have been dedicated to National Monument purposes. The Secretary of Agriculture has agreed to accept a donation of the 40 claims within the Monument boundaries in accordance with the Tax Code. Government inter-agencies have approved the donation. The donation have been determined by Congress to be in the Public Interest. IT HAS BEEN SO ORDERED, by the Federal District Court.

Final determination of the tax credit value must be determined by the I.R.S. Preliminary value determination is accomplished by Mr. Pfiefer's Expert Appraisal. Should the I.R.S. dispute the value, they can have their own appraisal; or, seek to have a Closing Agreement with Dan Fer.

Dan Fer has made arrangements with CAPLIN AND DRYSDALE, a prominent Washington D.C. Law Firm, to represent them before the I.R.S. Commissioner. The issue is not whether Dan Fer will receive tax credits from the I.R.S. The issue is how much and when will Dan Fer receive tax credits from the I.R.S.

#### CERTIFICATION:

I, Jess E. Minium, Jr., Attorney at Law, hereby certify that the above financial statement and historical analysis is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and ability.

DATED, the 2/4 th day of January, 2004.

JESS E. MINIUM, JR. WSB 342 Attorney at Law

Accorney at La

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#### LOAN APPLICATION.

AMOUNT: 10 Million U.S. Dollars. One million immediately. Four million within 30 days. Additional 5 million within 6 months.

USE OF FUNDS: Hiring Caplin and Drysdale Attorneys. Exercise Option to buy-out stockholders and Limited Partnership. Operation and Travel expense. Pay off Dan Fer Corporation debts.

SECURITY: Dan Fer Stock Certificates.

REPAYMENT: Three years after loan.

#### CONTACT PERSONS:

VICTOR SURFACE, SR. Phone: (503) 556-6023 77061 Alston Mayer Road Rainier Oregon, 97048 JESS E. MINIUM, JR. Phone: (360) 578-5958 205 Oak St. P.O. Box 120 Kelso, WA., 98626

VICTOR SURFACE, SR.

JESS E. MINIUM, JR

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## \$3,644,000.00

1.	Vic	500,000.

2. <u>Jim</u> 250,000.

3. Mary 250,000.

Sub-Total \$1,000,000.00

#### 4. Michaels Group

 Nick Michaels
 500,000.00

 George Thagard
 500,000.00

 Jess Minium
 500,000.00

 Sub-total
 \$1,500,000.00

#### 5. Dan Fer Stockholders

Lou	750,000.00
Monroe	214,000.00
Sub-Total	\$964,000.00

#### 6. Dan Fer Debts.

Roger Dierking	45,000.00
Ron Pfiefer	45,000.00
Hugo Moreno	10,000.00
Don Simpson	27,500.00
Rachael Osborn	12,500.00
Joe Cooper	10,000.00
Darlene Kofler	30,000.00
	\$180,000.00

TOTAL \$3,644,000.00

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# Dan Fer Investment tax credit application

Application by Julian o Von Kalinowski esquire:

To: Mortimer M Caplin esquire: Attorney at law

Caplin & Drysdale law firm Washington D C

Pertinent documentation to convert tax benefits to tax credits to be done as Mortimer sees fit.

Prepared by Julian & Penny O von Kalinowski for the benefit of Victor D Surface Sr.

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Julian O. von Kalinowski
12320 RIDGE CIRCLE

LOS ANGELES, CA 90049

Mortimer Caplan, Esq. Caplan & Drysdale One Thomas Circle N.W. Washington, DC 20005-5802 January 5, 2004

#### Dear Morty:

Thank you for returning my call to your office. I do apologize for interrupting your vacation, but the subject I wanted to bring to your attention is extremely important. On behalf of the Dan Fer Investment Corporation, I am contacting you to request your assistance in obtaining certain IRS tax credits. The credits would be in exchange for the donation of 40+ unpatented mineral claims that have been valued at over \$53 billion. The claims are owned by the Dan Fer Investment Corporation. While I have found it rather challenging to put pertinent facts together in some semblance of order, the attached outline should help to clarify the situation.

To assist you, I enclose copies of each of the documents listed on Attachment 1. In reviewing the Outline of the Dan Fer Matter, I recommend that you also study Exhibit C, "An Updated Financial Statement and Historical Analysis", prepared by Jess E. Minium, the attorney for Dan Fer. Mr. Minium is a principal shareholder of Dan Fer and has been intimately involved in the court proceedings and other events pertaining to this matter for the past 20 years.

In summary, the basic issues are:

- 1. Acceptance by the IRS of the appraisal of the Dan Fer mineral interests.
- 2. The issuance of tax credits to Dan Fer by the IRS in exchange for the Dan Fer mineral interests to be donated to the Department of Agriculture the tax credits being complicated by the fact that Dan Fer has neither income nor taxes due (Exhibit B at page 2).
- 3. In the event that the IRS does not accept the appraised fair market value of the mineral interests, some alternate, agreed upon form of evaluation needs to be established in order to bring closure to this matter. Congress has made it clear in the Completion Act that it desires closure to the acquisition of these mineral interests. (See page 1, Outline of the Dan Fer Matter.)

Your services in assisting with the procurement of tax credits equal to the \$53+ billion appraised fair market value is now sought. For those services, Dan Fer is willing to pay a fee of 5% of the net value of the tax credits upon receipt of payment from a party who currently wishes to purchase the tax credits for 18% of the face value of the credits. Alternatively, if you introduce a buyer willing and able to pay an amount in excess of 18% of the face value of the tax credits, Dan Fer will pay an additional 50% of the difference between 18% of the face value and the price you are able to obtain.

I do hope you can undertake this matter and that you will contact me if I may be of further assistance. I can be reached at 310-472-1977.

A Very Happy New Year to you -

With warmest regards,

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#### OUTLINE OF THE DAN FER MATTER

Dan Fer Investment Corporation is a closely held Washington corporation owned by 4 individuals. It is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing. Its business is focused on the holding of mining claims. Any profits derived from the sale or exchange of those claims are to be directed toward scientific and environmental research. Dan Fer's stock is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission.<sup>1</sup>

Dan Fer owns over 40 unpatented mining claims<sup>2</sup> that are located in an area designated in a 1982 Act by Congress as the "Mt. St. Helen's National Volcanic Monument" (Public Law 97-243 96 Stats 301).<sup>3</sup> The Mt. St. Helens Act extended the boundaries of the Clifford Pichot National Forest. Section 3(a) of the Act provides for a specific land program that mandating the Secretary of Agriculture's acquisition of all lands and interests in land within the boundaries of the Monument by donation, exchange or purchase. In the case of mineral and geothermal interests, however, the Act mandates that such acquisitions can only be made by exchange. Furthermore, exchanges involving mineral and geothermal interests were to have been completed within one year after the enactment of the Monument Act. Such exchanges can involve tax credits, as explained below.

Dan Fer notified the Department of Agriculture that it consented to an exchange for its mining claims. However, the Department declined to accept Dan Fer's donation until those claims were developed. As a result, Dan Fer filed suit in the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington at Tacoma. That suit sought declaratory and injunctive relief. Please note that Dan Fer's mining claims were not the only ones in the Monument for which the Department declined acquisition. As a result, Congress later became concerned about the slow pace of the acquisitions and responded by enacting the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument Completion Act.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Exhibit A: Updated Financial Statement and Historical Analysis: Proposed Federal Court Order Dismissing Dan Fer Claims and Reinstating the Stipulated Order of Donation, dated December 28, 2003, prepared by attorney Jessa. E. Minium, Jr. (major stockholder of Dan Fer Investment Corp.)

<sup>2</sup> Unpatented mining claims are "an interest in land" for exchange purposes under the "Monument Act"

<sup>(</sup>Mount St. Helens National Monument Act.) See Exhibit B: Opinion letter, dated February 13, 1985, from the Office of the Solicitor, United States Department of Interior, on the "Authority to Acquire Unpatented Mining Claims By Exchange."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As you will recall, on May 18, 1980, the active volcano on Mt. St. Helens crupted. The cruption drastically changed the geologic and ecological character of the area surrounding Mt. St. Helens. The cruption also caused Congress to establish the Mt. St. Helens Act, creating a national monument (The Monument Act, P.L. 97-243 14 U.S.C. 431).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Exhibit D, Order-3 and -4: Mt. St. Helens Mining and Recovery Limited Partnership vs. United States of America, et al., Case No. C99-5687FDB.

After numerous motions and other procedural actions, the parties settled the matter by entering into a Stipulation<sup>5</sup>, wherein Dan Fer agreed to donate its mining claims, in accordance with 7 U.S.C. 2269, Section 170 and other sections of the Tax Code. The Secretary of Agriculture agreed to accept the Stipulation. The Stipulation was approved by the Court (U.S. District Judge Jack E. Tanner.)

The Stipulation is a very important document in this matter. Before it was filed, a dispute had arisen between the parties as to how to evaluate the claims. The Secretary did not want to get involved with the valuation. The Stipulation leaves the valuation determination process up to Dan Fer and the IRS in accordance with the Tax Code. In effect, it authorizes the IRS to apply the provisions of the Tax Code mentioned therein to the donation of Dan Fer's mineral interests, providing as follows:

"Plaintiff will cause its mining claims in the Green River Polar Star area, within the boundaries of the Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, to be donated by Quit Claim Deed to the Secretary of Agriculture, in accordance with 7 U.S.C. 2269, and Section 170 and other sections, Tax Code. The Secretary of Agriculture hereby agrees to accept said donation."

In 1984, Dan Fer finally hired an independent, creditable and registered expert geologist, Mr. Ronald Pfeifer, to appraise the claims and establish their fair market value. He furnished a detailed report, dated July 21, 1990,<sup>6</sup> of the methods used in evaluating the mineral interest and estimating the value of those interests to be \$53,033,350,000.

Pfeifer's initial appraisal was updated on December 23, 2003, without any change in the fair market value.

Both the Stipulation and the appraisal were made part of the record in a subsequent case, Mt. St. Helens Mining and Recovery Limited Partnership vs. United States of America, et al. In that case, U.S. District Judge Franklin D. Burgess made it quite clear that the Stipulation was a valid contract and that the Department of Agriculture was required to accept the donation of the mineral claims. The Court said in part that the Department of Agriculture's acceptance is "valuable consideration for the donation because it is a necessary precondition for obtaining a tax deduction from the IRS. As documentation of a bargained for exchange of value, the Stipulation is a valid contract." [Emphasis added].

See Exhibit C: Dan Fer Investment Corporation vs. The United States of America, John R. Block, Secretary of Agriculture, et al., Case No. C85-37T, Stipulation and Order of Dismissal, dated January 27, 1986.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See Exhibit E: "Mineral Appraisals".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Exhibit F: "Appraisal Report Update".

The Mt. St. Helens Mining and Recovery Limited Partnership is the successor in interest to the Dan Fer Investment Corporation. See Exhibit D: Mt. St. Helens Mining and Recovery Limited Partnership vs. United States of America, et al, Case No. C99-5687FDB.

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## Julian O. von Kalinowski

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Victor D. Surface 77061 Alston Mayger Road Rainier, OR 97048

January 19, 2004

Dear Victor:

This letter confirms my recent conversation with you regarding the possible employment of my respected colleague Mortimer Caplin, from the firm of Caplin & Drysdale in Washington, D.C., to represent Dan Fer Investment Corp. in obtaining assignable tax deductions from the I.R.S. The deductions would result from the donation of some 40 unpatented" mining claims to the Department of Agriculture. The donation would be pursuant to and as contemplated by the Stipulation dated January 24, 1986 between Dan Fer and the Department, as approved by the Court in the case of Dan Fer Investment Corporation vs. United States of American and the Department of Agriculture.

I have had several conversations with Mr. Mortimer Caplin about this matter. In my initial conversation with him, in late December last year, Mr. Caplin expressed considerable interest in taking on the matter. To provide him with more information about the matter, I prepared an "Outline of the Dan Fer Matter". This was sent to Mr. Caplin, with supporting exhibits. In one of several follow-up discussions, Mr. Caplin has noted that the matter is quite complex.

In response to my request for an indication of his fees, as a concession to me, Mr. Caplin offered to work for a fee of half the firm's normal billable hourly rate, plus 2-1/2% of the purchase price obtained from any third party buyer(s). Furthermore, as is customary in the practice of law, he asked for a retainer fee of \$20,000 to \$25,000.

In my most recent conversation with Mortimer Caplin, he indicated that his firm was looking into the possibility of a conflict of interest – which is normal procedure. At my request, he agreed to then send me a letter outlining the work his firm would do. According to Mortimer, that will take a couple of days.

In my opinion, there is no better attorney than Mortimer Caplin to handle this complex matter. Aside from his considerable experience in I.R.S. matters, he is a very capable man and a brilliant lawyer. He has been extremely successful in the practice of that area of law, as well as an outstanding teacher of the subject at the University of Virginia Law School. For further details, I refer you to his firm's website at <a href="https://www.capdale.com">www.capdale.com</a>

Most sincerely,

Kali

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TO: Kali

Phone: (310) 472-1977 Fax: (310) 471 7446

FROM: Jess E. Minium, Jr.

Attorney at Law 205 Oak Street P.O. Box 120

Kelso, WA., 98626 Phone: (360) 578-5958 Fax: (360) 578-5958

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DATE: January 21, 2004.

SUBJECT: WAIVER OF ANY AND ALL OF MR. CAPLIN'S POTENTIAL

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

Victor recently mentioned that Mr. Caplin's firm was considering whether or not there would be a potential conflict of interest concerning the Dan Fer matter.

An obvious conflict of interest would arise should Mr. Caplin's firm take the case to obtain the tax credits and at the same time obtain a buyer for those same tax credits.

This of course would be of great benefit to Dan Fer. One Law Firm would handle the whole matter. It would not get fouled-up between different lawyers causing problems. Therefore, we would be happy to WAIVE any and all conflicts of interest.

In truth, the only real conflict of interest would be the PRICE, that the unknown BUYER would pay to Dan Fer, the SELLER. This could be established by the 18 percent, CUSTOM IN THE TRADE, or whatever is reasonable to Mr. Caplin.

Bottomline: This is a unique case, I know you will not let anything stand in the way of it's completion.

Keep working hard and have fun.

Jesse.

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#### DAN FER STOCK RECORD

In the beginning, 1968, the mining claims were owned by the Fernandez Family. They transferred one-third ownership to Jess E. Minium, Jr.

In 1976, the Federal Government required that the mining claims be recorded under FLPMA and that \$100.00 per claim be paid to them. Dan Fer Investment Corporation was formed and Capital stock has been issued as follow:

Certificates 1-6, 2,500 shares each, to Dan and Lillian Fernandez. Cancelled.

Certificates 7-12, 2,500 shares each to Dan Fernandez as trustee. <u>Cancelled</u>.

Certificates 13-18, 2,500 shares each to Jess E. Minium, Jr. Cancelled.

Certificates 19-20, 2,500 shares each to Roger Dierking, Cancelled.

Certificate 21, 15,000 shares to Victor Surface, Cancelled.

Certificate 22, 5,000 shares to Victor Surface.

Certificate 23, 5,000 shares to Victor Surface.

Certificate 24, 5,000 shares to A.W. Monroe.

Certificate 25, 50,000 shares to Ray Martin. Cancelled.

Certificate 26, 17,500 shares to Dan Fernandez, Transferred to Lou of Idaho.

Certificate 27, 17,500 shares to Jess Minium.

#### CURRENT SHAREHOLDERS.

Certificate		Vic Surface,	5,000	shares.
Certificate		Vic Surface,		shares.
Certificate		A.W. Monroe,	5,000	shares.
Certificate		Lou of Idaho,		shares.
Certificate	27	Jess Minium	17,500	shares.
		TOTAL SHARES:	50,000	shares.

DATED: November 4, 2003.

JESS E. MINIUM, JR/

Dan Fer Stock Transfer Agent.

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#### OPTION TO PURCHASE COMMON SHARES OF DAN FER INVESTMENT CORPORATION

THIS OPTION TO PURCHASE IS MADE BY DANIEL A. FERNANDEZ ("OFFEOR") TO AND IN FAVOR OF VICTOR D. SURFACE ("OFFEREE"), ON THIS 19TH DAY OF OCT., 1999.

#### RECITALS.

- 1. OFFEROR IS THE OWNER OF 17,500 SHARES OF THE COMMON STOCK OF DAN FER INVESTMENT CORPORATION, A WASHINGTON CORPORATION AND DESIRES TO SELL THOSE SHARES.
- 2. OFFEREE DESIRES TO PURCHASE THE STOCK.

#### OPTION .

FOR VAUABLE CONSIDERATION, IN WHICH THE OFFEREE PAYS FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$5,000), AS A NONREFUNDABLE DEPOSIT THIS DAY, OCT. 19TH, 1999. THE OFFEROR HEREBY IRREVOCABLY GRANTS OFFEREE AN UNRESTRICTED AND UNCONDITIONAL OPTION TO PURCHASE THE STOCK AND ALL RIGHTS ATTENDANT TO THE STOCK FOR THE PRICE OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000), AND A FORTY PER CENT (40%) INTEREST FOR THE OFFEROR IN THE 17,500 SHARES, FOR ANY SALE, ASSIGNMENT, OR LAWSUIT, OR ACTION OF ANY KIND, WHERE THE OFFEREE RECEIVES MONEY OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE 17,500 SHARES OF STOCK OR THE STHER ENTEREST IN THE DAN PER INVESTMENT CORPORT 7 DAYS AFTER OFFERER RECEIVES ANY OF THE ABOVE FORMS OF COMPENSATION. THIS OPTION WILL EXPIRE AT 11:59 PM ON NOV. 18. 1999.

THE NONREFUNDABLE DEPOSIT WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE PURCHASE PRICE ON THE EXERCISE OF THIS OPTION.

OFFEROR OFFERS TO SELL OFFEREE ALL RIGHTS ATTENDANT TO THE STOCK WHICH INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: ALL RIGHTS OFFEROR HAS OR HAD RELATING TO HIS OWNERSHIP OF STOCK INCLUDING ALL CHOSES IN ACTION WHETHER IN TORT OR CONTRACT: ALL RIGHTS OFFEROR HAS OR HAD PERSONALLY, RELATING TO HIS OWNERSHIP OR CONTRACT RIGHTS IN THE MINING CLAIMS PRESENTLY OWNED BY DAN FER INVESTMENT CORPORATION, PRIOR TO THE CONVEYANCE OF MINING CLAIMS TO THE CORPORATION, OR AFTER THE CONVEYANCE TO THE CORPORATION. OFFEROR OWNS ALL STOCK OR ANY PREVIOUS OWNERSHIP INDIVIDUALLY, AND THEIR ARE NO ASSIGNS OR OTHER FAMILY INTERESTS.

DANIEL A. FERNANDEZ

OFFEROR

VICTOR D. SURFACE

OFFEREE

SUBSCRIBER AMP SWORN TO BEFORE ME 194 DAY OF OCT., 1999

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## FULL AND COMPLETE RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

IN CONSIDERATION OF, the mutual promises and the payment of twenty thousand dollars, paid by VICTOR SURFACE, SR., to DANIEL FERNANDEZ, on the 5th day of April, 2004, the undersigned Parties hereby agree as follows:

VICTOR SURFACE, SR., is acting on behalf of himself, Dan Fer Investment Corporation (Dan Fer), and all the Dan Fer stockholders, as one Party. DANIEL FERNANDEZ is acting for himself and all his family, as the other Party.

DANIEL FERNANDEZ, is represented by Evan D. Hull, his Attorney. VICTOR SURFACE, SR., is not represented.

DANIEL FERNANDEZ, agrees that he has totally relied upon his own dealings and advise of Counsel to negotiate and determine his own price and terms for the release of all claims, of whatever kind or nature, known or unknown against VICTOR SURFACE, SR., Dan Fer, and all Dan Fer Stockholders.

THE PARTIES, agree that VICTOR SURFACE, SR., has completed the purchase of all of DANIEL FERNANDEZ'S Dan Fer stock. DANIEL FERNANDEZ is not a stockholder of Dan Fer.

The PARTIES further agree that all past or present agreements, rights, duties, obligations, or relationships, are hereby released, waived, cancelled, terminated, made null and void, and finally and forever discharged, so that there is no remaining agreement, right, duty, obligation, nor relationship, to and/or between DANIEL FERNANDEZ and all his family as one Party, and VICTOR SURFACE, SR., Dan Fer, and all Dan Fer Stockholders as the other Party.

THE PARTIES, hereby give and grant unto each other, finally and forever, a full, total, complete, and final release and discharge.

THE PARTIES, agree not to bring complaint or suit, of whatever kind or nature, against the other Party, and to hold the other Party harmless, forever. Should any Party bring suit against the other Party, the Parties hereby agree that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement can be used as a complete defense against that action, or any other action.

THE PARTIES, AGREE THAT THEY HAVE READ THIS RELEASE, UNDERSTAND IT, AND ARE VOLUNTARILY ENTERING INTO IT, WITH THE INTENTION OF RELINQUISHING ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AND RIGHTS AGAINST EACH OTHER, IN LAW OR IN EQUITY) KNOWN OR UNKNOWN.

VICTOR SURFACE, SR.

DANIEL FERNANDEZ

EVAN D. HULL, Witness.

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#### APPRAISAL REPORT UPDATE

TO DAN FER INVESTMENT CORPORATION, INC., and to U.S. Government.

I have been advised that Dan Fer Investment, Inc., will cause it's forty unpatented mining claims within the boundaries the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument to be donated by Quit Claim Deed to the Secretary of Agriculture, in accordance with 7 U.S.C. 2269, and Section 170 and other sections, Tax Code. The Secretary of Agriculture has agreed to accept said donation.

I have been asked to update my Appraisal Report attached hereto, dated July 21, 1990, to Dan Fer Investment Corporation, of minerals contained in forty lode mining claims of approximately 20 acres each, containing 775.819 acres more or less, situated within the Mount St. Helens Mining District, Skamania County, Washington, and within the boundaries of the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument:

There has been no significant change whatsoever in the minerals, the conditions, or the surrounding areas. costs and/or some other costs may have risen slightly. But, any and all cost increases are offset and more than balanced by the fact that I appraised gold at \$300.00 an ounce when the current price is slightly over \$400.00 an ounce. Therefore my appraised

1. Underground mining, TOTAL APPRAISED VALUE: \$24,465,000,000.00. TOTAL APPRAISED VALUE: \$53,083,350,000.00.

I hereby certify that I have again studied and analyzed relevant data and sampled specimens relating to the mineral interest described in my Appraisal Report, dated July 21, 1990, and that the facts and data used are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct, and that the value represents my best and unbiased judgment as a Registered Professional Geologist of the fair market value of the minerals contained within the subject property, i.e., forty unpatented mining claims.

I have no present or intended future interest in the property. A statement of my qualification as a registered professional geologist is included in the Appraisal Report.

This Appraisal Report Update and the Appraisal Report shall be used for their intended purposes only and by the parties to whom it is addressed. Possession of this report does not include the right of publication.

RONALD J. PFEIFER, Registered Professional Geologist G-449.

Professional Geologist G-449.

ec. 23, 2003 /

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The General Partners of Mt. St. Helens Mining and Recovery, a Limited Partnership, and the Stockholders of Dan Fer Investment Corporation, a Limited Partner, having unanimously elected and agreed to terminate and dissolve the Limited Partnership, under Section 17.1.1 and other sections of the Limited Partnership Agreement, hereby immediately terminate and forever dissolve that Limited Partnership and it's Limited Partnership Agreement, by and between themselves only.

DATED: August 22, 2003.

President of Chairman of the Dan Fer Investment Corporation

NICK MICHABL

Managing Partner

Mt. St. Helens Mining and Receivery

Limited Partnership.

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#### RESIGNATION

Nick Michaels hereby resigns as President and Chairman of the Board, Dan Fer Investment Corporation, effective immediately.

DATED: August 22, 2003

NICK HICHARLS

President of Chairman of the Board Dan Fer Investment Corporation.

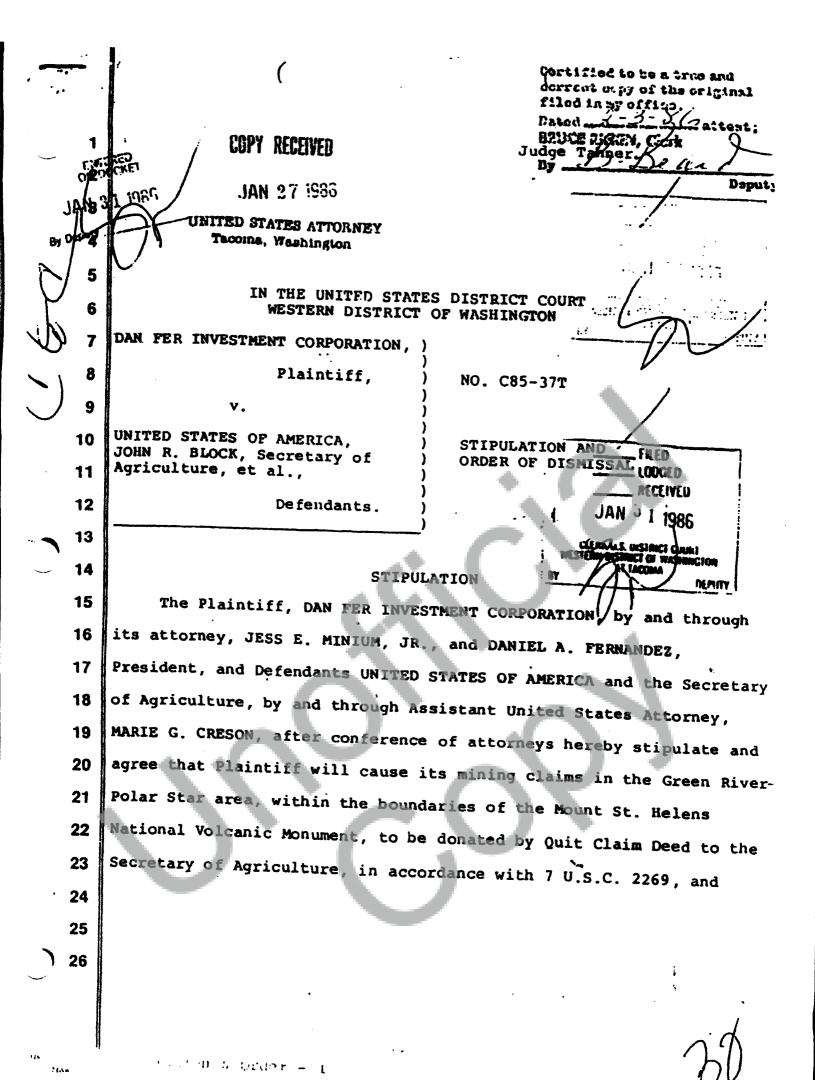
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### A-P-P-O-I-N-T-M-E-N-T

AFTER PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the resignation of Nick Michaels as President and Chairman of the Board of Dan Fer Investment Corporation, is hereby accepted and that VICTOR D. SURFACE, SR., is hereby elected and appointed as President and Chairman of the board of Dan Fer Investment Corporation, and is authorized to do all things necessary to compete the sale of the Corporation, and/or all it's assets, and/or the sale of all the individual stockholders stock.

Dated: October 30, 2003

JESS E. MINIUM, JR. Stockholder, 17,500 shares.



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	2	Agriculture hereby agrees to accept said donation.
	3	DATED this day of January, 1986.
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	9	President, DAN FER INVESTMENT
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٠,	11	ORDER  Pursuant to the above Stimulation
	12	Pursuant to the above Stipulation, this matter will be dismissed without prejudice to aid.
	13	dismissed without prejudice to either party and each party will pay its own costs and expenses.
-	14	IT IS SO ORDERED.
	15	DONE IN COLUMN
	16	day of January, 1986.
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	18,	UNITED STATES TEMPS
	19	Presented by:
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	21	JESS E. MINIUM, JR.
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	25	Marie V. Jacon
	26	MARIE G. CRECON
		Assistant United States Attorney
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