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IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

CATHERINE SATTERLEE, et. al.)	WCC NO. 2003-0840
)	
Petitioners,)	
)	MOTION TO DISMISS
vs.)	PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE
)	COMPANY
LUMBERMAN'S MUTUAL CASUALTY)	
COMPANY, et. al.,)	
)	
Respondents/Insurers.)	

COMES NOW Platte River Insurance Company (hereinafter "Platte River") and files this motion to dismiss.

On information and belief, on April 18, 2005, this Court had served by mail on many insurers, including Platte River, a Notice of Opportunity to Appear and Intervene and participate in briefing and argument of Petitioners' constitutional challenges, including certification as a class action or common fund. The Notice of Opportunity to Appear and Intervene invited insurers to appear on or before June 6, 2005.

Platte River was not aware of the above-identified Notice of Opportunity to Appear and Intervene, but made a limited appearance in response to a Summons in Flynn v. Montana State Fund (WCC No. 2000-0222). Letter of Julie Pollack, Esq., Swiss Reinsurance America Corporation to Honorable Michael McCarter (Jun. 20, 2005), WCC Docket No. 223. Based on that appearance Platte River has searched the records of the

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Workers' Compensation Court and makes this limited appearance in the above-entitled matter.

Platte River has since had the opportunity to complete a full review of its Montana claims files to determine what claimants it may have on workers' compensation policies meeting the criteria in this matter as set forth by the Notice of Opportunity to Appear and Intervene dated April 18, 2005. The conclusion of Platte River is that there are no cases in which it has any claimants on workers' compensation policies meeting the criteria in this matter as set forth by the Notice of Opportunity to Appear and Intervene dated April 18, 2005. This conclusion is supported by the attached and incorporated Affidavits of:

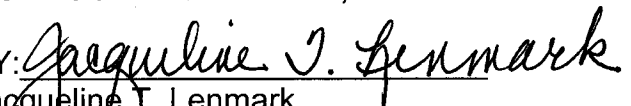
(a) Carmen Raha, Controller of Platte River (Exhibit 1, the original of which will be filed with the court when it is received); and

(b) Stuart deHaaff, former Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Underwriters Insurance Company, attesting to certain facts relating to the Stock Purchase Agreement and Transfer and Assumption Agreement concerning business of Platte River. (Exhibits 2, a copy of which is attached and the original of which is filed in Flynn v. Montana State Fund [WCC No. 2000-0222] by Platte River and by this reference is incorporated in support of this motion).

WHEREFORE, Platte River moves this Court to dismiss with prejudice Platte River on the ground that no claims exist against it and that it is not liable for any additional benefits to be paid to claimants in this matter or for attorneys' fees.

DATED this 2nd day of February, 2006.

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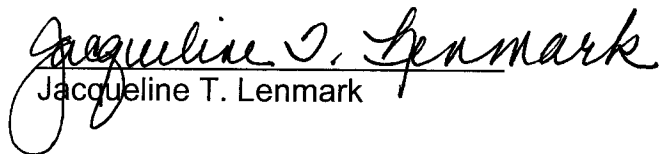
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jacqueline T. Lenmark, one of the attorneys for Platte River Insurance Company, hereby certify that on February 2, 2006, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing **MOTION TO DISMISS**, by depositing same in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, in Helena, Montana, upon the following:

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DATED this 2nd day of February, 2006.


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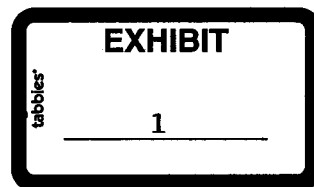
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)	FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
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)	COMPANY
LUMBERMAN'S MUTUAL CASUALTY)	
COMPANY, et. al.,)	
)	
Respondents/Insurers.)	

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
 : ss.
 COUNTY OF _____)

Carmen Raha, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says:

1. I am Controller of Platte River Insurance Company ("Platte River");
2. In my capacity as Controller of Platte River, I am authorized to make the statements set forth in this affidavit on behalf of Platte River and to bind Platte River by these statements;
3. Platte River is a corporate subsidiary of Alleghany Insurance Holdings, Inc., which is a subsidiary of Alleghany Corporation ("Alleghany");

AFFIDAVIT OF CARMEN RAHA FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
 PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY



4. Alleghany purchased all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Underwriters Insurance Company ("UIC") by a Stock Purchase Agreement dated December 5, 2001;

5. After this purchase, Alleghany changed the name of UIC to Platte River;

6. As a condition of Alleghany's purchase of UIC, all past, present and future liabilities under all binders, policies, contracts, certificates and other obligations or agreements of insurance issued by UIC prior to the closing date of the Stock Purchase Agreement and endorsements thereon and changes in coverage thereunder, disclosed and undisclosed, were assumed by North American Specialty Insurance Company pursuant to a Transfer and Assumption Agreement;

7. After review of our records, I swear under oath that Platte River should be dismissed from the above-entitled action for any or all of the following reasons:

(a) Platte River has not issued any workers' compensation policies in the state of Montana on or after January 4, 2002, and the liabilities on policies prior to that date were assumed by North American Specialty Insurance Company pursuant to a Transfer and Assumption Agreement;

(b) Platte River does not have any Montana workers' compensation insurance claims for any workers' compensation policies issued on or after January 4, 2002; and

(c) As Platte River has not issued any workers' compensation policies in the State of Montana since its acquisition by Alleghany Corporation on January 4, 2002, Platte River does not believe that it has any claimants on any workers' compensation policies issued on or after January 4, 2002, meeting the Court's criteria in this matter as set forth in the Notice of Opportunity to Appear and Intervene dated April 18, 2005, issued by the Workers' Compensation Court of the State of Montana in the matter of Satterlee v. Lumberman's Mutual Casualty Company (WCC No. 2003-0840).

8. I understand that the Montana Workers' Compensation Court may allow a period of up to ninety (90) days from the date of filing this affidavit within which Petitioners' counsel may conduct discovery and investigation for the limited purpose of proving or disproving the foregoing statement(s) made by me on behalf of Platte River. After such 90 days, if no objection is lodged by the Petitioners' counsel, the Court will dismiss the insurer from this action based on the sworn statements made by me in this affidavit.

9. The above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Ms. Carmen Raha

Date: _____

So subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of February, 2006.

Print Name: _____

Notary Public for the State of _____

Residing at _____

My Commission Expires: ____ / ____ /20 ____

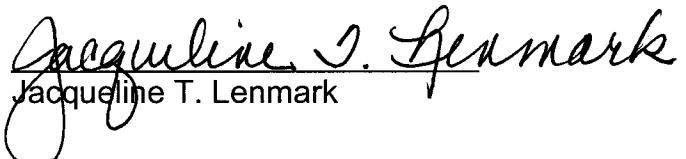
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jacqueline T. Lenmark, one of the attorneys for Platte River Insurance Company, hereby certify that on February 2, 2006, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing unsigned **AFFIDAVIT OF CARMEN RAHA FOR AND ON BEHALF OF PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY**, by depositing same in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, in Helena, Montana, upon the following:

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vs.)
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MONTANA STATE FUND)

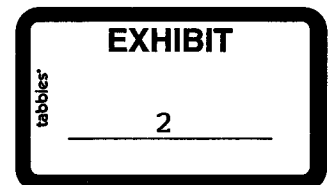
ROBERT FLYNN and CARL MILLER)
) WCC No. 2000-0222
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vs.)
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MONTANA STATE FUND, et al)

AFFIDAVIT OF STUART M. DE HAAFF

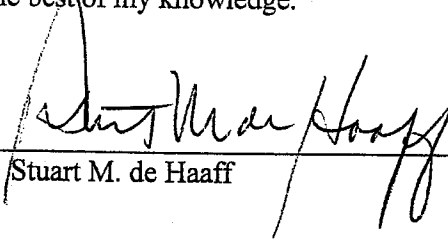
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

I, Stuart M. de Haaff, being first duly sworn on oath depose and say:

1. I was a Senior Vice President and the General Counsel of Underwriters Insurance Company, a Nebraska corporation ("UIC"), between July 1996 and January 2002 and, in that capacity, I acquired personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.
2. Effective July 1, 2001, pursuant to a Transfer and Assumption Agreement between UIC and North American Specialty Insurance Company, a New Hampshire corporation ("NAS"), NAS assumed all of UIC's business and liabilities, including, without limitation, all of the past, present and future liabilities and obligations of UIC under all binders, policies, contracts, certificates and other obligations or agreements of insurance issued by UIC (collectively, "Policyholder Contracts").
3. Pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement dated December 5, 2001 between Alleghany Corporation ("Alleghany") and UIC's corporate parent, Swiss Reinsurance America Corporation, Alleghany purchased all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of UIC.

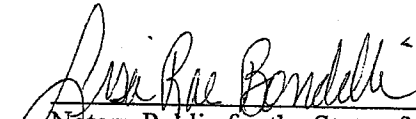


4. Pursuant to the Stock Purchase Agreement NAS retained all liabilities and obligations for the Policyholder Contracts issued by UIC prior to January 1, 2002 and UIC, as a wholly owned subsidiary of Alleghany, assumed all liabilities and obligations on business written by UIC on or after January 1, 2002.
5. During 2002 following the purchase of UIC by Alleghany, UIC changed its name to Platte River Insurance Company.
6. The above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



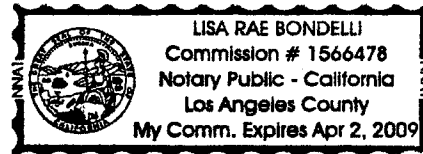
Stuart M. de Haaff

So subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of December, 2005,



Notary Public for the State of California
My Commission Expires: April 2, 2009

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SPEED MEMO

February 2, 2006

Re: *Catherine Satterlee, et. al., vs. Lumberman's Mutual Casualty Company, et. al.*
Montana Workers' Compensation Court No. 2003-0840

For filing, please find enclosed Motion to Dismiss Platte River Insurance Company. Thank you for your assistance.

Jacqueline T. Lenmark

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(w/copy of encl. as indicated above)

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