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OFFICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION JUDGE HELENA, MONTANA

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IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

CASSANDRA SCHMILL,) WCC NO. 2001-0300
Petitioner,))) PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE
VS.) COMPANY'S NOTICE OF) FILING
LIBERTY NORTHWEST INSURANCE CORPORATION,)))
Respondent/Insurer,)
MONTANA STATE FUND,)
Intervenor.)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the original Affidavit of Stuart M. de Haaff in support of Platte River's motion to dismiss was filed on or about February 6, 2006 in the *Robert Flynn and Carl Miller vs. Montana State Fund, et. al.* (WCC No. 2000-0222). A copy of the original Affidavit of Stuart M. de Haaff that has been filed is attached to this Notice of Filing.

DATED this 6th day of February, 2006.

KELLER, REYNOLDS, DRAKE, JOHNSON & GILLESPIE, P.C.

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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 6, 2006, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing **PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY'S NOTICE OF FILING**, by depositing same in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, in Helena, Montana, upon the following:

Laurie Wallace, Esq. BOTHE & LAURIDSEN P.C. P. O. Box 2020 Columbia Falls, Montana 59912

DATED this 6th day of February, 2006.

Jacqueline T. Lenmark

WORKERS COMPENSATION COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

DALE REESOR) WCC No. 2002-0676	
vs.		
MONTANA STATE FUND)	
)	
ROBERT FLYNN and CARL MILLER) WCC No. 2000-0222	
VS.))	
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.

- 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.
- During 2002 following the purchase of UIC by Alleghany, UIC changed its name to Platte 5. River Insurance Company.
- 6. The above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

So subscribed and sworn to before me this _____day of December, 2005,

(seal)

LISA RAE BONDELLI Commission # 1566478 Notary Public - California Los Angeles County My Comm. Expires Apr 2, 2009