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OFFICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION JUDGE HELENA, MONTANA

ATTORNEYS FOR CONAGRA FOODS, INC. AS SUCCESSOR TO BEATRICE COMPANIES INC.

IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

WCC No. 2001-0300

CASSANDRA M. SCHMILL,

Petitioner.

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LIBERTY NORTHWEST INSURANCE COMPANY,

Respondent/Insurer.

AFFIDAVIT OF KENT TIES

STATE OF NEBRASKA)

: ss.

County of Douglas)

- ¶1 I, Kent Ties, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and say:
- ¶2 I, Kent Ties, am the Senior Insurance Director of ConAgra Foods, Inc.
- ¶3 In August 14, 1990 ConAgra Foods, Inc. purchased Beatrice Companies Inc. and assumed its liability for any workers' compensation exposures in Montana.
- ¶4 In my capacity with ConAgra Foods, Inc., I am authorized to make the statements set forth in this affidavit on behalf of ConAgra Foods, Inc. as successor to Beatrice Companies Inc. and to bind ConAgra Foods, Inc. as successor by these statements.

Affidavit of Kent Ties, Beatrice Companies Inc.

- ¶5 After a review of our records, I swear under oath that Beatrice Companies Inc., should be dismissed from the above-entitled action for any or all of the following reasons (check any or all that apply):
 - X Beatrice Companies Inc. had no claimants meeting the Court's criteria in this matter as set forth in the summons and Flynn III, 2011 MT 300.
- I understand that the Montana Workers' Compensation Court may allow a period of up to 90 days from the date of filing this affidavit within which counsel for Petitioner[s] may conduct discovery and investigation for the limited purpose of proving or disproving the foregoing statement(s) made by me on behalf of ConAgra Foods, Inc. as successor to Beatrice Companies, Inc. After such 90 days, if no objection is lodged by counsel for Petitioner[s], the Court will dismiss the insurer/self-insurer from this action based on the sworn statements made by me in this affidavit.
- ¶7 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is correct.

DATED this 10th day of December, 2012.

Kent Ties

Senior Insurance Director of ConAgra Foods, Inc. as successor to Beatrice Companies Inc.

Beverly M. Thorne

Signed and sworn to before me this 10th day of December, 2012.

Notary Public for the State of Nebraska Residing at: 9515 Ames Ave, Omaha, NE

My Commission Expires: May 15, 2014

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
BEVERLY M. THORNE
My Comm. Exp. May 15, 2014

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