UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA CENTRAL DIVISION

Plains Commerce Bank,		Civ. No. 05-3002
Plaintiff,)	
v.)	AFFIDAVIT OF
Long Family Land and Cattle Company, Inc., and Ronnie and Lila Long,)	THOMAS J. VAN NORMAN
Defendants.)	
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- I, Thomas J. Van Norman, being duly sworn in the premises, do hereby state and affirm based upon personal knowledge as follows:
 - 1. I am over the age of eighteen and am competent to testify;
- 2. I am the Senior Tribal Attorney for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and I work in the Tribe's Legal Department, P.O. Box 590, Eagle Butte, South Dakota 57625; telephone number (605) 964-6686; facsimile (605) 964-1166;
- 3. I am Counsel of Record for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe as *amicus curiae* in Plains Commerce Bank v. Long Family Land and Cattle Company, Inc., and Ronnie and Lila Long, Civ. No. 05-3002 (D.S.D. Central);
- 4. I am familiar with the court record in the case captioned as Long Family Land and Cattle Company, Inc., and Ronnie and Lila Long v. Edward and Mary Maciejewski and Ralph H. and Norma J. Pesicka, and The Bank of Hoven, n/k/a Plains Commerce Bank, Civ. No. R-120-99 (Chey.R.Sx.Ct.) and I certify that the attached documents are true and accurate copies of original documents, exhibits, and transcripts in the court record;

- 5. Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of a Civil Docket sheet prepared for this matter;
- Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of pages 72-79, 94-97, 106-107, 130, 149 152, 156, 159, 167-170, 215, 291, 304-305, 330, 349, 351, 358, 366-368, 438-439, 588-601 from the Trial Transcript dated December 6, 2002, and December 11, 2002;
 - 7. Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of Plaintiffs' Exhibit 14;
 - 8. Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of Plaintiffs' Exhibit 15;
 - 9. Exhibit E is a true and correct copy of Plaintiffs' Exhibit 23;
- 10. Exhibit F is a true and correct copy of Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment dated September 12, 2002; and
 - 11. Exhibit G is a true and correct copy of the jury instructions.
- 12. I was Counsel of Record for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe as *amicus curiae* on appeal in <u>Bank of Hoven n/k/a Plains Commerce Bank v. Long Family Land and Cattle Company, Inc. Ronnie and Lila Long</u>, Appeal No. 03-002-A (Chey.R.Sx. Ct. App.), and I sent an official copy of the tape recordings of the appellate argument to a professional court reporter for transcription. Exhibit H is a true and correct copy of pages 13-14 and 113-114 of a transcript dated October 6, 2004, of the oral argument before the CRST Tribal Court of Appeals.
 - 13. Exhibit I is a true and correct copy of Plaintiffs' Exhibit 23a.
 - 14. Exhibit J is a true and correct copy of Plaintiffs' Exhibit 25.
- 15. Exhibit K is a true and correct copy of a Notice of Appeal with the Interior Board of Indian Appeals involving BIA loan guarantees involving the Long Family Land and Cattle Company.

Affiant further sayeth naught.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)	
) ss	š
COUNTY OF DEWEY)	

I, THOMAS J. VAN NORMAN, the Affiant herein, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and say that I have read the foregoing Affidavit, and know the contents are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated this // day of December, 2005.

western and subscribed before me this 71 day of December, 2005

My Commission Expires:

Notary Public

CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBAL COURT CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE CHEYENNE RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION

IN CIVIL COURT

LONG FAMILY LAND AND CATTLE COMPANY, INC. - RONNIE AND LILA LONG,

Plaintiffs

CIVIL DOCKET SHEET

Vs.

Case No.: R-120-99

EDWARD AND MARY MACIEJEWSKI AND RALPH H. AND NORMA J. PESICKA AND THE BANK OF HOVEN,

Defendants

Appeal No. 03-002-A

EXHIBIT A

PARTIES

PLAINTIFFS

LONG FAMILY LAND AND CATTLE COMPANY, INC. - RONNIE AND LILA LONG

DEFENDANTS EDWARD AND MARY MACIEJEWSKI AND RALPH H. AND NORMA J. PESICKA AND THE BANK OF HOVEN (nka PLAINS COMMERCE BANK)

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your memory of all of the testimony presented during the trial in arriving at your verdict.

Instruction 3. The trial will proceed in the following manner:

First, the plaintiffs' attorney will make an opening statement. Next, the defendants' attorney may make an opening statement. An opening statement is not evidence but is simply a summary of what the attorney expects the evidence to be. The plaintiffs will then present evidence, and counsel for the defendants may cross-examine. Following the plaintiffs' case, the defendant may present evidence and plaintiffs' counsel may cross-examine.

After the presentation of evidence is completed, the Court will instruct you further on the law. The attorneys will then make their closing arguments to summarize and interpret the evidence for you. As with opening statements, closing arguments are not evidence. After that, you will retire to deliberate on your verdict.

Okay. Counsel for plaintiff may make his opening statement.

MR. HURLEY: Thank you, Your Honor. Counsel. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the jury. Thank you for being a part of the judicial system here this morning. Of course, it's a duty that all of us as citizens to come and hear

cases when parties have a dispute between them, and they can't get it resolved. In the United States of America, we have a jury system, and you're a part of it this morning. You will listen to the evidence presented by both sides and decide on these issues that exist between them that they can't get it decided by themselves. So we thank you for your time. Everybody, we know, has busy schedules and a lot of other things to be doing, but your duty — your performance of your duty here as jurors is what makes our judicial system work. So we thank you for that.

I'm Jim Hurley from Rapid City, South Dakota, and I represent Ronnie Long and his wife Lila Long sitting back by the back wall. His daughter Rhonda is with them. And as the Court stated in its opening statement, it is the Longs' opportunity to present to you an outline of what they think the evidence will prove in this case, and this is what the Longs intend to prove at least in part on what they think the evidence will show. It's just kind of an overview so you can follow the evidence more easily when it is presented to you and hopefully with the opening statements of plaintiffs and defense counsel when somebody starts giving testimony you won't be saying, what the heck is he saying that for. At least you can tie it together a little bit because of what we're saying here in opening

statements.

The first thing you probably need to know is that this case arises out of agreements entered into by the Bank of Hoven and the Longs, and of course they're called contracts sometimes, but they're written agreements. And they were entered into December 5, 1996. And the Longs are farmer/ranchers, and they borrowed money from the Bank as farmer/ranchers, and they entered into these agreements that you will hear about or one of them that you will hear is about is a lease with option to purchase — two written agreements.

And we think the Bank will show — that — excuse me — we think that the evidence will show in this case that the Bank obtained the deed to Longs' 2230 acres of land, and in exchange they got a lease back and an option to purchase their land back. And in addition, in the loan agreement, the Bank agreed to make a loan to the Longs so that they could operate their farm and ranch, \$70,000 annual operating loan, and the Bank also agreed to make a loan to the Longs for \$37,500 to buy 110 head of calves to feed and raise along with the Longs' calves so they could increase their cattle income. And the lease ran for two years, and at the end of two years they would be back on their feet, and they would have enough money where they

could buy their ranch back from the Bank.

We think the evidence will show that the Bank received title to the 2230 acres of land. That land was worth about \$468,000. And in consideration for receiving transfer of the land, the Bank promised to make the loan of \$70,000 annually to the Longs for their farming and ranching operation, and the Bank promised to make the second loan to the Longs of -- 37,5 to the Longs to use to purchase 110 calves to increase their ranch income, and over two years they would be able to buy their land back.

The Longs claim that the Bank breached those contracts, breached those agreements because the Bank failed to perform what it promised to do. When the Bank failed to perform what it agreed to do, the Longs could not — could not perform their obligation under the option to purchase it back.

The Longs claim that the Bank had to perform first by making it an operating loan so they could continue to operate for two years. The Bank had to perform first by making a loan to buy some cattle so they could feed those cattle and raise them up and make some money at the end of two years and then buy their land back.

We think the evidence will show that where the Bank failed to make those two loans, then the Longs could not perform.

Without the operating loan money, we think the evidence will show that the Longs could not pay for what they needed to have done on the ranch to care for their cattle. The Longs had cows and calves to feed and care for, and winter was fast approaching. It was December 5, 1996. The Longs needed the operating loan that was in the written agreements that the Bank promised before the winter snows and the winter season came along and closed the roads. The Longs needed to move their hay from where the hay was put up some 20 miles from where the winter pastures were, and they needed the operating money for that.

Also, in the agreement we think the evidence will show that the Bank agreed to apply to the BIA to increase the BIA guarantees 84 to 90 percent on the loan agreement. We think the evidence will show that the Bank failed to fill out a complete application to the BIA. The BIA informed the Bank of its failure and suggested that the Bank reapply. In addition, the BIA authorized the Bank to make an emergency loan of up to 10 percent of the original amount of the guarantee, some \$42,000 to the Longs. However, the Bank did not make the emergency loan, so they could move their hay to their cattle, get feed to their cattle. And the Bank never reapplied to the BIA after having been turned down by the BIA. And after they

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suggested that they reapply, they never did reapply.

We anticipate the evidence will show that the Longs claim that they needed the emergency property loan right away to save their cattle and get the cattle fed before winter set in.

The Longs claim that the Bank failed to make the cattle purchase loan; therefore, the Longs could not purchase the 110 cattle that they needed to increase their cattle income, which is what they agreed to do.

The Longs claim that failure of the Bank to perform the agreement in good faith caused them to suffer substantial damages. We anticipate that the evidence will show that because the Bank breached the agreement to make the \$70,000 operating loan, the Longs could not haul their hay some 20 miles to feed their cattle, and as a result they lost a lot of cattle in the winter storms.

The Longs claim that the cows they lost would have had calf crops each year that would have produced substantial income each year in the future for them, which would have enabled them to buy their land back from the Bank.

In addition, the Longs claim that the Bank's failure to make the loan, \$37,500 as agreed, to purchase cattle, that that the Longs could not buy the 110 head of additional calves, which would have increased their income

over the next two yeas to enable them to buy their land back from the Bank.

We anticipate that the evidence will show that the Bank received the deed to the Longs' 2230 acres of land, that that land was worth \$468,000, and that the Bank in the agreements promised to loan the Longs \$70,000 annually for the Longs to use to pay ranch operating expenses, and the Bank agreed to loan to the Longs \$37,500 to buy an additional 110 head of calves to raise and feed with their own calves to increase their income over the next two years so they could buy their land back from the Bank.

The Longs claim that the Bank got title to their land, but the Bank then failed to make them the loans as promised.

The Longs claim that because the Bank failed to perform as promised, the Longs sustained substantial damages. The Longs request in this case that you award them substantial damages from the Bank in the amount of the losses they suffered as a result of the Bank's failure to perform.

The Bank has made a counterclaim in this case to evict the Longs off the land.

We hope that just this overview or road map will give you just a little hint about where the parties will be coming from when they get up there and offer testimony to you on the case.

THE COURT: Thank you, Jim. Okay. Dave, opening statement, please.

MR. VON WALD: Thank you, Your Honor. Again, my name is Dave Von Wald. I practice over at Hoven, and I have five daughters, and I'm married, and I've lived there for about 25 years, and I have represented the Bank of Hoven for probably about the entire time I've been there. Hoven is a small town. There's about 500 people, and that's where the Bank is located. The Bank now — just for the purposes of knowing what has happened — has changed its name actually to Plains Commerce Bank. It used to be the Bank of Hoven, but throughout this trial that's really how I remember it anyhow, is the Bank of Hoven. That's how we'll refer to it.

Just like Mr. Hurley did, I would like to thank all of you for being here, and it's no small chore to sit through a jury trial for two days, which you people are willing to do, and I know that each one of you would rather be someplace else. You've got other things that you want to do. This just isn't the most important thing in your lives. However, it's because of good people like you that our whole judicial system in the United States works. And so because you're willing to come here and act and do your civic duty, we're really grateful, including,

- 1 quarantees for bank loans?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And did you and your wife, and father and mother, do that?
- 4 A Yes, we did.
- 5 Q And did there come a time when the Bank of Hoven was your
- 6 lender?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q And were one or more of your loans from the Bank of Hoven
- guaranteed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs?
- 10 A Yes, there were.
- 11 | Q Okay. Would you take a look at Exhibit 2, please?
- 12 Ronnie, what is that document?
- 13 A That's my Dad's last will and testament.
- 14 Q And did there come a time when your dad died?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q And when was that?
- 17 A In July of 1995.
- 18 Q Who died first, your father or mother?
- 19 A My mother.
- 20 Q When your mother died, what happened to her shares in the
- 21 family company?
- 22 A She give enough of her shares to make Lila and I own
- 23 51 percent of the corporation and my dad 49.
- 24 Q Okay.
- 25 A So it would stay an Indian-owned corporation.

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1	Q	Did your father own farmland in that area?
2	A	Yes, he did.
3	Q	And which county was that land located?
4	A	Dewey.
5	Q	Dewey County?
6	A	Dewey County.
7	Q	And did you and your wife, and your father and mother, and
8		your company use that land in your farming and ranching
9		operations?
10	A	Yes, we did.
11	Q	And did your land did your father mortgage that land?
12	A	Yes, he did.
13	Q	Did he mortgage it to the Bank of Hoven?
14	A	He mortgaged it to the Bank of Hoven for collateral for
15		the corporation.
16	Q	Okay. Was your operating entity then on the farm and
17		ranch there, was that the company?
18	A	Yes, it was.
19	Q	And did the company own cattle?
20	A	Yes.
21	Q	Did the company own farming machinery?
22	A	Yes.
23	Q	And your father owned the land?
24	A	Right, yes.
25	Ω	Take a look at Exhibit 3. What do those exhibits mean?

In dad's will when he passed away, he left his shares of the corporation and his land and that stuff to me and my two brothers and sister. And they didn't want anything to do with it, so they transferred all of their belongings to me, all their interest.

- 6 Q So everything that your brothers and sister received under their father's will they transferred to you?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q And under your father's will then what did you receive from your father?
- 11 A We received all of his shares.
- 12 Q In the company?
- 13 A In the company and the real estate.
- And by virtue of your brothers and sister transferring
 their interest to you then, under your father's will, you
 ended up with his land and his shares in the company?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q And the company owned the cattle, the machinery, and the 19 feed?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q As you stated, your father died in July of 1995, correct?
- 22 A Yes, sir.
- 23 Q And did his death cause a change in your relationship with Bank of Hoven?
- 25 A Yes.

And basically, what was being proposed?

we would do this contract deal --

Excuse me. If who got the deed?

It was proposed that if they got the deed to the land that

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All right. Let's go back on the record. Oop. We're missing a juror. We're going to be breaking at noon for lunch, Jurors. And we do have a lunch for our jurors. So we can't force you to eat it. You can go eat it — eat somewhere else, but we do have a lunch for you, so. . . All right. Let's go back on the record. Back on the record in the matter of Long Cattle Company versus Bank of Hoven. Ronnie Long is testifying, questioning by his counsel. Go ahead, Jim.

- 10 MR. HURLEY: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 11 Q (BY MR. HURLEY) Ronnie, we were looking at Exhibit 4 and
 12 that was the letter from the Bank to you April 26th, 1996,
 13 correct?
- 14 A Correct.

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- And when you first started talking to the Bank about this plan, did the plan involve the transfer of your land to the Bank and then the Bank selling it back to you on a contract for deed?
- 19 A Yes, it did.
- 20 Q Did there come a time when the Bank's position on that changed?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q And when was that?
- 24 A It was on April 26th here on the terms of this letter.
- 25 Q And why did the Bank's position change?

- Because of possible jurisdictional problems if they sold it back me and because I was an Indian-owned entity.
- And how did the proposal then change? Would you not be able to buy it back on a contract for deed then?
- 5 A No. I had to find -- I would have to find different 6 financing, I guess BIA or FHA or something.
- 7 Q And by a contract for deed, who is then financing the -8 your purchase of the land back from the Bank?
- 9 A I would say the Bank.
- 10 Q And that position changed to where you couldn't do that;
 11 you had to find other financing?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And that's because you are an enrolled Indian?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Yes. And you have an Indian-controlled company or corporation?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q And that's what the Bank states to you in Exhibit 4?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q And did you discuss that with the Bank as to how that would make a difference?
- 22 A They just told me that you would have to find another 23 financial institution.
- 24 Q Okay. Would you turn to Exhibit 6, please. And do you recognize Exhibit 6?

- Okay. Off of the --0
- Purchase price. Α

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- 3 That's where we're -- that's where I guess the THE COURT: 4 objection would be. And I quess the document speaks for 5 itself. You are saying 88,000. The 88,000 plus the 6 interest would be deducted, and I assume you're saying the 7 88,000 minus the interest, that that amount would be 8 deducted. So the document speaks for itself. I 9 understand your point you raised, but the witness can 10 testify as to what he believed that document says.
- (BY MR. HURLEY) And at the end of the two-year lease, December 5th, 1998, were you able to exercise your option 12 to purchase and buy your land back?
- 14 Α No, I wasn't.
- 15 And why not? 0
- Because I never did have the -- the 70,000 operating, and 16 Α 17 I never had the \$53,000 to buy more cattle back to 18 increase my herd.
- And over the two-year period of the lease then, did that 19 Q 20 hurt your production?
- 21 Α Yes.
- And was that the cause that you could not then generate 22 Q 23 enough money to be in a position to buy your land back?
- 24 Α Yes.
- 25 Would you turn to Exhibit 8, please? Q

- between Bank of Hoven and loan specialist, Stacey Johnston on February 3, 1997. Do you see that?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q Were you a party to that conversation?
- 5 A No.
- And it appears from paragraph one that this letter of February 14th is responding to the Bank's letter of
- 8 December 12th; is that correct?
- 9 A That's correct.
- 10 Q Which would be Exhibit 8, the one we just went through,
 11 correct?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Did the Bank make to you an emergency feed loan as pointed out in this letter?
- 15 A No, they never.
- Did the Bank make to you the operating loan of \$70,000 as set out in the loan agreement, which is Exhibit 6?
- 18 A No, they never.
- 20 And in reference to the last paragraph, did the Bank ever respond back to BIA with a more complete application to
- 21 the BIA to approve an increase in the BIA percentage from
- 22 84 to 90 percent?
- 23 A No, they never.
- 24 Q Would you go to paragraph 13 -- or Exhibit 13, please?
- 25 Can you explain that document?

- A Seeing John Lemke down to the Eagle Butte Planning Office
 and he told me that the Bank had told him to have me write
 a letter describing what I was doing all winter. I don't
 know why. It seems as though there was some rumors going
 around that I just let the cows die.
- 6 Q Who is John Lemke?

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- 7 A He was the planning officer in Eagle Butte here.
- 8 Q And as a result of that request, you wrote up this letter?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q And you sent it to Bank of Hoven?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q And I see on page two you copied it to others?
- 13 A Sent it to John Lemke, Cheyenne River Tribe Credit
- 14 Officer; Russell McClure, Agency Superintendent; Stacey
- Johnston, Area Loan Specialist; and Delbert Brewer, Area
- 16 Director.
- 17 Q Okay. Page one you start out with December 5. Where were you on December 5, 1996?
- 19 A I was in Hoven discussing our plans for our cattle 20 operation and doing the contract.
- 21 Q But that was the date that you signed Exhibit 6 and 7,
- 22 isn't it, the loan agreement --
- 23 | A Yes.
- 24 Q -- and the lease with option to purchase?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q At that meeting, did you discuss your needs for a line of credit?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q With who?
- 5 A Everybody that was there.
- 6 Q And did you explain why?
- 7 A Yeah. Because winter was coming on fast and we needed to
- 8 move the hay. We had the hay. We needed the operating
- 9 money.
- 10 Q How much hay did you have?
- 11 A 1400 ton.
- 12 Q Was that adequate to care for your cattle?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 | Q Where were the cattle?
- 15 A They was down on my range unit down in the winter country.
- 16 It's about 20 miles from home. We usually raise the feed
- up at the farm and take the cattle down to the breaks in
- 18 the winter.
- 19 Q What do you mean by the "breaks"?
- 20 A Down on the range unit.
- 21 Q What do "breaks" mean?
- 22 A Well, it's real deep draws and stuff, and they get out of
- 23 the wind down there. You know, they can take a very hard
- 24 winter.
- 25 Q And where was the hay?

- 1 A It was up at the farm.
- 2 Q And that's how much distance from where the cattle were?
- 3 A About 20 miles.
- 4 Q And why does it take operating expense to move the hay to the cattle?
- 6 A It takes -- it takes money to hire stack movers, you know.
- 7 They don't -- they can't -- they don't do it for nothing,
- and they need the money up front just about because they
- 9 haul it.
- 10 Q And how was this hay packaged?
- 11 A Round bales.
- 12 Q So the round bales needed to be loaded?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q On trucks?
- 15 A Yeah.
- 16 Q And taken to the cattle?
- 17 A Taken down there and stacked.
- 18 Q And unloaded and stacked?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q And what was the response of those who were there at the
- 21 signing of the loan agreement and the lease with option to
- 22 purchase?
- 23 A Well, all that I got is that I would be -- they would be
- 24 receiving the BIA guarantee shortly.
- 25 Q And then what?

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1		insured which the blanket insurance would have cost
2		approximately \$2,000 covering the cattle plus. The
3		insurance was brought to everyone's attention the first
4		part of December."
5	Q	And by "everyone's attention," who are you talking about?
6	A	At the Bank.
7	Q	And was how is how did you plan to pay for that
8		2,000 insurance premium?
9	A	With the operating loan.
10	Q	Okay. And you never did get the operating loan?
11	A	No.
12	Q	And then you couldn't insure the cattle?
13	A	Right. I had them insured before, but I didn't I ran
14		out of money, and I couldn't renew the premium.
15	Q	Okay. Go to the next paragraph if you would.
16	A	"The cattle were in the best location possible for most
17		winters, but due to the blocked roads and bad weather
18		conditions it was impossible to get feed to them on a
19		daily basis."
20	Q	And the next paragraph?
21	A	"I had minimal losses until the blizzard of January 15 th
22		and $16^{ ext{th}}$ when the wind chill was 50 to 80 degrees below
23		zero and the cattle drifted out of the draws." Those are
24		the ones that died.
25	Q	Now, those that didn't drift out of the draws, down in the
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- general or whatever. I even had to take them and show them, so they were they verified it.
- Okay. And were you paid for the full and true value of the cows and calves that you lost?
- 5 A No.
- 6 Q How much money did you receive through FEMA?
- 7 A About 48,000.
- And that was just a part of the value a portion of the value of those cattle that you lost?
- 10 A Yeah. I lost over 500 head.
- 11 Q Would you go onto Exhibit 15, please? And what do you 12 understand about Exhibit 15?
- 13 A This is the sale of the house in town, Dad's house. It
 14 sold for \$30,000. It costs about 3500 to have it to
 15 get it ready for sale, and after deducting the that and
 16 the previous credit of 10,000 that was on that contract,
 17 there was \$16,478 leftover.
- 18 Q And when you refer to that contract, do you mean the lease 19 with option to purchase?
- 20 A Yes -- no. Well, it's the contract that goes with the lease with option to purchase.
- 22 Q Okay.
- 23 THE COURT: Let me just step out here. I will make a real
 24 quick call. So, Jurors, let's talk about five. Let's
 25 keep it real short. Five-minute recess, Jurors, and come

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- 2 Q And did the Bank follow up on that with a hearing in this
- 3 Court and obtain an order to force you to get off your
- 4 land?
- 5 A No.
- 6 Q Take a look at Exhibit 19. And what happened there?
- 7 A This is a this is where the Bank sold the Pesickas
- 320 acres of the land for a quit claim deed.
- 9 Q Okay. And was this sale made on the same basis that the
- 10 Bank allowed you to buy the land back?
- 11 A No.
- 12 Q In what respect is it different?
- 13 A Well, they charged these guys \$155 an acre, and they
- wanted \$210 an acre from me.
- 15 Q So Pesickas were allowed to buy it for less?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q And would you look at Exhibit 21, please? What's your
- 18 understanding of that document?
- 19 A This is where they sold the rest of the land to the
- 20 Maciejewskis.
- 21 Q Who did?
- 22 A The Bank of Hoven.
- 23 Q Had the Bank obtained an order of the Cheyenne River Sioux
- 24 Tribal Court forcing you off the land prior to selling the
- 25 land under this contract of deed to Maciejewskis?

1 A No.

2 Q And was the terms of this sale of your land to the
3 Maciejewskis on terms more favorable than the Bank had
4 agreed to, that you could buy your land back from the
5 Bank?

A Yeah, it was different. They were charging me 8 and a half percent interest, the Bank was. They charged Maciejewskis, 7 and three-quarters percent. I had two years to pay for it. They give Maciejewskis ten.

10 Q And did the Bank offer to finance your purchase through a contract for deed?

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13 Q Yours was cash in full?

14 A Yes.

And if you were offered this contract for deed on these terms with these payments, would that have been substantially easier for you to buy your land back than the offer that the Bank made to you?

19 A Yes.

20 Q In what respect.

21 A Well, they give them ten years here, and I had two. I 22 guess it was a cheaper percent of interest.

23 Q And did you have to --

24 A I had land come out of the CRP, and then there was a 25 \$23,000 a year FSA payment that could have went as a

- payment of the land. The Bank and Maciejewskis have
- 2 collected that ever since.
- 3 Q Ever since 12-5 of '98?
- 4 A Yeah. Ever since his contract.
- 5 Q Okay. Would you look at Exhibit 22? Before we leave
- 6 that, did you voluntarily give up possession of the
- 7 2230 acres of land?
- 8 A No.
- 9 Q What happened?
- 10 A Pesickas just took over.
- 11 Q In what respect?
- 12 A Two quarters.
- 13 Q How did they do that?
- 14 A Just moved his cattle in. Maciejewskis chased my cattle
- off of part of Parcel 1, moved machinery off of it, just
- 16 drug it off.
- 17 Q Your machinery?
- 18 A And put a fence on it, fenced it separate from Parcel 2,
- and I never did give up possession of any of it.
- 20 Q Do you still have any machines on Parcel 1?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q What is it?
- 23 A I got a lot of machinery on Parcel 1.
- 24 Q Okay. Would you look at Exhibit 22, please? Okay. And
- is this something that you wrote down and had my office

Case 3:05-cv-03002-CBK Document 45-3 Filed 12/22/2005 Page 26 of 55 170 1 type up? 2 Yes. Α 3 And does this Exhibit 22 help illustrate your testimony? Q A Yes. 4 5 And what are you trying to describe here? 0 Well, at our hearing before, it was brought up that the 6 Α Bank had given me a lot of money after our agreement --7 8 our purchase agreement. 9 December 5, 1996? Q So I documented what money they give me, and I wrote 10 Α 11 it down and -- should I go through it? 12 THE COURT: Well, let's determine its --13 MR. HURLEY: Your Honor, we would offer Exhibit 22. 14 THE COURT: Any objection? 15 MR. VON WALD: No objection. 16 THE COURT: All right. That will be admitted as Plaintiff's 17 Exhibit 22. Now go ahead. (BY MR. HURLEY) To answer your question, no, I don't 18 0 19 think it's necessary for you to go through that. The 20

(BY MR. HURLEY) To answer your question, no, I don't think it's necessary for you to go through that. The document speaks for itself, and of course the jury will be able to read it. But I have this question: Was this money that you document here that you received after December 5, 1996, was any of that the result of new money under a new note or \$70,000 for an operating line?

It wasn't — it wasn't under the \$70,000 operating line.

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- 1 A I don't know.
- 2 Q Okay.
- 3 A But 70,000, I believe.
- 4 Q Okay. Ronnie, in April of 1997, after you had had the
- 5 blizzard and so forth?
- 6 A Yeah.
- 7 Q In April of 1997, you were actually given an operating
- 8 line of credit, weren't you?
- 9 A \$40,000.
- 10 Q \$40,595, right?
- 11 A Yes. And I paid off the 23,000 that was borrowed after
- 12 December 5.
- 13 Q Right. And the rest of it was for operating?
- 14 A Um-hum.
- 15 Q Okay. And you were also -- the loan was also
- restructured, right? The BIA guaranteed loans, weren't
- 17 they restructured?
- 18 A Yup.
- 19 MR. VON WALD: (INAUDIBLE).
- 20 THE COURT: Do you have any more exhibits? Just mark them
- 21 yourself.
- 22 MR. VON WALD: No. 3.
- 23 THE COURT: Okay.
- 24 Q (BY MR. VON WALD) Okay. Now, Ronnie, I'm going to hand
- you what has been marked as Defendant's Exhibits 4, 5 --

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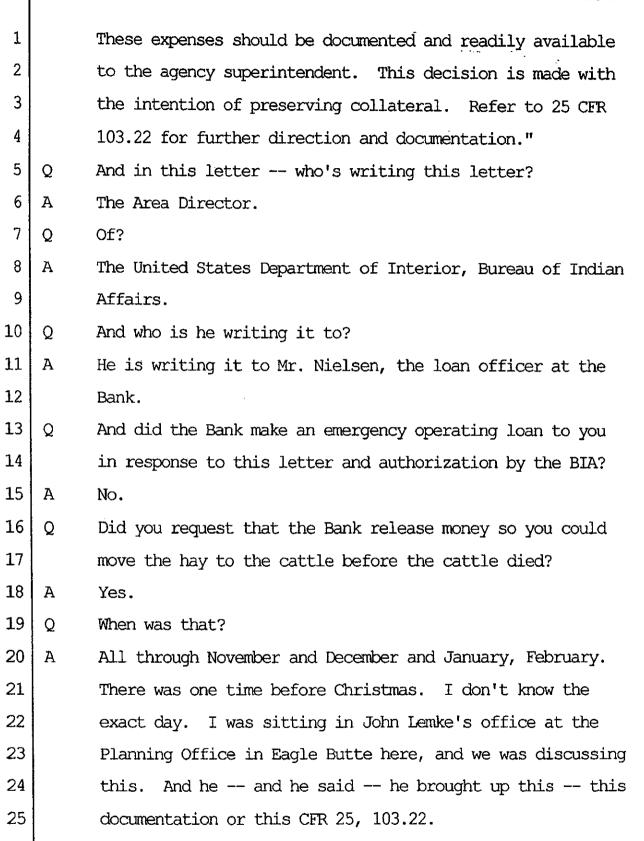
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MACIEJEWSKI AND RALPH AND NORMA PESICKA

MR. CHUCK SIMON - EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

OF DEFENDANT BANK OF HOVEN

MR. AND MRS. RONNIE LONG - PLAINTIFFS



have been \$42,228, and it left \$81,972. CRP payment we figured \$6,000, and my total damages for 1998 would have been \$87,972. And by the way, for pricing these yearlings, I used all documentation from the sale barn advertisements that were in the newspapers, and that's how I came up with this price.

- Q Are those sale barn advertisements listing of actual sales?
- 9 A Yeah.

- 10 Q During that time period?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Okay.

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Well, year by year I had. Okay. In 1999, it shows 330 head of bred cows. That's kicking in the 100 head that I would have gotten with the loan agreement. I considered them damages because I would have had them, and I don't have them now. A 90 percent calf crop on them, they would have calved because they were — would have been two years old. They would have made 297 calves born in 1999, which no damages are charged for this year. This is 207 yearlings would have been born in 1998 at \$700. That's \$144,900. Operating expense off of there is \$49,266, which leaves \$95,634. Okay. The next deal is a FSA payment. It's the \$23,000 that was testified to here before earlier today. I didn't get that so I added that

- 1 I didn't get the use of the land, so I added \$65,000 on. 2 onto that. That left \$183,634 for that year. 3 Q Okay. And would you move on? 4 Α Year 2000, there is 330 cows that would have had a 90 5 percent calf crop. It would have been 297 calves. 6 would have been born that year. Okay. This year I would 7 have had 297 yearlings that had been born in 1999, and 8 they were priced at \$800, which was \$237,600. 9 operating expense on them would have been \$80,786, which 10 left a total of 156,814. FSA program payment that I 11 didn't get was \$23,000, use of the land 65,000. So it 12 left a total of \$244,814 loss for that year of 2000. 13 Q Would you go to 2001, please? 14 Α 2001 there was 330 cows at 90 percent calf crop, which is 15 297 calves that would have been born. 16 MR. VON WALD: Your Honor, I'm going to object. The witness has 17 already testified to everything in 2001 in direct 18 examination. He was not even crossed on 2001. 19 THE COURT: Okay. Well -- but I think I reserved him the 20 right to offer this on redirect. 21 MR. VON WALD: Was it? Okay. 22 THE COURT: So I will overrule for that purpose. Go ahead,
- 24 A There would have been 297 yearlings that year at \$800, 25 which would have been \$237,600. Operating expense of

Ronnie.

1 contracted or leased to an Indian-owned entity on the 2 reservation."

Q And as you were being advised then, Chuck, did you mean that the Bank would not sell the Long land back to the Longs on a contract for deed?

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7 UNIDENTIFIED: (INAUDIBLE).

8 THE COURT: Okay. We're bringing you lunch, Jurors, so we'll probably break at 12, although -- is that clock still

10 fast?

11 UNIDENTIFIED: Yes.

12 THE COURT: All right. The jury is now being shown a blowup

of Exhibit No. —

14 MR. HURLEY: 4.

15 THE COURT: -- 4.

16 Q (BY MR. HURLEY) Would you turn to Exhibit 5A, please?

And this shows that it's from Charles Simon, yourself, to

John Lemke at the CRST Credit Office, correct, dated

November 1st, 1996. It's your Deposition Exhibit 18

marked in the upper right corner?

21 A Yes.

Q Okay. Can you recall we talked about this at your deposition?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And this is -- this is a document or a report that you

- interest at the rate of eight and a half percent per annum
 on the unpaid balance of the purchase price from and after
 December 5, 1996, correct?

 A Yes.
- So when you get out to two years out and the Longs do
 exercise, then the interest on the 468,000 is paid by that
 credit in effect, right?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q Okay. And there might be, you know, not even numbers but at least the interest is paid, right?
- 11 A There would have been a -- I think approximately an 8, \$9,000 difference there.
- 13 Q Okay.
- 14 A Actual reduction from the lease payments coming in, and 15 then figuring the interest off.
- Okay. And by the signature of James Nielsen on both
 Exhibit 6 and 7, would be -- would it be correct to say
 that the Bank had approved of this agreement?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q And the Bank had approved to undertake any obligations 21 that the Bank of Hoven assumed in this agreement? In 22 other words, all parts of it were approved?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q By the Bank?
- 25 A Yes.

1 the process of receiving a rescheduling of the remaining 2 present BIA quaranteed debt of \$343,874 over a 20-year 3 term. And that would be the debt remaining after the credit for the land and the house, right, that was 4 5 quaranteed by BIA? 6 Α Yes. 7 Q And I think we saw in Exhibit 8 that that was going to 8 carry interest at 9.25 percent? 9

Α Yes.

10 And then you state, "They will also be receiving a BIA Q 11 quaranteed operating loan for \$70,000 for annual operating 12 expenses." And that's what you spoke to in Exhibit 6, 13 concerning the \$70,000 operating loan, correct?

14 Α Yes.

15 Q And you state, upon receiving the BIA quarantee shortly, 16 they will also receive a direct bank loan for 53,300 to be 17 used to finance bank debt and purchase feeder cattle?

18 Α 53,500.

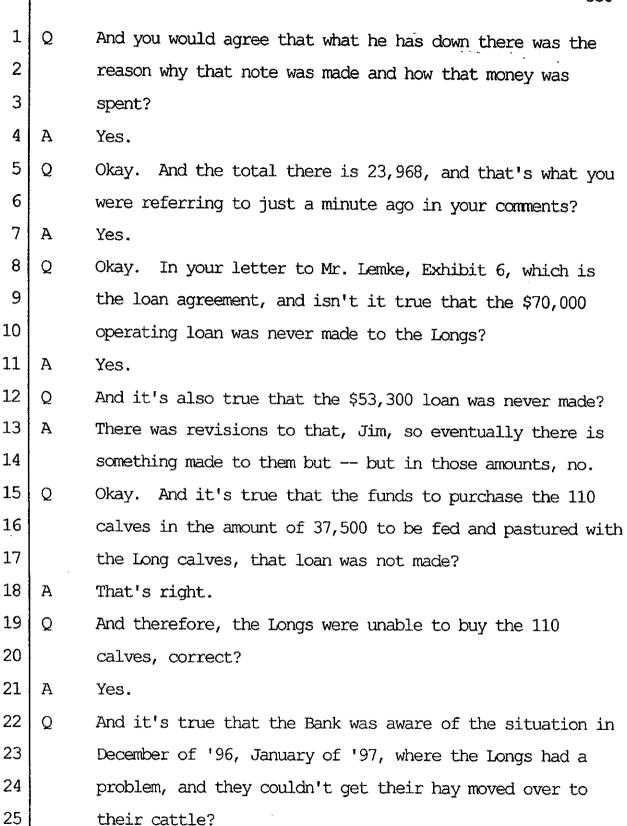
19 0 53,500?

20 Α You said 300.

21 Q Oh, excuse me. 53,500.

22 Α Yes.

23 And that's -- and that's the other loan that you talked Q 24 about in Exhibit 6, which would provide \$37,500 for the 25 Longs to purchase 110 cattle to go along with their



- purchase by the Maciejewskis of this piece of land?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And there is roughly 1905 acres described here?
- 4 A I would say that's close, Jim. It's in the ball park. It
- 5 doesn't say that here. I think it's just got a land
- 6 description, but it should be right at that.
- 7 Q Because 320 sold to Pesickas, 1905 sold to Maciejewskis
- 8 would give you 1225. So if it was 1910, that would be
- 9 1230 -- it would have been give or take a few, correct?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q And under the lease with option to purchase, we see there
- 12 that the Bank did not sell the land to the Longs on a
- contract for deed, correct?
- 14 A Right.
- 15 Q And, in fact, if they paid the -- if they paid the
- 5 percent down then they had 60 days to come up with the
- entire balance lump sum cash?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q And if you go to page two of Exhibit 21, we see there that
- 20 the terms of the contract for deed give the Maciejewskis
- 21 ten years to pay for that land, correct?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q And the interest rate is 7.75 percent interest per annum?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q And the annual payment is \$23,229, correct?

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1	A	That's on Parcel 1, right?
2	Q	Parcel 1.
3	A	Yes.
4	Q	Okay. And you heard Ronnie Long testify that the annual
5		FSA farm program payments on the land described in the
6		contract is \$23,000? You were present when
7	A	Yes.
8	Q	Okay. And you have no reason to dispute that?
9	A	You are saying the annual amount for every year or is
10		there going to be a difference?
11	Q	Well
12	A	I'm saying there could be a difference from one year to
13		the next.
14	Q	Right. Right. And I believe he agreed with you but at
15		least for 1999 he verified and you were here for that
16		testimony, correct?
17	A	Yes.
18	Q	You have no reason to dispute that his research on that
19		point wasn't correct, right?
20	A	No.
21	Q	It would be approximately \$23,000?
22	A	Yes.
23	Q	And so the FSA payment would in effect approximately make
24		the payment for the Maciejewskis under the Bank's contract
25		for deed, correct?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 MR. VON WALD: That may be --
- 3 THE COURT: Do you have an objection?
- 4 MR. VON WALD: Objection, yeah. That's a misstatement of the
- 5 record. I believe the FSA payment was for all of the
- 6 land. We're talking about Parcel 1 here.
- 7 | THE COURT: Why don't you ask him if his understanding was
- 8 that that payment was only on Parcel 1 or all the land.
- 9 MR. HURLEY: Okay.
- 10 Q (BY MR. HURLEY) To clarify here for counsel, what you and
- I are talking about is that on all of the 1905 acres the
- 12 FSA payment annually at least for 1999 was about 25,000 --
- 13 22,000?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q And then the contract payment on Parcel 1 was 23,229?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q So that the FSA payment would approximately make the
- 18 contract payment on Parcel 1, correct?
- 19 A Yes. On 1, not 2.
- 20 Q Okay. And as it turned out, that's all that the
- 21 Maciejewskis undertook at that time; isn't that right?
- 22 A They also made a 20 percent down payment, too.
- 23 Q But I mean Parcel 1 is what they undertook?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q But, yes, after the down payment and then given 10 years

1 private --2 MR. VON WALD: It is. 3 THE COURT: I assume there is a federal law. 4 MR. VON WALD: There is another federal law that covers that, 5 and I did not look that up. But -- but basically, Nevada 6 v. Hicks stands for the -- there is a discrimination 7 action period for the -- through federal law, period. And 8 I don't have the Code --9 THE COURT: Is it Title 7? That's discrimination in private 10 lending. 11 MR. VON WALD: I (INAUDIBLE) think it is. 12 THE COURT: Well, I think we have authority to enforce federal laws. The reason Nevada v. Hicks is because we 13 don't have jurisdiction over state actors, state entities, 14 15 counties entities; but the Tribe has jurisdiction over 16 private entities that engage in commerce with tribal 17 members. 18 MR. VON WALD: Okay. 19 THE COURT: So I'm going to rule that -- and primarily based 20 on that letter, the mere fact that the Bank subsequently 21 sold this land to non-Indians for a lesser -- well -- or 22 did a contract for deed with a non-Indian or sold it for 23 less per acre to the non-Indian, in my mind is a prima

facie evidence of discrimination. They could have been

situated differently than Mr. Long and his corporation,

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1 but when you've got a letter from the Bank that says we --2 we can't do a contract for deed with you --3 MR. VON WALD: Or a lease. -- because you're an Indian, subject to tribal 4 THE COURT: 5 jurisdiction, but the Bank would do a contract for deed 6 with a non-Indian, I think that's a prima facie case. 7 That should go to the jury. So . 8 MR. VON WALD: And the letter did say a contract or a lease and 9 they actually did make a lease to Mr. Long. They didn't 10 make a contract for purchase, but they did make a lease. 11 THE COURT: Well, I'm talking about the letter that said the 12 contract for deed was not possible because --MR. VON WALD: 13 Yeah. -- because of the tribal jurisdiction. 14 THE COURT: 15 MR. HURLEY: I think that's Exhibit 4. 16 THE COURT: So we've got three counts that can go to the 17 Bad faith. Are you making a motion to dismiss jury. 18 that? 19 MR. VON WALD: I am, Your Honor. There again with a bad faith, 20 every contract requires good faith, and the bad faith is a 21 tort action, and a tort action is something that would -would take more than what the prima facie case that the 22 plaintiff has set forth. What he is saying is basically 23 24 there is a breach of contract to the bad faith, and the 25 bad faith ---

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monetary amount there, and then agree and disagree, number for the jurors. And then the question: Should interest be added to the judgment? And then yes or no. Foreperson.

All right. Plaintiffs will make their closing argument to the jury.

MR. HURLEY:

THE COURT:

May we approach, Your Honor, with a question?

Sure. Dave?

(INAUDIBLE, WHISPERED DISCUSSION

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TAPE RECORDER.)

MR. HURLEY: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen of the jury.

All of us here want to sincerely thank for your time and attention, and those of us who speak to juries on occasion would agree that you were — you have been very attentive and oftentimes ahead of the lawyers in — in seeing where the exhibits are and what the answer is to the issue at hand. And it's late in the evening, and all of us and especially Ronnie and Lila Long sincerely appreciate the job you've done here. Without your good work, of course, our system of justice would not operate at all.

This is plaintiffs' opportunity to speak to you on the issues as we see them and to try to draw together the facts here and make some sense out of the facts that happened between these two parties.

As you can tell from the evidence, quite a few things happened, and it got to be quite complicated, and I would like to make a couple of comments here to try to sort that out.

As the Court has instructed, of course, what I say is not evidence and what Mr. Von Wald says is not evidence. This is our chance to argue to you from the evidence and to persuade you one way or another.

Plaintiffs' first issue is breach of contract. And I'm sure by now you are quite familiar with the basic agreement where the Bank received a deed to 23 — 2230 acres and then made certain other agreements, which were all part and parcel to the same agreement, and I'm sure you are quite familiar by now with the loan agreement.

And, of course, as you heard the testimony, the deed went to the Bank. Certain credits were allowed, and there were other agreements. As — as part of that, though, it — (INAUDIBLE) go on further. And this is the first one that we need to talk about. The Bank of Hoven will request from the BIA to increase the guarantees to 90 percent, to reschedule note 98181 over 20 years with annual payment from crop and yearling sales. The Bank of Hoven will also request a 90 percent BIA guarantee on the 70,000 annual operating note.

As you remember from the testimony in a farm and

ranch situation, especially in these times that they were going through, in — in '96, '97, and the previous years actually, '94, '95, cattle prices were very, very low. Those of you who are familiar with those markets, you could tell from the cash flows, the calves' low price, cows' low price, and so very, very key to continuing in business as the operating loan.

So as in every contract, there is something for the Bank, and there was something for the Longs. Right here, this 70,000 annual operating loan was crucial to the Longs. And you heard Dennis Huber say that and you heard Ronnie Long say that, anybody that's had experience with farm and ranch. Chuck Simon said that with many years of experience as a banker, that this operating loan is critical. Without it, you're going to fail.

And so there it is, right there. The Bank agreed that the Bank will request from the BIA a 90 percent guarantee, and the Bank of Hoven will also request a 90 percent guarantee on the 70,000 annual operating loan.

We saw in the evidence — and you'll have to rely on your own memory — but in the evidence there was an attempt made by the Bank in Exhibit 12. Let me pull it out for you. You know better than I do, Exhibit 8, December 12th. And December 5th, of course, was the date of the loan agreement and the lease with option to

purchase were entered into.

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About some seven days later, the Bank writes a letter, and the total request for the guarantee to be increased to 90 percent is right here in the last paragraph, that we submit should have been a more complete application. Maybe it will work, maybe not, in a couple of sentences — one sentence actually.

And then we see the letter back from the BIA, and the BIA says -- and you'll have to rely on your memory -- but you'll want to look at that letter when you look through the exhibits. And the BIA says that that is not a complete application. And at that point, February 14th, 1997, a letter from the BIA, Plaintiffs' Exhibit 11, and apparently in the first paragraph you will see it recaps a conversation with Stacey Johnston. It's a conversation on February 3 responding to the December 12th letter. And the BIA says that Stacey Johnston informed you that this request requires a more complete application, modification criteria is outlined in your loan quarantee agreement (INAUDIBLE) and the statute CFR 103.21. In the last paragraph, we will not act on your requests until we receive a complete application.

And then what happened? Absolutely nothing. The Bank never again attempted to follow-up or make any kind of effort to request from the BIA approval of this \$70,000

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operating loan. Realizing as we all do, that without that operating loan, this whole plan will fail. The purpose of the plan, as we've heard from several different people on the witness stand, was to reduce the debt of the Longs, see that they get an operating loan, and if they make it through the first year and pay it down \$1.00 annually, then they can borrow that much again the second year if they need it, and move through two years and be able to buy their land back.

In the last paragraph, another important point. This is the contract that the Bank agreed that it's going to make a loan to the Longs of 53,5. 37,5 of that will be used to purchase 110 calves. And you've heard enough about cash flows that you're probably sick of hearing about them. But in a cash flow -- and you've heard testimony to this effect -- they -- they raise about 270 calves. Another 110 bought as calves, light calves, get them bought right. They've got a lot of rough feed. They've got grass for the summer, grow them up. And Chuck Simon and others agreed that oftentimes that does work in this country. It's an opportunity for them to increase their ranch income. And you heard Chuck Simon agree that the Bank never made the \$70,000 annual operating loan, never made the \$37,500 cattle purchase loan. That's the breach of contract.

Of course, the Bank says, well, we couldn't make the \$70,000 annual operating loan because the BIA never agreed to increase the guarantee to 90 percent. And we say you didn't make a very good effort. You can pick up a phone. You can send a fax. You can go over to their office and visit the BIA officer. What is it that you don't like about this? You were present late October by speaker phone. Stacey Johnston was representing the BIA. Everybody that was there all agreed to it, and said let's go forward. And yet when this letter comes out, it didn't happen. It didn't happen. Very, very critical. We think the breach happened very early on in this process, insuring the Longs' failure under this entire plan.

You will recall the cash flows prepared by Dennis
Huber. The Longs needed \$40,000 the 1st of November. Why
is that? Because you're getting cattle ready for winter.

Dennis Huber says he likes to put it on the front end, so
you can get your work out of the way. It was supposed to
be there in November. The meeting was late October.

Everybody agreed. It took until December 5 to get the
documents put together. The documents were signed

December 5. Ronnie Long testified — and you'll have to
rely on your memory — but December 5, okay. We're still
within the window of time. I will sign the documents. I
will get my operating money. I will get everything in

shape for winter. Did that happen? No. The 40,000 loan was never made. If that is zero, then everything else changes.

In addition, purchasing 110 head of calves didn't happen. So again, there comes this bottom line which is very important to try to make this work so the Longs can buy their land back. Of course, you have to have an operating line of credit. On the testimony in this case, anybody who said otherwise wouldn't be honest. You have to have it. It's key. Number two, you had to have an extra 110 calves to increase your income.

Then you go onto Year 2. Of course, without the line of credit from Year 1, without the extra calves, there is no hope of making this project work.

That is breach of contract, and we submit to you that it — the terms on Exhibit 6, which is the loan agreement which we are looking at here, and then also Exhibit 7, which is the, you will recall, the lease with option to purchase. The lease with option to purchase, of course, has the goal posts, I guess you could say, if we were talking football. Because when you get to the end of this thing, there was an option in the lease. There was an option to purchase. And you might recall that the Longs were working towards and everybody was working towards (INAUDIBLE) having the Longs be in a position where they

could exercise this option and buy their land back.

There was some -- some important credits in there where we -- we would reduce their price so they could buy it back. The key though -- and you heard various people testify about this -- is that on these cash flows, this system or this plan was put in place, this contract. These agreements had to work well enough so that they had a cash down payment and that they could interest the Bank to come in with them and make a loan. And you heard Dennis Huber say that, yes, this was built that way. Yes, this would work. But if you take out the operating line of credit, you take out the extra cattle, no, it isn't going to work.

We would submit to you and what's in evidence on this case on breach of contract to make it very clear, there is no question, I asked Chuck Simon, was the \$70,000 operating loan ever made? No. We loaned some money. And you will see in the exhibit books here what that was loaned for and why.

Ronnie Long said it was under a controlled account, and money was allowed for very specific purposes. He did not have the discretion to take any money and do something with it, like hire hay movers at 12,000 and upward to take the hay over to the cattle. He — he was very limited on the controlled account basis, and on that basis he had to

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have the operating line of credit above and beyond the money he was working with. And we would submit to you that breach of contract on this point was very, very clear.

On the second point it's also clear. Chuck Simon agreed with me, no, that loan was never made; and therefore, the Longs could not buy the cattle and increase their income and buy their land back. For that, under the Court's instructions, if you find that the Bank has breached this contract, and we would submit to you that the Longs are entitled to damages.

And you will see in Exhibit 23, and you heard Ronnie Long testify to the damages that he claims, then the reason why. Because the contract was breached and because he didn't have operating money to run his place like he saw fit, his cattle were some 20 miles -- 18 miles from the feed, where the feed was baled and put up. It had to be hauled down to the breaks in the winter (INAUDIBLE) couldn't get it done. He brought it up; he mentioned it; he requested it.

Chuck Simon said yes; we knew we had a problem with And yet, the \$70,000 operating money was not there to work with to get the job done, and that is part of the breach of contract. It's part of this story. And the cattle did not have the feed they needed.

You heard the testimony. It got cold in January —

mid-January, deep snow, cold winds. If the cattle would

have had the feed down in the gullies of the breaks in the

timber, they would have stayed there. They would have had

something in their stomachs, and they would have stayed

there and stayed warm and survived as (INAUDIBLE).

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When they had no feed, became weak, they came up out of the draws to the flat country, and then they were in The wind chill, the weather got them. And we submit that that's a direct result -- direct result from failure to have enough money to operate this ranch the way it should be operated. And it's a direct result of the Bank of Hoven not diligently making the request, getting on the phone, driving over there saying what is wrong with our application. In late October you all agreed. let's get our ducks in an order, and let's not be held up with bureaucracy. Put your stamp on there. We'll make the loan. Everybody will get going. It didn't happen. The letter came back, said you needed a more complete application. None was ever made. Now the 37,5, that's a direct loan. That doesn't even depend on BIA approval. You can make the loan and go forward.

In addition, we heard testimony that in that letter from the BIA they authorized the Bank to make an emergency loan. Just write a check \$42,000, take care of the

problem, automatically guaranteed by the United States through the BIA. It didn't happen. So the breach happened early on and the breach of the annual operating loan, lack of purchasing the cattle caused the entire failure of this system that was put together.

Our second cause of action is bad faith, good faith.

THE COURT: Five minutes, Counsel.

MR. HURLEY: Thank you. The Court has instructed that every contract has a provision of good faith and bad faith in it, and we ask you to pay special attention to the instruction of the Court in defining what good and bad faith is. It's very helpful in defining — in defining that particular concept.

For example, good faith is designed — is defined as honesty in fact in the conduct or transaction concerned. The implied covenant of good faith must arise from the language in the contract or it must be indispensable to carry out the intention of the parties. And we ask you to look at that.

In other words, if the Bank acted in such a way as to deny the Longs the benefit of the contract, which we submit it did, then that is not good faith. That's bad faith. We submit that the Bank did not make a good faith effort to obtain the BIA guarantee. Therefore, the Longs didn't get the 70,000 operating loan because the Bank did

not get the BIA guarantee on the 70,000 operating loan.

We also have a claim for self-help. We claim that the Longs were damaged by the Bank selling the land to the Maciejewskis and the Pesickas, and therefore the Longs lost the use of that land. You will remember the Pesickas bought 320 acres of grass. The Longs could have used that. And you will recall that the Bank sold 960 acres to the Maciejewskis and the Longs could have used that.

In this plan they were — they were intending on using it. Part of their plan they needed that for producing feed for their cattle, cash grain, FSA payment (INAUDIBLE). When you look at Exhibit 23, you will see that Ronnie Long has set out the value of the land that he was denied the use of. And when you go through Exhibit 23, you will see that he has put a value on that, and we would ask you to take a look at that.

(END OF DUPLICATE #9 TAPE #2).

(THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS TOOK
PLACE ON DUPLICATE #10 TAPE #1:)

We also have a claim for discrimination, and as you have picked up from the testimony, the discussion between the Longs and the Bank started out — and you will see in Exhibit 4 where Chuck Simon is writing to Ronnie Long and says that we started out talking about this where the land base would be deeded and sold back to you on a contract.

The contract is very favorable.

That's like the Bank did for Maciejewskis. You don't have to go out and find a loan. The Bank, as a seller, just says we'll finance you. And we'll give you ten years. Your annual payment — for example, Maciejewskis' annual payment on Parcel 1 was 23,000. Well, the FSA payment was 23,000. So you've got a payment on all of the — all of the 1905 acres was 23,000. And that payment, if Ronnie Long could have bought it, that 23,000 would have paid half of the payment.

And you will recall from the contract for deed that the Bank gave the Maciejewskis, it was about 23,000 annual payment on Parcel 1, and 23 on Parcel 2. If the CRP had been continued, you will recall that payment was 44,000. The CRP would have paid the payment on both Parcel 1 and Parcel 2 under the contract for deed.

But why wasn't Ronnie Long offered a contract for deed? The Bank goes on to explain, says that they've talked to their lawyer, and they feel there would be some possible jurisdictional problems if the Bank ever had to foreclose on this land, and that's because this is an Indian-owned entity on the reservation.

The essence of discrimination is that every one of us who are United States citizens, regardless of race, color, or creed, have a right to be treated fairly. And all

things considered equally, the right to be treated equally. And to not be discriminated against solely on the basis of race. Here in this letter the Bank says that we're originally talk about taking the deed from you; and, Ronnie, we would sell it back to you on a contract. And then in the next paragraph it says that after talking with the lawyer, the only way that we can sell the property back to you would be if you would find financing elsewhere and would pay it in a lump sum.

That we submit is discrimination. And when you think your way through this and you look at the special interrogatories, there is one on breach of contract. Did the Defendant Bank breach the loan agreement?

14 THE COURT: Time, Counselor. It's time.

15 MR. HURLEY: Thank you.

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16 THE COURT: All right.

17 MR. HURLEY: At the close the -- the Court perhaps would give

me a few minutes to close up, you know (INAUDIBLE) --

19 THE COURT: You have five minutes for rebuttal.

20 MR. HURLEY: Pardon me?

21 THE COURT: Remember, you have five minutes for rebuttal.

22 MR. HURLEY: Oh, yes. Thank you.

23 THE COURT: Counsel for the Bank?

24 MR. VON WALD: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for sitting

through this whole thing. It's taken a lot of time out of

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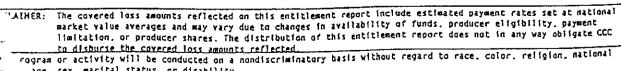
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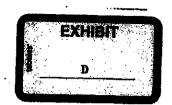
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Settlement Statement

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PLAINTIFFS' DAMAGES

EXHIBIT

<u> 1997</u>

230 bred cows died January & February 1997 @ \$620 = 260 mixed steer & heifer yearlings died	\$142,600.00
January & February 1997 @ \$700 =	182,000.00
10 yearling culls @ \$700 =	7,000.00
CRP Annual Payment =	44,198.00
	\$375,798.00
-FEMA Payment	<u>-48,000.00</u>
	\$327,798.00
Operating Expense (34%)	- <u>112,744.00</u>
	\$ <u>215,054.00</u>



<u> 1998</u>

<u>2002</u>

330 cows @ 90% calf crop = 297 calves that	
would have been born in 2002 @ \$420	
330 x \$420 =	\$138,600.00
297 yearlings would have been born in 2001 @ \$700 =	207,900.00
Operating Expenses (34%)	<u>-117,800.00</u>
	\$228,700.00
FSA Payment =	23,000.00
Use of Land =	50,000.00
Replace Fences =	9,000.00
	\$ <u>310,700.00</u>

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	1997	\$ 215,054
	1998	125,972
	1999	183,634
	2000	244,814
	2001	234,816
	2002	310,700
		\$1,314,990
In addition, BIA claims that Longs owe BIA \$438,120		
for the notes assigned to BIA by Bank of Hoven		
under the guarantees.		438,120
		\$ <u>1,753,110</u>

Plus accrued interest.

If the jury awards you damages in this amount plus accrued interest, what will you do with the money?

Pay Bank of Hoven to get the land back (including accrued interest).

Pay BIA (including interest).

Buy cows and yearlings to replace the ones I lost.

<u> 1999</u>

330 bred cows @ 90% calf crop = 297 calves born 1999	
207 yearlings would have been born in 1998 @ \$700 =	\$144,900.00
Operating Expenses (34%)	<u>-49,266.00</u>
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FSA Payment =	23,000.00
Use of Land =	65,000.00
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330 cows @ 90% calf crop = 297 calves that would have been born in 2000	•	
297 yearlings would have been born in 1999 @ \$800 =	\$237,600.00	
Operating Expenses (34%)	<u>-80,786.00</u>	
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<u>2001</u>

330 cows @ 90% calf crop = 297 calves that would have been born in 2001		
297 yearlings would have been born in 2000 @ \$800 =	\$237,600.00	
Operating Expenses (34%)	-80,784.00	
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FSA Payment =	23,000.00	
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CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBAL COURT CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE CHEYENNE RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION

IN CIVIL COURT

LONG FAMILY LAND AND CATTLE
COMPANY, Inc. - RONNIE AND LILA LONG,
Plaintiffs,



vs.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

EDWARD AND MARY MACIEJEWSKI and RALPH H. AND NORMA J. PESICKA, and THE BANK OF HOVEN,

R-120-99

Defendants.

Comes now Defendant, Plains Commerce Bank, formerly known as the Bank of Hoven, by and through its attorney, David A. Von Wald, and moves the Court for Summary Judgment on its counterclaim for the following reasons:

- 1. This Motion is brought pursuant to Rule 56 of the Rules of Civil Procedure of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Law and Order Code.
- 2. The Court has jurisdiction over Long Family Land and Cattle Company, Inc. and Ronnie Long and Lila Long in that the majority ownership of the corporation is owned by Ronnie Long and Lila Long, enrolled members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and the Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action.
- 3. There are no genuine issues of material fact.
- 4. Plaintiffs have wrongfully held over possession of a portion of the real estate described in Plaintiff's Amended Complaint after the execution of a Lease With An Option To Purchase entered into on December 5, 1996.
- 5. The Lease With Option To Purchase wherein Bank of Hoven, now Plains Commerce Bank, was the Lessor and Long Family Land and Cattle Company, Inc. by its terms expired on expired December 5, 1998.

6. Defendant, Plains Commerce Bank, has sold a portion of the real estate which was leased to the Long Corporation to Ralph H. and Norma J. Pesicka and the remaining portion to Edward Maciejewski and Mary Jo Maciejewski. The Maciejewskis, however, have been able to take possession of only about one half of the real estate they bought since Plaintiffs are wrongfully holding over possession of a portion of the real estate. The legal description of the wrongfully retained real estate is as follows:

The Northwest Quarter (NW4) of Section Twenty Five (25), all of Section Twenty Eight (28), and the Southwest Quarter (SW4) of Section Thirty Four (34), all in Township Seventeen (17), Range Twenty Five (25), East of the Black Hills Meridian, subject to easements, reservations and conveyances, if any, existing and of record.

This Motion is made based on the Affidavit of Charles Simon, attached hereto as Exhibit "1", the depositions of the parties, the pleadings and the entire file in this case.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, Plains Commerce Bank, prays the Court grant its Motion for Summary Judgment against Plaintiffs and order that Plaintiffs be evicted from possession of said real estate, granting Defendants possession of the same. And additionally, the Court enter a judgment against Plaintiffs for damages sustained by Defendants for the wrongful possession of said real estate by Plaintiffs, and for whatever other relief as to the Court is deemed just and equitable in the premises.

Dated this 12 ft day of September, 2002.

David A. Von Wald, Attorney

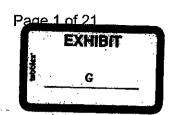
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INSTRUCTION NO. /

Both sides having rested, it is now the duty of the Court to give you the instructions that are to guide and govern you in arriving at a verdict. The law that applies to this case is contained in these instructions, and it is your duty to follow them. You must consider these instructions as a whole and not single out one instruction and disregard others. The order in which the instructions are given has no significance as to their relative importance.

By the language of these instructions, the Court does not intend to imply what any of the disputed facts in this case are, or what your verdict in this case should be.

Each of you must faithfully perform your duties as jurors. You must carefully and honestly consider this case with due regard for the rights and interests of the parties. Neither sympathy nor prejudice should influence you. Your verdict must be based on the evidence and not upon speculation, guess, or conjecture.

It is your duty as a jury to determine the facts, and you must do this from the evidence that has been produced here in open court. This consists of the testimony of the witnesses and the exhibits which have been received. This evidence is governed by various rules of law. Under these rules, it has been my duty as judge to rule on the admissibility of the evidence from time to time. You must not concern yourselves with the reasons for these rulings, and you must not consider any exhibit which was not received in evidence or any testimony which has been ordered stricken. Such things you must put out of your mind.

And you must not consider anything you may have heard or read about this case other than the evidence which has been properly admitted herein.

The attorneys for the respective parties will present to you their arguments of the case for your assistance in coming to a decision. The order of their appearance and the length of the time of their arguments is regulated by the court. While the final argument of counsel is intended to help you in understanding the evidence and applying the law as set forth in these instructions, their remarks are not evidence. Any argument or any statement or any remark of counsel which has no basis in the evidence should be disregarded by you. (However, an admission of fact by an attorney for a party is binding on that party.)

INSTRUCTION NO. $\underline{\mu}$

If you should determine that the plaintiff should recover a verdict, you should not return what is known as a quotient verdict in this case. By a quotient verdict is meant one which is reached pursuant to a prior agreement made by all the jurors to add up the amount which each of the several jurors would award and divide such sum by the number of jurors and treat the quotient or result of such division as the amount of the verdict to be returned by the jury.

If you find the issues in favor of the plaintiff, the verdict you are to return must be for such an amount as _____ or more of you agree upon as the proper amount in this case. A verdict reached by adding the amounts suggested by the several jurors and then dividing in the manner I have indicated would not be the judgment of the individual jurors and such a method is likely to produce a verdict at variance with the sound judgment of each member of the jury. The rights of the parties to a suit should never be finally determined in this manner. It is for you to determine by the use of your best judgment the verdict which you should return in this case without resort to chance or the method above indicated.

INSTRUCTION NO. $\underline{\underline{<}}$

In weighing the evidence in this case, you have a right to consider the common knowledge possessed by all of you, together with the ordinary experiences and observations in your daily affairs of life.

You are the sole judges of all facts and credibility of witnesses. In deciding what testimony to believe, you may consider:

- (1) the witnesses' ability and opportunity to observe;
- (2) their intelligence;
- (3) their memories;
- (4) their manner while testifying;
- whether they said or did something different at an earlier time; (5)
- (6) their qualifications and experience;
- any apparent interest, bias, or prejudice they may have; and (7)
- the reasonableness of their testimony in light of all the evidence in the case.

This is a civil case brought by Long Family Land and Cattle Company, Inc. and Ronnie and Lila Long who are considered Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs' claims are against the Bank of Hoven, who is a Defendant. Also named as defendants in this case are Edward and Mary Maciejewski and Ralph H. and Norma Psicka.

The Plaintiffs allege that the Defendant Bank breached written agreements entered into by the Longs and the Bank.

Plaintiffs allege that on December 5, 1996, the Longs and the Bank entered into a Loan Agreement and a Lease With Option To Purchase. The Longs claim that the bank agreed to make loans to the Longs in the Loan Agreement, and Lease 2230 acres of land to the Longs two years with an option to buy the land from the Bank for an agreed Price.

The Longs claim that the Bank breached the agreements and acted in bad faith. The Bank denies that it breached any agreements or that it acted in bad faith.

The Longs claim that the breach of agreement by the bank caused them to sustain damages. The Bank denies that it caused any damage and that Plaintiff failed to act with reasonable diligence to minimize existing damage and prevent future damages.

You may have heard the terms "direct evidence" and "circumstantial evidence." Direct evidence is the testimony of a person who asserts or claims to have actual knowledge of a fact, such as an eye witness. Circumstantial evidence is proof of a chain of facts and circumstances indicating the existence of a fact.

The law makes no distinction between direct and circumstantial evidence. The jury must simply determine the facts from the greater convincing force of all the evidence in the case, both direct and circumstantial.

The measure of damages for a breach of contract is the amount which will compensate the aggrieved party for all detriment (legally)(proximately) caused by the breach, or which, in the ordinary course of things, would be likely to result from the breach.

No damages can be recovered for a breach of contract which are not clearly ascertainable in both their nature and their origin.

Any person who is entitled to recover damages is entitled to recover interest thereon from the day that the loss or damage occurred except:

- (1) During a period of time, the person liable for the damages was prevented by law, or an act of the person entitled to recover the damages from paying the damages, or
- (2) Interest is not recoverable on damages which will occur in the future, punitive damages, or intangible damages such as pain and suffering, emotional distress, loss of consortium, injury to credit, reputation or financial standing, loss of enjoyment of life, or loss of society and companionship.

You must decide:

- (1) the amount of damages (if any), and
- (2) the amount of damages which are subject to prejudgment interest (if any), and
- (3) the date or dates on which the damages occurred.

If you return a verdict for the plaintiff, you must indicate on the verdict form whether you find plaintiff is entitled to prejudgment interest, and if so, the amount of damages upon which interest is granted and the beginning date of such interest. Based upon your findings, the Court will calculate the amount of interest the plaintiff is entitled to recover.

Every contract contains an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing which allows an aggrieved party to sue for breach of contract when the other contracting party, by its lack of good faith, limited or completely prevented the aggrieved party from receiving the reasonably expected benefits of the contract.

INSTRUCTION NO. 11 A

"Good faith" is defined as honesty in fact in the conduct or transaction concerned.

The meaning of good faith varies with the type of contract involved. The implied covenant of good faith must arise from the language used in the contract or it must be indispensable to carry out the intention of the parties to the contract.

[A lack of good faith in performance of a contract may be identified by, among others, the following conduct: (evasion of the spirit of the contract), (abuse of power to determine compliance), or (interference with or failure to cooperate with the other parties' performance.)]

The intention of the parties may be established by the custom and usage in that trade or business.

A contract is an agreement to do or not to do a certain thing.

The essential elements to the existence of a contract are:

- (1) Parties capable of contracting;
- (2) Their consent;
- (3) A lawful object; and
- (4) Sufficient cause or consideration.

A contract is either express or implied.

An express contract is one, the terms of which are stated in words.

An implied contract is one, the existence and terms of which are manifested by conduct.

The execution of a written contract supersedes all previous or contemporaneous oral negotiations or stipulations concerning its matter.

An express contract is an actual agreement of the parties which is created by distinct and explicit language at the time of making the contract. An express contract may be created orally or in writing.

In determining the amount of money which will reasonably compensate the plaintiffs, you are instructed that a person whose business is damaged must exercise reasonable diligence and effort to minimize existing damages and to prevent further damages. Plaintiffs cannot recover money for damage to their business which could have been avoided by such exercise of reasonable diligence and effort.

INSTRUCTION NO //

A person or entity engages in self-help remedies under the Tribal Code and these instructions when that person or entity forces the removal of a person from land or premises without that person's consent.

A person or entity engages in discrimination under these instructions when that person or entity intentionally denies a privilege to a person based solely upon that person's race or tribal identity.

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There are certain rules you must follow as you deliberate and return your verdict. I will list those rules for you now.

First, when you go to the jury room, you must select one of your jurors as foreperson. That person will preside over your discussions and speak for the jury here in court.

Second, in order to reach a verdict in this case, four or more jurors must agree with that verdict. It is your duty to discuss this case with one another in the jury room. Each of you must make your own conscientious decision, but only after you have considered all the evidence, discussed it fully with your fellow jurors and listened to the views of your fellow jurors. Do not be afraid to change your opinions if the discussion persuades you that you should. But do not come to a decision simply because other jurors think it is right, or simply to reach a verdict. Remember at all times that you are not partisans, you are judges of the facts. Your sole interest is to seek the truth from the evidence in the case.

Third, if you need to communicate with me during your deliberations, you may send a note to me through the bailiff, signed by one or more jurors. I will respond as soon as possible either in writing or in open court. Remember that you should not tell anyone, including me, how your vote stands numerically or

otherwise, until after you have reached a verdict and reported the same into court.

Fourth, your verdict must be based solely on the evidence and on the law which I have given to you in my instructions. You will be provided with a copy of these instructions, which you will return into court with your verdict and the exhibits in this case. Nothing I have said or done is intended to suggest what your verdict should be. That is entirely for you to decide.

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I think the theory of the discrimination claim was not that it created a Federal cause of action, which under Nevada v. Hicks would raise some problems, but that it was a recognized Tribal Court cause of action.

MR. VON WALD: Well, I don't think the Plaintiff has ever alleged that, your Honor. The Tribe has alleged that, but the Plaintiff has never alleged the authority for what the discrimination cause of action is. As I understand it, there is no tribal statute specifically on point, that would allege that, whatsoever. So either, because of the fact that there is no tribal statute that alleges that the Tribe can have a cause of action against a tribal member, I don't see that tribal law can be used at all. So if it isn't tribal law, it has to either be State law or Federal law.

So in the Federal case, it came out specifically -- and not to say that the Plaintiff has brought forth specifically, 42 U.S.C.S. 1981. They haven't. But the allegations they have made would be taken care of under that Federal statute, or possibly under a State statute. But in either case, Tribal Court doesn't have jurisdiction, unless there is a specific statute that allows Tribal Court to have jurisdiction over discrimination cases, and/or a treaty, and there isn't

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anything in this case. That's why I'm saying, to me, this is about as black and white as what it can get.

And when you think about it, your Honor, I think the problem that -- this is basically using the race card, is what it's using. And you are using the race card against a non-tribal member in Tribal Court, which is consistent of 100 percent tribal members. I mean, it's just a place where it's very, very difficult to get a fair trial, once that race card is used, and that's what was done here. Basically I think that's what tainted the whole case. I'm not even opposed to walking into Tribal Court and trying something. I think the tribal members are just as honest as any other members are, but when it comes to arguing race, boy, you are in trouble if you are in Tribal Court, when race can be brought in./ And that's what I am thinking has happened here.

For issue two, did the Trial Court err in not granting the bank's Motion For a Directed Verdict or NOV on a breach of contract action? Now, the document which I showed, to begin with, I don't think, which is what was alleged to have been breached, was the loan agreement. Now, I don't think that was an agreement to begin with, whatsoever -- it was a binding contract I should say. Because if you look at that lease

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being statutory statutes that were passed, that allowed those things. There wasn't any common law discrimination case in either Federal or State Court. I don't see how there would be --

THE COURT: But I think the origin of statutory claims, based on discrimination, actually tract back to torts. I mean, because I think a common law tort, a certain kind of common law tort does involve today what we call today discrimination. So, I think actually statutory claims of discrimination are actually grounded in sort of the tort understanding of differential treatment being a tort. Because I think that's --

MR. VON WALD: Basically, I think that's about all I have. But one of the things that Mr. Van Norman was concerned about, and so are we, and that is that -- by the way, the bank admits that they were dealing with tribal members to make money. It wasn't just to help tribal members. The bank was doing it with the intent of making money. That's what any business does. And how much money they made from tribal members, is really nothing for us to even worry about. But assuming that they did money, that's what they are in business for. And they will continue to do business with tribal members on the reservation, as long as they have a feeling that they're being treated fairly. We don't

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have any problem with that.

That's why I'm concerned, not just for the bank, the bank has got the money to pay the judgment, your Honors. What I'm concerned with, is that this bank is not acting on its own. There are a number of banks around that are looking at this case, not just this Tribe; there are a number of banks around. And let me tell you, if they want to discriminate against tribal members, they can do it and get by with it. They can. They don't have to make everybody loans. They can find a reason for rejecting the loans.

We are here in Tribal Court hoping that we are treated fairly, and that's all we are asking for, according to what the law is. That's it. Period. But what I am saying is, that this case is not only being looked at by this Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, it's also being looked at by banks. And it's necessary for the Tribe to be able to borrow money off of, the tribal members to be able to borrow money. And as long as tribal courts treat banks fairly, I think that that will come to pass.

THE COURT: Thank you, counsel.

MR. VAN NORMAN: I have one point of authority.

Counsel, I also note that in the Cheyenne River Sioux

Tribal Rules of Procedure, Rule 1-C states about the

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March 1, 2000

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Timber Lake SD 57656-0272

EXHIBIT

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Dear Ronnie:

On February 29, 2000 your attorney requested copies of the payments issued on Farm #2254. After talking to our State Office personnel and reviewing FSA Instr. 2Info, Par. 69, I am releasing the following information for your records:

7-28-1999 Maciejewski Inc. PFC pymt. = \$3163.00 HC 64 Box 6 Timber Lake SD 57656

7-30-1999 Bank of Hoven PFC pymt. = \$8767.00 PO Box 7 Hoven SD 57450

10-27-1999 Maciejewski Inc. MLA pymt. = \$3163.00 HC 64 Box 6 Timber Lake SD 57656

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I hope this information is of some help to you. If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Bev Selzler

Dewey County Program Technician

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ANNUAL FSA FARM PROGRAM PAYMENTS

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6/30/01 Maciejewski, Inc. (PFC) FSA Farm Program Payment, Parcel 1 9/5/00 Maciejewski, Inc. (MLA) FSA Farm Program Payment, Parcel 1

\$5,896.00 6,397.00

Parcel 1: 960 acres (6 quarters)

6/30/00 Bank of Hoven (PFC) Parcel 2 9/5/00 Bank of Hoven (MLA) Parcel 2 \$5,098.00 5,531.00

Parcel 2: 945 acres (6 quarters minus 15 acres)

\$22,922.00

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RE: Bank of Hoven/Long Family Land and Cattle Company, Inc.

Our File: 3125
BIA Loan Guarantee Certificates
G922D1A0103 and G924C1A0113

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find an original Notice of Appeal that we are today filing with the Interior Board of Indian Appeals on behalf of the Bank of Hoven. Please note that the Notice includes a certification concerning the service of that Notice on all interested parties.

It is my understanding that you will shortly advise us concerning further procedures for this appeal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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TIMOTHY W. ENGEL

TME: drb

Enclosure

cc/enc.: Charles Simon
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Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Office of Economic Development Office of BIA Superintendent Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Long Family Land & Cattle Co., Inc Ronnie Long ~

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INTERIOR BOARD OF INDIAN APPEALS

NOTICE OF APPEAL

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Bank of Hoven, P.O. Box 7, Hoven, South Dakota, 57450, hereby appeals from the decision of the Director of the Office of Economic Development, Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior ("the Director"), which decision is undated, but which was received by Bank of Hoven on or about January 25, 1999, denying the Claim of Loss on BIA Loan Guarantee Certificates No. G922D1A0103 and G924C1A0113. In support of this Notice of Appeal, the Bank of Hoven further states as follows:

- 1. This appeal is from the decision of the Director, which decision is undated, denying the request of the Bank of Hoven that the BIA make payment pursuant to the Loan Guarantee Certificates above-described. A copy of the Director's undated decision is attached hereto, marked as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 2. The reasons for this appeal are as follows:
- (a). The denial by the Director is based upon erroneous factual findings, and is not supported by law.
- (b). The Bank of Hoven gave notice to the Commissioner as required by 25 CFR sec. 103.36 within the time required by that and other applicable regulations.
- (c). No "default" occurred until the Bank of Hoven declared a default. The Bank of Hoven gave timely notice to the Commissioner of that default.
- (d). Even if the Bank of Hoven did not give timely written notice of default as to any or all of the loans which are the subject of this appeal, the Bank of Hoven substantially complied with all applicable regulations and the government did not suffer any prejudice because the Bank of Hoven throughout the applicable time periods kept Cheyenne River Agency Superintendent Russell McClure, Credit Officer John Lemke and other persons employed by or affiliated with the BIA advised of the status of the loans, including the status of payments.
- (e). The government has waived any right it might otherwise have to deny payment on the Guarantee Certificates above-described.

- (f). The government is estopped from denying payment on the Guarantee Certificates above-described.
- (g). The Bank of Hoven complied with 25 CFR sec. 103.46, in that it used prudence in disbursing loan funds and only disbursed loan funds for purposes provided for by the loan agreement.
- (h). The Bank of Hoven has complied, or substantially complied with, all BIA Guarantee Conditions.
- (i). After all of the alleged defaults and other Guarantee Condition violations described in the Commissioner's denial letter, BIA agreed to restructure the debt guaranteed by the Guarantee Certificates above-described. Accordingly, BIA has specifically waived any defaults or breaches that may have occurred prior to the date of the restructuring, and BIA is otherwise barred from relying upon any prior defaults or other breaches as a basis for denying payment on the BIA Guarantee Certificates above-described.
- (j). The Bank of Hoven has substantially complied with all applicable regulations, in that it kept in constant and timely contact with Cheyenne River Agency Superintendent Russell McClure and Credit Officer John Lemke, and others, and kept them advised about the status of the loans. Superintendent McClure and Credit Officer Lemke were also in contact with the borrowers during the applicable time periods, and were well aware of the status of the loans. At no time did Superintendent McClure, Credit Officer Lemke or any other person affiliated with BIA in any way object to the actions of the Bank of Hoven in making or administering the above-referenced loans. The appropriate BIA officials concurred with Bank of Hoven's request to restructure the above-described loans, and did so with full knowledge of the alleged defaults and other alleged breeches above-described.
- 3. The names and addresses of all interested parties and the parties required by rule to be served with a copy of this notice are as follows. The undersigned hereby certifies that said parties were today served by United States mail, certified-return receipt requested, with a true and correct copy of this notice by mailing to them at the following addresses:

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Washington, DC 20240

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The undersigned hereby certifies that he is attorney for the Bank of Hoven, and that he is admitted to practice before the courts of the State of South Dakota, the United States District Court for the District of South Dakota, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and the United States Supreme Court.

Dated this /

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