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SECRETARY OF LABOR, MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH : Complaint of Discrimination

ADMINISTRATION (MSHA),

: Docket No. VA 81-44-D

ON BEHALF OF OTIS G. LAWSON,

: Deep Mine No. 7

Complainant

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PARAMONT MINING CORP., Respondent

v.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Secretary moves to withdraw the captioned discrimination compiaint on the ground that the complaining miner has entered into a settlement agreement with respondent. This agreement includes a release of the discrimination claim and a consent to dismissal of the captioned complaint..

Based on an independent evaluation and de novo review of the circumstances, I conclude the settlement agreement is in accord with the purposes and policy of the Act.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the same be, and hereby is, APPROVED. It is FURTHER ORDERED that respondent pay Mr. Lawson the amount of the settlement agreed upon, \$3,500, forthwith and that subject to payment the captioned matter be DISMISSED.

Joseph B. Kennedy

Administrative Law Judge

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