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SOL (MSHA) V. MANALAPAN MINING

DDATE: 19931208 TTEXT:

FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES 2 SKYLINE, 10th FLOOR 5203 LEESBURG PIKE FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA 22041

SECRETARY OF LABOR, : CIVIL PENALTY PROCEEDINGS

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MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH

ADMINISTRATION (MSHA), : Docket No. KENT 93-666

Petitioner : A. C. No. 15-16318-03578

v.

: Mine No. 6

MANALAPAN MINING COMPANY, : Docket No. KENT 93-670

Respondent : A. C. No. 15-05423-03731

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Docket No. KENT 93-671A. C. No. 15-05423-03735

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: Mine No. 1

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Docket No. KENT 93-705A. C. No. 15-16733-03543

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: Mine No. 7

DECISION APPROVING SETTLEMENT

Appearances: Joseph B. Luckett, Esq., Office of the Solicitor,

U. S. Department of Labor, Nashville, Tennessee,

for the Secretary;

Richard D. Cohelia, Safety Director, Manalapan,

Mining Company, Inc., Evarts, Kentucky, for

Respondent.

Before: Judge Maurer

These cases are before me upon a petition for assessment of civil penalties under section 105(d) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (the Act). An evidentiary hearing in these matters was held on November 4, 1993, in London, Kentucky. At the conclusion of that hearing, the parties filed a motion to approve a settlement agreement and to dismiss these cases.

~2500 The citations, initial assessments, and the proposed settlement amounts are as follows:

	CITATION/	PROPOSED	PROPOSED
	ORDER NO.	ASSESSMENT	SETTLEMENT
KENT 93-666			
	4239039	\$ 793	\$ 520
	4239040	690	690
	4239181	690	690
	4239182	690	100
KENT 93-6	70		
	3000222	431	200
	3000224	506	506
	3164702	431	200
	3146703	431	431
	3164704	431	431
	3164709	690	690
	3164710	690	690
	3164712	431	428
	3164713	431	431
	3164714	431	431
	3164718	431	431
KENT 93-6	71		
	3164648	903	900
	3164650	903	900
	4239362	309	100
	4239363	903	900
KENT 93-7	05		
	9885266	793	500
	9885275	2173	1500
TOTAL		\$14,612	\$12,100

I have considered the representations and documentation submitted in these cases, as well as the testimony contained in the record of proceedings and I conclude that the proffered settlement is appropriate under the criteria set forth in section 110(i) of the Act.

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WHEREFORE, the motion for approval of settlement is GRANTED, and it is ORDERED that respondent pay a penalty of \$12,100\$ within 30 days of this order.

Roy J. Maurer Administrative Law Judge

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