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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 TWO MINERS & 8000 ACRES OF LAND
11 (T.W. ARMAN and JOHN F. HUTCHENS,
12 IRON MOUNTAIN MINES, INC. et al)
and on behalf of all others similarly situated
under GOD

13 Defendants

14 v.

15 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA et al
16 Does 1 to 100

17 Plaintiffs

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23 (STATE OF CALIFORNIA, On behalf of the
24 California Department of Toxic Substances
25 Control and the California Regional Water
26 Quality Control Board for the Central Valley
Region)
Does 1 to 100

27 Plaintiffs

Civil No. S-91-0768 DFL/JFM

(Consolidated for all purposes with
Civil No. S-91-1167 DFL/JFM)

PETITION TO RE-OPEN CASE, JOINDER of

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, With DISCLOSURE

STATEMENT and MEMORANDUM;

MOTION FOR JOINDER OF PARTIES

MOTION FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE:

INTERPLEADOR & COUNTERCLAIM

with ORDERS

and proposed

INTERPLEADOR & COUNTERCLAIM

With CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Date:

Time:

Courtroom No. 7

Hon. David F. Levi

1 **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

2 **Waiver of Protections of “Corporate Shield”**

3 1. Iron Mountain Mines, Inc. (which has no parent corporation), and T.W. Arman, the corpora-
4 tion’s unemployed President, Chairman, and sole stockholder, hereby surrenders all supposed
5 advantage which might be derived from the “Corporate Veil” for the purpose of resolving this
6 litigation. As it is clear from the administrative and court record that the plaintiffs have chosen
7 to preserve the persona of “Iron Mountain Mines, Inc.” to confuse and distract from the salient
8 issues regarding this case, and since T.W. Arman is the sole stockholder, and since Iron Moun-
9 tain Mines, Inc. and the property it owns which is commonly known as “Iron Mountain Mine”
10 is T.W. Arman’s only asset, and since Iron Mountain Mines, Inc. has effectively been without
11 representation since January of 2002, it is therefore clear that such distinction is specious and
12 serves only as an advantage to the plaintiff’s ongoing prosecution and the taking of defendant’s
13 property for public use without just compensation.

14 2. Therefore, the court should examine these facts and conclude that there is such unity of in-
15 terest between the corporation and its stockholder that they are inseparable, that it is necessary
16 and in the interest of justice, and to prevent fraud, and because it would be unjust for the Court
17 to permit the corporate form to stand, that defendants submit that for the purpose of resolving
18 these matters and pertaining strictly to the resolution of this litigation, that defendants are in
19 fact indistinguishable alter egos and one and the same persons until the conclusion of this case.
20 “As long as the statue doesn't interfere with the cleanup effort at the mine, Sugarek said Arman
21 should be free to build it -- it is his property.”

22 Rick Sugarek, EPA Project Manager, Iron Mountain Mine Superfund site.

23 Wednesday, June 11, 2008 Redding Searchlight

24 **MEMORANDUM**

25 3. There is sufficient “logical relationship” between the claim and the counterclaim to classify
26 the latter as “compulsory” and hence ancillary jurisdiction extended to additional necessary
27 parties, regardless of a lack of other jurisdictional grounds. United Artists Corp v. Masterpiece
28 productions Inc. 221 F.2d 213 (2d Cir. 1955) Joinder of State of California.

1 4. Joining Party objects to Plaintiffs characterization that the Joining Parties “participation in
2 this case would contribute nothing other than confusion and delay” as derogatory, inflamma-
3 tory, unsubstantiated, prejudicial, and presumptively and fundamentally false.

4 5. Mr. T.W. Arman and Mr. John Hutchens have entered into a joint venture known as
5 HU/MOUNTAIN.

6 6. This joint venture is primarily for the purpose of mineral recovery and beneficiation from the
7 High Density Sludge, (HDS) disposed upon the brick flat mine as a result of the treatment of
8 the Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) performed by the EPA and its contractors in the course of re-
9 moval action(s) at the Iron Mountain Mine Superfund site.

10 7. Joining Party submits that the “Notice of Joinder” was initiated pursuant to instructions from
11 EPA project manager Rick Sugarek that becoming a PRP was a requirement to proceed with
12 the proposed Resource Conservation and Recovery project.

13 8. Joining Party attests that EPA Project Manager Rick Sugarek stated during the last official
14 meeting of the principals, (defendant T.W. Arman and Joining Party John Hutchens, (at Iron
15 Mountain Mines)), that the Hu/Mountain joint venture and any associated individuals (meaning
16 this Joining Party) would be required to submit to the EPA’s oversight as potentially responsi-
17 ble parties. Joining Party further attests that he was and is attempting to cooperate in this regard
18 by entering the previously filed “Notice of Joinder”.

19 9. Joining Party attests that he is a real party in interest to this matter and further attests that the
20 interests are not merely economic interests, but as the proposed activities of Joining Party have
21 already been threatened with accusations of interference with the EPA action, Joining Parties
22 activities are subject to civil and criminal penalties subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.
23 Joining Party has sought to voluntarily submit in the form of a “Notice of Joinder” to this case.
24 Plaintiffs have filed an exhaustive 17 page answer in opposition, characterizing this voluntary
25 joinder as an intervention.

26 10. (The relationship among joint venturers was eloquently described by United States Su-
27 preme Court Justice Cardozo in the seminal 1928 case of Meinhard v. Salmon - “joint adven-
28 turers, like copartners, owe to one another, while the enterprise continues, the duty of the finest

loyalty. Many forms of conduct permissible in a workaday world for those acting at arm's length, are forbidden to those bound by fiduciary ties. Not honesty alone, but the punctilio of an honor the most sensitive, is then the standard of behavior. As to this there has developed a tradition that is unbending and inveterate. Uncompromising rigidity has been the attitude of courts of equity when petitioned to undermine the rule of undivided loyalty by the 'disintegrating erosion' of particular exceptions. Only thus has the level of conduct for fiduciaries been kept at a level higher than that trodden by the crowd.")

11. 18. U.S.C §§ 9613 (i) provides:

(i) Intervention

In any action commenced under this chapter or under the Solid Waste Disposal Act [42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.] in a court of the United States, any person may intervene as a matter of right when such person claims an interest relating to the subject of the action and is so situated that the disposition of the action may, as a practical matter, impair or impede the person's ability to protect that interest, unless the President or the State shows that the person's interest is adequately represented by existing parties.

(D) Potentially responsible parties

The President shall make reasonable efforts to identify and notify potentially responsible parties as early as possible before selection of a response action. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to be a defense to liability.

(I) Notice of actions

12. Whenever any action is brought under this chapter in a court of the United States by a plaintiff other than the United States, the plaintiff shall provide a copy of the complaint to the Attorney General of the United States and to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

13. Joining Party submits that nowhere in the Plaintiffs opposition is the showing of whether the Joining Party's interest is adequately represented by existing parties, or whether, "as a practical matter", the failure to join the party would "impair or impede the person's ability to protect that interest" ever substantively addressed. Joining Party further submits that the literal wording

1 of 9613 provides for no other objection to such claim of Intervention as a matter of right as
2 provided by the statute.

3 14. The Solid Waste Disposal Act also provides at 6921(b)(3)(A)(ii), “suit may be brought
4 against the EPA for failure to perform a non-discretionary act or duty under RCRA. 42 U.S.C.
5 § 6972(a)(2).” CERCLA also provides for citizen suits for failures to perform, such as when:
6 “Each remedial action shall utilize permanent solutions and alternative treatment technologies
7 or resource recovery technologies to the maximum extent practicable. (NCP
8 §300.430(f)(5)(ii))”

9 15. Plaintiffs sight the Ninth Circuit ruling in Cal. DTSC, but fail to acknowledge the operative
10 distinction relating to the first relevant factor in this matter, which is that unlike that case; here
11 the remaining Defendants have yet to reach a settlement.

12 16. Joining Party submits that the Plaintiffs resorting to the allegations that this action is of po-
13 tential prejudice to Plaintiffs is spurious and deceptive. Should the Court allow defendants to
14 reopen the case for issues or discovery, it would only be because it was in the interest of Justice
15 to do so. The Plaintiffs, with all the resources of the United States, and who have subjected the
16 defendants to 22 years of litigation so far in this case, seem disingenuous now in claiming hard-
17 ship over the cost of this litigation. If in fact the defendants are shown to have liability at the
18 conclusion of this matter, and if in fact the Plaintiffs are entitled to “unrecovered past response
19 costs” from defendants as they allege, then having an additional party with any ability to con-
20 tribute to that recovery should be in the interest of the Plaintiffs.

21 17. Plaintiffs also allege that Joining Parties communications are demanding, argumentative,
22 and difficult to understand. Joining Party fails to see how the failure of the plaintiff’s to seek
23 clarifications to rectify their confusion in any way relates to this matter or lends credence to
24 their objection. Plaintiffs also refer to communications from defendants Arman and IMMI to
25 Plaintiff’s (that were transmitted by Joining Party) as though they were communications from
26 the Joining Party. Plaintiffs have been fully informed by Defendants and Joining Party as to
27 their relationship and Plaintiffs and their business agreements and arrangements. Nevertheless,
28 and despite the fact that Plaintiff’s counsel have all been explicitly informed that Joining Party

1 is authorized to negotiate and resolve these matters on behalf of Defendants, Plaintiffs have ig-
2 nored Defendants instructions to communicate with Joining Party and instead have at-
3 tempted to maintain communication with the “last known attorneys”, who have long ago aban-
4 doned this case, (Logan), or who never served in a representative capacity in this case, (Hall).

5 18. Joining Party, on behalf of Defendants, has consistently sought to obtain an equitable, just,
6 and final remedy to this matter without having to resort to reopening this case in the Court, a
7 solution that Plaintiffs appear steadfastly to oppose.

8 19. Plaintiffs allege that Joining Parties’ participation in this matter is unnecessary, but fail to
9 show how Joining Parties rights and interests are protected otherwise.

10 **JOINING PARTY’S LEGAL INTEREST**

11 20. Defendants have submitted to Plaintiffs correspondence indicating that a joint venture
12 amongst the defendants and the Joining Party has been consummated, its purposes, and what
13 property interests were conveyed. The entity “Hu/Mountain” is a joint venture with a properly
14 registered fictitious business name in Contra Costa County, California.

15 21. Joining Party has prospectively assigned a substantial portion of the operative business re-
16 sponsibilities of the joint venture to “Artesian Mineral Development & Consolidated Sludge,
17 Inc.”, a properly registered California corporation with the California Dept. of Corporations
18 and the Secretary of State and properly registered fictitious business name in Contra Costa
19 County, Ca. and of which corporation he is the President and CEO. No stock has been issued in
20 the above mentioned corporation. No further assignment of interest is proposed to take place
21 until the resolution of this case and the \$51 million dollar lien against defendant’s property.

22 22. Defendants and Joining Party have communicated with Mr. Bill Walker, the senior planner
23 for the County of Shasta, Ca., regarding complying with the necessary regulatory requirements
24 of the State to undertake mineral recovery from the Acid Mine Drainage and the resulting High
25 Density Sludge, and have obtained the necessary forms from the California Dept. of Conserva-
26 tion.

27 23. In order to more fully cooperate with the EPA action, and so as not to create a situation
28 which might interfere with those actions, Joining Party has transmitted to project manager Rick

1 Sugarek these same forms and regulations. Defendants have also submitted a revised remedial
2 investigation and feasibility study, a proposed ROD 6 for a final remedy, and a conceptual site
3 model of the proposed project and statement of work.

4 24. Defendants and Joining Party have asserted their right and intention to perform work and
5 engage in business together, work that is within the scope and definition of “Resource Conser-
6 vation and Recovery” as defined in 42 U.S.C §§ 6901.

7 25. The “subject” of this action is the Acid Mine Drainage and the resulting High Density
8 Sludge, which contain substantial quantities of valuable heavy metals, particularly copper,
9 (which IMMI was substantially recovering before the EPA action effectively terminated the
10 recovery of this metal from the AMD).

11 33. Therefore, Joining Parties’ interest is substantially more than a mere “interest in property”,
12 (the AMD and sludge) the Joining Parties’ interest relates to the “subject of the action”.

13 26. Plaintiffs go on to assert that an assignment of claims against the government would be
14 barred, but fail to acknowledge that a joint venture is treated as a partnership under mining law,
15 and therefore an assignment of claim would be unnecessary to preserve and protect such inter-
16 ests of the defendants and the Joining Party, and further that “Takings” claims may in fact to
17 some extent be transferable under Federal law.

18 27. Joining Party is vigilantly cognizant of potential liability for future costs and has sought
19 with Defendants the cooperation of the Plaintiffs to form a “Resource Conservation and Recov-
20 ery Panel” as provided by 42 U.S.C §§ 6901 et seq., in order to assure that the very best tech-
21 nologies and professional abilities are combined to help achieve the ultimate goals of environ-
22 mental protection and habitat restoration.

23 28. On page 11 Plaintiffs attempt to impose the burden of proof on Joining Party to show im-
24 pairment of his interest, as though the threat of government liens, foreclosure, and loss of the
25 property were not impairment enough. It is for these reasons that Joining Party had been dele-
26 gated the rights of Agency and Factor by defendants, and it is for this purpose that plaintiffs
27 have thus far refused to address or in any way communicate.

29. Defendants have delegated a substantial business and fiduciary responsibility to Joining Party and with this is the responsibility for achieving a fair and just conclusion to this case.
30. To the extent that the Joining Parties' interests might be subsumed by the interests of the defendants, that is a matter that can only be ascertained in retrospect upon the conclusion of these proceedings.

PETITION

31..Defendants petition the Court to Reopen Case.

32. Defendants seek Leave of the Court to File Interpleader & Counterclaim.

33. Defendants petition the Court to Join Parties.

MOTIONS

34. Motion for declaratory relief determining a unity of interest between defendants and joining parties to remove and moot any distinction between the parties pending the resolution of this case.

35. Motion for joinder of indispensable parties.

36. Motion for leave of the Court to File Interpleader & Counterclaim in the above captioned case.

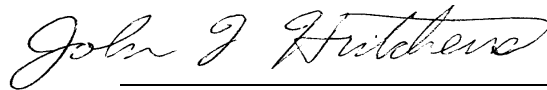
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T.W. Arman, Pro Per

(Sole stockholder of: Iron Mountain Mines, Inc., (no parent corporation))

Date: October 13, 2008



John F. Hutchens, Pro Per

Private Attorney General

(Sole owner of: Artesian Mineral Development & Consolidated Sludge, Inc.)

ORDER

It is hereby ordered that Petition to reopen the above captioned Case is granted.

Date: _____

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
for the EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ORDER

It is hereby ordered that the Motion for declaratory relief determining a unity of interest between defendants and joining parties to remove and moot any distinction between the parties pending the resolution of this case is granted.

Date: _____

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
for the EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ORDER

It is hereby ordered that leave to File Interpleader & Counterclaim in the above captioned case is granted.

It is also ordered that pursuant to the Question of Constitutional Takings, protection of the Court to the named defendants is hereby Granted, the Clerk is Directed to certify a check in the amount of \$10,000 to the defendants, and payment of attorneys fees and costs is awarded to the Private Attorney Generals Office.

Date: _____

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
for the EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA