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SUBMISSION TYPE:	NEW ASSIGNMENT
NATURE OF CONVEYANCE:	RELEASE BY SECURED PARTY

CONVEYING PARTY DATA

Name	Formerly	Execution Date	Entity Type
LaSalle Bank National Association		12/28/2007	national banking association:

RECEIVING PARTY DATA

Name:	Smithway Motor Xpress, Inc.
Street Address:	2031 Quail Avenue, Route 5
City:	Fort Dodge
State/Country:	IOWA
Postal Code:	37891
Entity Type:	CORPORATION: IOWA

PROPERTY NUMBERS Total: 1

Property Type	Number	Word Mark
Registration Number:	1597850	SMX

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Signature:	//Carol Fraser//
Date:	01/02/2008

Total Attachments: 3

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TRADEMARK RELEASE

THIS TRADEMARK RELEASE (this "Release") is made as of December 2007 by LaSalle Bank National Association, as Lender ("Lender").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to certain security documents, (the "Security Agreement"), Smithway Motor Xpress, Inc., as Borrower ("Borrower") previously granted to Lender a security interest in the Trademark set forth in Schedule 1 (the "Trademark"); and

WHEREAS, the obligations underlying the security interest are no longer owed and Lender no longer has any interest in the Trademark; and

WHEREAS, the Security Agreement was recorded at Reel 2438, Frame 0261 on January 31, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower has requested that Lender release its lien on the Trademark.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Lender hereby releases any and all claims, liens, and other encumbrances arising under the Security Agreement, including in and to the Trademark, and reassigns any and all rights, titles and interests in the Trademark, without any representation, recourse or undertaking by Lender, to the Borrower.

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TRADEMARK REEL: 003687 FRAME: 0842 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Lender has caused this Release to be duly executed by its duly authorized officer as of the day and year first above written.

LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Name:

Title

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SCHEDULE 1

Trademark Registrations

MARK	REGISTRATION NO.	REGISTRATION DATE
SMX	1,597,850	May 22, 1990

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RECORDED: 01/02/2008

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