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In the Matter of the Compensation of  
**HAROLD BORRON, Claimant**  
Own Motion No. 04-0278M  
OWN MOTION ORDER  
Claimant Unrepresented  
Fremont - Special Districts, Insurance Carrier

Reviewing Panel: Members Biehl and Lowell.

The insurer has submitted claimant's request for reopening of his Own Motion claim for worsened conditions. ORS 656.278(1)(a) (2001). Claimant's aggravation rights have expired. The insurer recommends reopening of claimant's 1979 claim.

Based on the record, we are persuaded that claimant meets the criteria necessary for his claim to be reopened for a "worsening" of his accepted conditions ("right lower leg contusion, right anterior cruciate ligament tear, right medial meniscus tear"). ORS 656.278(1)(a) (2001); *James J. Kemp*, 54 Van Natta 491 (2002). Accordingly, we authorize the reopening of the claim for the insurer to process in accordance with law. When claimant's conditions are medically stationary, the insurer shall close the claim pursuant to OAR 438-012-0055.<sup>1</sup>

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Entered at Salem, Oregon on August 5, 2004

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<sup>1</sup> Finally, inasmuch as claimant is unrepresented, he may wish to consult the Workers' Compensation Ombudsman, whose job it is to assist injured workers in such matters. He may contact the Workers' Compensation Ombudsman, free of charge, at 1-800-927-1271, or write to:

WORKERS' COMPENSATION OMBUDSMAN  
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