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In the Matter of the Compensation of  
**JUAN VILLA-CORTEZ, Claimant**  
WCB Case No. 13-00537  
ORDER ON REVIEW  
Unrepresented Claimant  
Holly O'Dell, SAIF Legal Salem, Defense Attorneys

Reviewing Panel: Members Langer and Lanning.

Claimant, *pro se*,<sup>1</sup> requests review of that portion of Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) McWilliams's order that upheld the SAIF Corporation's denial of his occupational disease claim for a low back condition. On review, the issue is compensability.

We adopt and affirm the ALJ's order, with the following exception.

We do not adopt the ALJ's reasoning regarding whether claimant's occupational disease claim was timely filed. In other words, assuming, without deciding, that claimant's occupational disease claim was timely filed under ORS 656.807(1), we agree with the ALJ's conclusion that the record does not persuasively establish that work activities were the major cause of claimant's low back condition. Accordingly, we affirm.

ORDER

The ALJ's order dated December 4, 2013 is affirmed.

Entered at Salem, Oregon on April 2, 2014

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<sup>1</sup> Because claimant is unrepresented, he may wish to consult the Ombudsman for Injured Workers. He may contact the Ombudsman, free of charge, at 1-800-927-1271, or write to:

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