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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

OF FLORIDA

THIRD DISTRICT

JANUARY TERM, 2003

LIBERTY MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,

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Appellant,

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VS.

CASE NO. 3D02-3012

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BUENAVENTURA LAKES SHOPPING

LOWER

CENTER, INC., etc., ** TRIBUNAL NO. 00-15469

Appellee.

Opinion filed June 4, 2003.

An Appeal from the Circuit Court for Miami-Dade County, Ellen L. Leesfield, Judge.

Butler Pappas Weihmuller Katz Craig and Scott J. Frank, for appellant.

Gilbride, Heller & Brown, Lawrence R. Heller and Rosana E. Hernandez, for appellee.

Before SCHWARTZ, C.J., and GODERICH and GREEN, JJ.

PER CURIUM.

The defendant, Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Company [Liberty

Mutual], appeals from an adverse final judgment. A review of the record shows that Liberty Mutual had notice of the loss, that there was a disagreement about the amount of the loss, and that therefore the amount of the loss was properly submitted to the appraisal panel. <u>U.S. Fid. & Guar. Co. v. Romay</u>, 744 So. 2d 467 (Fla. 3d DCA 1999). Further, we find that Liberty Mutual's assertion that an exclusion precludes coverage for the loss is without merit.

Accordingly, we affirm.