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STATE OF ALABAMA

PUBLIC ROAD EASEMENT

SHELBY COUNTY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that for and in consideration of the sum of One and No/100 Dollar (\$1.00), and other valuable considerations, in hand paid by SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSION, a public entity, (herein "GRANTEE"), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, U.S. ALLIANCE COOSA PINES CORPORATION, an Alabama corporation (herein "GRANTOR"), does hereby grant, to the extent of its interest, unto GRANTEE, an easement on which to construct, operate, maintain and repair a public road as the GRANTEE may require over the following described strip of land, sixty (60) feet in width, lying thirty (30) feet either side of the centerline of existing Shelby County road known as Fire Tower Road, located in the South One-Half of Section 24 and the West One-Half of Section 25 all in Township 20 South, Range 2 West, Shelby county, Alabama.

The route of such easement is shown in red on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A.

For the consideration aforesaid, the GRANTOR further grants unto the GRANTEE the right and privilege of use of such easement for a public roadway, together with all rights and privileges necessary or convenient for the full use and enjoyment thereof for such purposes, the right to cut and keep clear all trees, undergrowth and other obstructions thereon when deemed reasonably necessary for the avoidance of danger, damage or interference with such road provided, however, that this easement is made and conditioned upon the following representations, covenants and agreements, which the GRANTEE, by accepting this easement, expressly acknowledges, agrees and consents to, and joins in:

- GRANTOR reserves the full right to use such easement in common with GRANTEE, and any entity having any rights therein.
- 2. GRANTOR has no obligation to keep and maintain the easement area in sale condition and the use of the easement by GRANTEE or any other entity shall be solely at the user's risk and peril.
- 3. GRANTEE agrees, and at its own expense, to construct, improve and maintain such easement area, for its use as a public road in good and workmanlike manner, in good condition, and in compliance with all local, state, federal laws and regulations. GRANTEE further agrees to stabilize the road by using diversion ditches, waterbars, silt screens, seeding and mulching, or other approved stabilization methods as may be necessary. All soil stabilization measures shall be at GRANTOR'S specifications or State's Best Management Practices for Forestry and shall satisfy all local, state, and federal laws and regulations now in existence or as may be hereinafter enacted.

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SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE

4. GRANTOR reserves the right to use and enjoy the property, subject to the easement, for growing timber, and for any and all purposes including, but not limited to, the installation and maintenance (or to grant such rights to others) within the boundary of the easement herein granted, of electrical, telephone and communication lines and facilities; gas or other pipelines or facilities; railroad tracks and facilities; all at any point whatsoever, either at, above, or below grade, provided the exercise of such rights shall not unreasonably interfere with the use by GRANTEE of the easement granted herein.

5. GRANTEE agrees and covenants to release, the GRANTOR, its officers, directors, employees, successors or assigns, from and against any and all claims and demands by GRANTEE, its employees, for damages to property and injury or death which may arise out of or be caused directly by its road and/or the construction or installation, or by the use, of such road by GRANTEE, its employees.

6. GRANTOR and GRANTEE agree that this easement, and the covenants and agreements herein, shall be binding upon and enforceable by GRANTOR and against GRANTEE. The continued use or maintenance of the easement area by GRANTEE, shall conclusively constitute such user's agreement to be bound by all the covenants and agreements herein assumed by GRANTEE, including the agreements of indemnity.

WITNESS:

U.S. ALLIANCE COOSA PINES CORPORATION

- Allekcock By: Decus D. Grimm

ts: Vice President, Operations

WITNESS:

ACCEPTED BY: SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSION

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Its: Chairman

STATE OF ALABAMA)
I, Acros A County in said State hereby certify that Lewis D. Grimm, whose name as Vice President, Operations, Forest Products of U.S. Alliance Coosa Pines Corporation, is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, he, as such officer and with full authority, executed the same voluntarity for and as the act of said corporation. Given under my hand and official seal, this the day of 1999. Notary Public My Commission Expires: 5/88/8002
STATE OF ALABAMA)
I, Medical Action and for said County in said State, hereby certify that whose name as CHAIRMAN, SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSION, is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of this instrument, he, as such officer and with full authority executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said County.
Given under my hand and official seal, this the 14 day of 924 9 1999. Notary Public My Commission Expires: 1401

