



Western Surety Company

NOTARY PUBLIC BOND

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Shelby (State at Large) County

10/25/2000-36993
08:12 AM CERTIFIED

SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE

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23rd Bond No. 08260502N

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Patricia A. Thrasher

as Principal, and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Alabama, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama, in the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$ \$10,000.00),

for the payment of which well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, firmly by these presents, and we hereby waive our right to claim personal property exempt under the laws of Alabama.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this 19th day of October, 2000

The condition of the above obligation, That whereas the above bound Principal was duly appointed to the office of Notary Public on the 24th day of October, 2000; for the term of 04 years from the date of Notary Commission in Precinct No. State of Alabama at Large in and for said County.

Now, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform and discharge all the duties of said office during his continuance therein then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Janice F. Kent
Countersigned by Alabama Resident Agent

Patricia A. Thrasher (L.S.)
Principal

Crow Insurance Agency
2012 Sixth Avenue North

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Name of Agent or Agency

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203-2702

By Stephen T. Tate (L.S.)
President

Street

City

State

Taken and approved this

24th day of October

2000

Patricia Geyer Schmeider
Judge of Probate

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Jefferson County

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Patricia A. Thrasher do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alabama, so long as I continue a citizen thereof; and that I will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th
day of October, 2000

Janice F. Kent
Notary Public

Patricia A. Thrasher
Principal

My Commission Expires: 8-12-01

Form 1312-A-2-99

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY
(Corporate Officer)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }

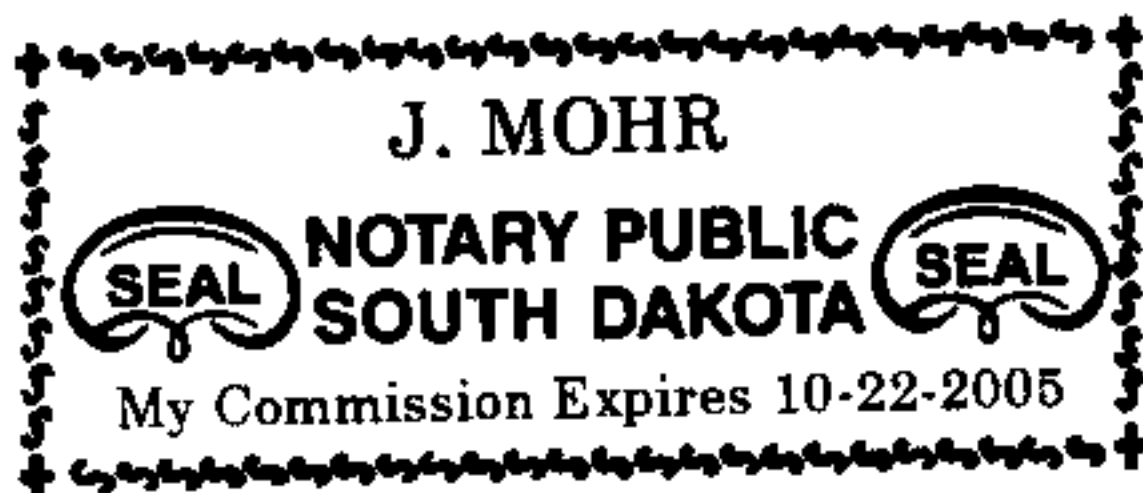
County of Minnehaha }

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On this _____ day of _____, _____, before me, a Notary Public in and

for said County, personally appeared Stephen T. Pate personally known to me, who being by me duly sworn, did say that he is the aforesaid officer of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, that the said instrument was signed, sealed and executed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and further acknowledge that the said instrument and the execution thereof to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, the day and year last above written.



J. Mohr

Notary Public

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