

# EMC Insurance Companies

- ☒ Employers Mutual Casualty Company, an Iowa Corporation  
☐ EMCASCO Insurance Company, an Iowa Corporation  
☐ Union Insurance Company of Providence, an Iowa Corporation

- ☐ Illinois EMCASCO Insurance Company, an Illinois Corporation  
☐ Dakota Fire Insurance Company, a North Dakota Corporation  
☐ EMC Property & Casualty Company, an Iowa Corporation  
☐ Hamilton Mutual Insurance Company, an Ohio Corporation

(Herein called the Surety)

## OFFICIAL BOND

Renewal of:

BOND NO. S23 12 42

<b>PRINCIPAL:</b> (Official's Full Name and Address) Douglas H. Ballard, Jr. 5730 Highway 22 Flying X-Ranch Montevallo, AL 35115	<b>Office Elected or Appointed to:</b> Coroner-Shelby County
<b>OBLIGEE:</b> (Name of Governmental Body and Address where bond will be filed) State of Alabama Attention: Shelby Co Probate Office P O Box 825 Columbiana, AL 35051	<b>Penal Amount of Bond:</b> \$1,000.00
<b>SURETY:</b> As checked above; Administrative Office <b>EMC Insurance Companies</b> 717 Mulberry, Des Moines, Iowa 50309	<b>Term of Office:</b> From: July 31, 2001 To: January 14, 2003

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, the Principal and Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Obligee in the stated penal sum, lawful money of the United States, to be paid to said Obligee, for which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, jointly and severally, by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That, Whereas, the said Principal has been duly elected or appointed to the office as aforesaid within the jurisdiction of and for the said Obligee.

NOW THEREFORE, if said Principal shall render a true account of his office and of his doings therein to the proper authority when required thereby or by law, and shall promptly pay over to the person or persons entitled thereto all money which may come into his hands by virtue of his office, and shall promptly account for all balances of money remaining in his hands at the termination of his office, and shall exercise all reasonable diligence and care in the preservation and lawful disposal of all money, books, papers and securities or other property appertaining to his said office, and deliver them to his successor or to any person authorized to receive the same, if he shall faithfully and impartially, without fear, favor, fraud or oppression, discharge all other duties now or hereafter required of his office by law, then this bond to be void, otherwise in full force.

SIGNED THIS 7th DAY OF December, 2001

Douglas H. Ballard Jr.  
 Douglas H. Ballard Jr. Principal  
 Employers Mutual Casualty Company  
 Surety

By: Lynn H. Humber  
 Attorney-in-fact

STATE OF Alabama Shelby COUNTY, ss:

I, Douglas H. Ballard, JR., solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the State of Alabama, and that I will faithfully and impartially to the best of my ability discharge the duties of the office Coroner in Shelby County, Alabama as now or hereafter required by law.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this, 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2001.

Douglas H. Ballard Jr.  
Kay Hicks  
 Notary Public

Kay Hicks  
 Notary Public State of Alabama  
 Commission Expires  
 April 14, 2005

# EMC Insurance Companies

P.O. Box 712 • Des Moines, Iowa 50303

No. 447695

## CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that:

1. Employers Mutual Casualty Company, an Iowa Corporation
2. EMCASCO Insurance Company, an Iowa Corporation
3. Union Insurance Company of Providence, an Iowa Corporation
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5. Dakota Fire Insurance Company, a North Dakota Corporation
6. EMC Property & Casualty Company, an Iowa Corporation
7. The Hamilton Mutual Insurance Company, an Ohio Corporation

hereinafter referred to severally as "Company" and collectively as "Companies", each does, by these presents, make, constitute and appoint:

JULIE M. BROWN, HUDSON CLAYTON BUSH, LIZZIE H. HEMBREE, DAVID J. POUNDSTONE, INDIVIDUALLY, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

its true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority conferred to sign, seal, and execute its lawful bonds, undertakings, and other obligatory instruments of a similar nature as follows:

IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ..... (\$250,000.00)

and to bind each Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by the duly authorized officers of each such Company, and all of the acts of said attorney pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

The authority hereby granted shall expire August 1, 2004 unless sooner revoked.

## AUTHORITY FOR POWER OF ATTORNEY

This Power-of-Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by the authority of the following resolution of the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies at a regularly scheduled meeting of each company duly called and held in 1999:

**RESOLVED:** The President and Chief Executive Officer, any Vice President, the Treasurer and the Secretary of Employers Mutual Casualty Company shall have power and authority to (1) appoint attorneys-in-fact and authorize them to execute on behalf of each Company and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and (2) to remove any such attorney-in-fact at any time and revoke the power and authority given to him or her. Attorneys-in-fact shall have power and authority, subject to the terms and limitations of the power-of-attorney issued to them, to execute and deliver on behalf of the Company, and to attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such instrument executed by any such attorney-in-fact shall be fully and in all respects binding upon the Company. Certification as to the validity of any power-of-attorney authorized herein made by an officer of Employers Mutual Casualty Company shall be fully and in all respects binding upon this Company. The facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of such officer, whether made heretofore or hereafter, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power-of-attorney of the Company, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and affect as though manually affixed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused these presents to be signed for each by their officers as shown, and the Corporate seals to be hereto affixed this 11th day of May, 2001

Seals



*Bruce G. Kelley*

Bruce G. Kelley, Chairman  
of Companies 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6; President  
of Company 1; Vice Chairman and  
CEO of Company 7

*Donald L. Coughenower*

Donald L. Coughenower  
Assistant Secretary

On this 11th day of May, AD 2001 before me a Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa, personally appeared Bruce G. Kelley and Donald L. Coughenower, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that they are, and are known to me to be the Chairman, President, Vice Chairman and CEO, and/or Assistant Secretary, respectively, of each of The Companies above; that the seals affixed to this instrument are the seals of said corporations; that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of each of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors; and that the said Bruce G. Kelley and Donald L. Coughenower, as such officers, acknowledge the execution of said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of each of the Companies. My Commission Expires November 1, 2002.

*Elizabeth A. Scavo*

Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa

## CERTIFICATE

I, David L. Hixenbaugh, Vice President of the Companies, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution of the Boards of Directors by each of the Companies, and this Power of Attorney issued pursuant thereto on May 11, 2001 on behalf of Julie M. Brown, Hudson Clayton Bush, Lizzie H. Hembree, David J. Poundstone are true and correct and are still in full force and effect.

In Testimony Whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed the facsimile seal of each Company this 17 day of August, 2001

*David L. Hixenbaugh*

Vice-President



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
STATE OF ALABAMA

DON SIEGELMAN  
GOVERNOR

STATE CAPITOL  
600 DEXTER AVENUE, ROOM N-104  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130

(334) 242-7100  
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July 31, 2001

Mr. Doug Ballard, Jr.  
5730 Highway 22  
Montevallo, Alabama 35115-8612

Dear Doug:

By this letter, I hereby appoint you as Shelby County coroner to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Stephen Pustilnik. Your appointment is effective immediately.

I appreciate your serving in this capacity, and I am confident you will render a valuable service to the citizens of Alabama.

I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Don Siegelman in black ink, written over the word "Sincerely,".

Don Siegelman  
Governor

DS:JH:oi

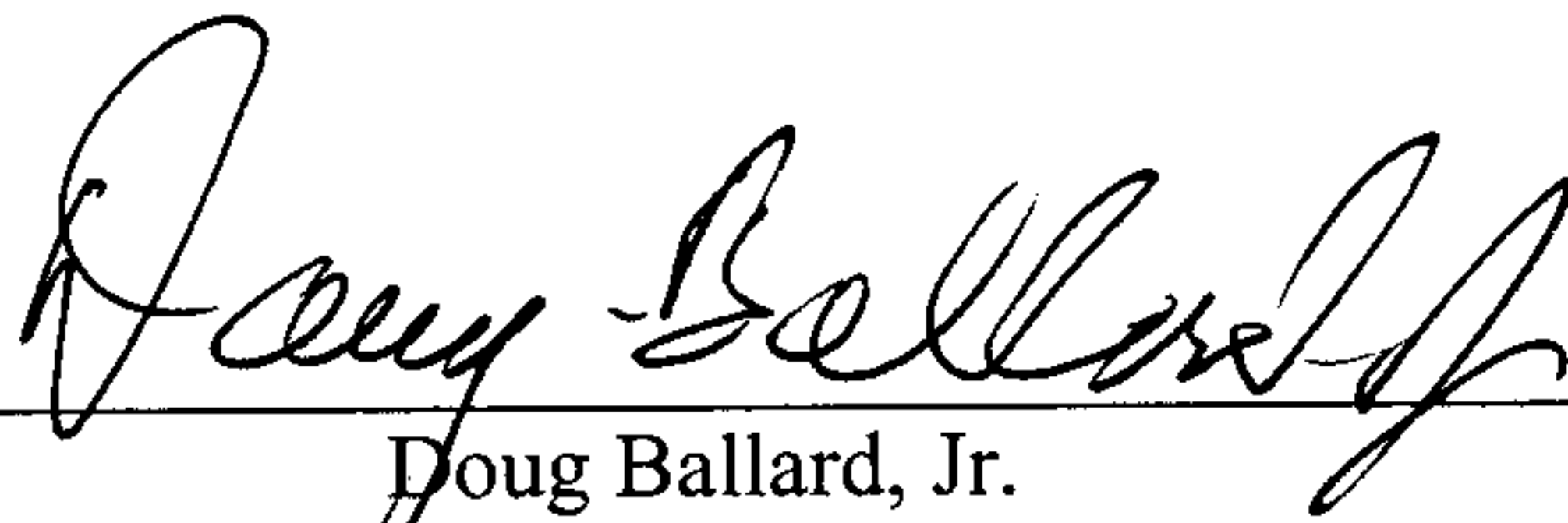
cc: Dannie Shockley

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## ***OATH OF OFFICE***

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I, Doug Ballard, Jr., 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 to be 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.



Doug Ballard, Jr.  
Shelby County Coroner

The above Oath of Office was sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 31st day of July, 2001.



Don Siegelman  
Governor

Inst. # 2002-00562

01/03/2002-00562

02:25 PM CERTIFIED

SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE

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