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STATE OF ALABAMA
SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, L. E. Parker, a Notary Public in and for the State of Alabama at Large, personally appeared Alex Etreess, who is known to me and after first being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

My name is Alex Etreess. I am 72 years of age and reside in Shelby County, Alabama. I have been familiar with the land described hereinbelow and have known its possessors for more than 40 years. This land is best described as:

All of Section 25, Township 24 North, Range 15 East, lying west of Coosa River in Shelby County, Alabama. Minerals and mining rights excepted.

I know that in about 1925, all of the above described land was in the possession of John W. Fitzgerald and John J. Fitzgerald who claimed joint title thereto. After the death of the said John J. Fitzgerald in about 1927, his heirs at law and next of kin and John W. Fitzgerald formed a corporation called Fitzgerald Estate, Inc., and operated as a land leasing company selling timber and renting land for farming for several years before deeding this land and relinquishing their possession to R. E. Coper in about 1931. The said R. E. Coper and his heirs continued as possessors and title claimants until in about 1942 when they deeded this land to D. R. Boozer who moved into immediate possession of this land under the claim of ownership continuously until in about 1947 when he conveyed this land to Allen K. Wood. Later in that same year the said Allen K. Wood deeded this land to Wood Lumber Company, Inc. In about 1950, the Wood Lumber Company, Inc., deeded this land back to Allen K. Wood, who in 1951 conveyed this land by deed and relinquished his possession to Gulf States Paper Corporation who has continued as possessor and title claimant up until the present time.

I know that Gulf States Paper Corporation and their predecessors in title during the past 40 years have been in the actual, continuous and exclusive possession of the hereinabove described land. Their possession has been visible, open, hostile and notorious. They have assessed this land for taxes and have paid the taxes due thereon.

I know that Gulf States Paper Corporation and their predecessors in title during the past 40 years have used this land for the cultivating and the harvesting of timber for market and their own use. They have leased portions of this land for farming and hunting clubs. They have marked this land with signs, granted easements for roads and power lines and have exercised every other act necessary to the peaceful use and enjoyment of this land as was consistent with the nature of the land.

I know of no person or persons claiming any right to the hereinabove described land or any part thereof during the past 40 years other than those named herein in the chain of title nor has any person disputed the possession of this land by Gulf States Paper Corporation and their predecessors in title under the claim of ownership.

I know that the hereinabove described lands have been clearly marked by signs and/or paint markings at all corners and boundary lines, and I know and it is generally recognized and understood throughout this vicinity that this land is the property of the Gulf States Paper Corporation.

Alex Etreess

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 13th day of April, 1967.

[Signature]
Notary Public - State at Large

Tract No. 100-2
Gulf States Paper Corporation

STATE OF ALA., SHELBY CO.
I CERTIFY THIS INSTRUMENT
WAS FILED ON 10 a.m.
5/10 1967

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\$ 1.00 DEED TAX
PD. ON THIS FILE

[Signature]
JUDGE OF PROBATE

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