JEFFERSON COUNTY)

AFFIDAVIT

RE: South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Township 19 South, Range 2 West, Shelby County, Alabama.

Before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said County and said State, personally appeared:

M. M. Argo, Sr. Charles F. DeBardeleben, Jr. Frank Collier

each of whom is known to me and each of whom being by me first duly sworn, deposed and said on oath that:

- l. He has been personally familiar with the title and possession of the above described property located in Shelby County, Alabama, ever since the property was acquired by Cahaba Mines, Inc., an Alabama corporation.
- 2. That he knows of his own knowledge that Cahaba Mines, Inc. bought and received a Tax Deed from the State of Alabama on said property, the same bearing the date of August 30, 1943.
- 3. That continuously since August 30, 1943, Cahaba Mines, Inc. has assessed mid property in the name of Cahaba Mines, Inc. for ad valorem tax purposes in Shelby County, Alabama, and has paid the ad valorem taxes when the same became due and payable.
- 4. That said property was surveyed, marked and continuously used by Cahaba Mines, Inc. from August 30, 1943, to the present date.
- 5. That said property was part of 440 acres owned in fee simple, plus 440 acres of additional mineral interest and 40 acres of surface interest owned by Cahaba Mines, Inc., all of which was contiguous, located in Sections 9, 16 and 17, Township 19, Range 2 West, Shelby County, Alabama, where Cahaba Mines, Inc. has for a period in excess of 25 years immediately preceding the date of this Affidavit mined coal; cut timber; built roads, tipples, electric utility installations and other improvements; fenced said

property in part where it was deemed appropriate, all of which was open, adverse and notorious and constituted actual adverse physical possession of said property.

- 6. That during all of the time referred to above each of the undersigned was an officer, stockholder and director of Cahaba Mines, Inc.
- 7. That to the personal knowledge of each of the undersigned no other party, person, firm or corporation during said period of time has claimed or asserted any right, title or interest in and to the surface rights of said property.

Frank Collier

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of April, 1968.

Notary Public