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THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF ALABASTER

AND

VALLEY STEEL PRODUCTS COMPANY

LEASE AGREEMENT

DATED AS OF DECEMBER 1, 1983

(VALLEY STEEL PRODUCTS COMPANY PROJECT)

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NOTE: THIS LEASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO FIRST ALABAMA BANK OF BIRMINGHAM, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, AS TRUSTEE UNDER A MORTGAGE AND INDENTURE OF TRUST, DATED AS OF DECEMBER 1, 1983, BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ALABASTER AND SUCH TRUSTEE, AS AMENDED OR SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME.

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LEASE AGREEMENT, dated as of December 1, 1983, between THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ALABASTER (the "Lessor"), a public corporation duly organized and existing under the constitution and laws of the state of Alabama, and VALLEY STEEL PRODUCTS COMPANY (the "Lessee"), a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri.

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the Lessor was organized pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 648 adopted at the 1949 Regular Session of the Legislature of the State of Alabama, approved September 19, 1949, as amended (said Act being codified as Chapter 54, Article 4, Code of Alabama, 1975 and hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Act"); and,

WHEREAS, under the Act the Lessor has the following, among other powers:

(a) to acquire land and buildings and other improvements thereon and machinery and equipment in order to promote industry, develop trade and further the use of the agricultural products and natural resources of the State of Alabama (the "State"), by inducing manufacturing, industrial, commercial and research enterprises to establish new projects within the State;

(b) to enlarge and expand existing projects located in the State and to lease the same as a project; and,

WHEREAS, the Lessor is authorized by the Act to lease to others any or all of its projects for such rentals and upon such terms and conditions as the Lessor may deem advisable, and to issue industrial development revenue bonds payable solely from the lease revenues and receipts from, and secured by, a first mortgage on land, buildings, machinery and equipment and other improvements acquired with the proceeds of the sale thereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Lessor has made the necessary arrangements with the Lessee for acquiring real property and equipping thereon a facility for the processing, threading, warehousing and distribution of steel piping (the said real property, equipment and improvements being hereinafter referred to as the "Project"), which will be of the character and accomplish the purposes provided by the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Lessor proposes to undertake the Project as an authorized project under said Act and to finance the cost therefor by the issuance of its bonds under the Indenture, (as hereinafter defined); and,

WHEREAS, all Bonds issued under said Indenture will be secured by a first mortgage on the Project, by a pledge of this Lease Agreement, and by a pledge of the revenues and receipts derived by the Lessor from the leasing or sale of said Project, provided that said Bonds never shall constitute the debt or indebtedness of the Town of Alabaster, Alabama (the "Town"), within the meaning of any provision or limitation of the constitution or statutes of Alabama, and shall not constitute or give rise to a pecuniary liability of the Lessor, its members or the Town or a charge against its or their general credit or the taxing powers of the Town; and,

WHEREAS, the Bonds will be further secured by the unconditional guaranty of payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds by Valley Industries, Inc., the parent company of the Lessee; and

WHEREAS, the Lessor desires to acquire, construct and lease the Project to the Lessee and the Lessee desires to lease and rent from the Lessor said Project upon the terms and conditions as hereinafter in this Lease Agreement set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto do hereby covenant, agree and bind themselves as follows, to-wit:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 Definitions. In addition to the words and terms elsewhere defined in this Lease Agreement, the following words and terms, as used in this Lease Agreement, shall have the following meanings unless the context or use indicates another or different meaning or intent:

"Act" means Act No. 648 enacted at the 1949 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama, as heretofore amended, said Act being codified as Chapter 54, Article 4, Code of Alabama 1975.

"Additional Bonds" means the additional parity bonds authorized to be issued pursuant to Section 206 of the Indenture.

"Authorized Lessee Representative" means the person at the time designated to act in behalf of the Lessee by written certificate furnished to the Lessor and the Trustee signed on behalf of the Lessee. Such certificate may designate an alternate or alternates.

"Authorized Lessor Representative" means the person or persons at the time designated to act in behalf of the Lessor by written certificate furnished to the Lessee and the Trustee and signed on behalf of the Lessor by its Chairman, Vice Chairman, or Secretary.

"Base Rate" means that rate established from time to time and announced by First Alabama Bank of Birmingham as its "base rate", such rate being an interest rate used as an index for establishing interest rates on loans.

"Bonds" shall have the same meaning as described in the form if Bonds set forth in the Indenture.

"Bond Fund" means the Fund created in Section 502 of the Indenture.

"Building" means that certain building and all other facilities forming a part of the Project and not constituting part of the Leased Equipment which are required by Section 4.1 hereof to be constructed on the Leased Land, as they may at any time exist.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended and at the time in force and effect.

"Completion Date" means the date of completion of the acquisition, improvement, equipping and improvement of the Project as that date shall be certified as provided in Section 4.5 hereof.

"Construction Fund" means the fund created in Section 601 of the Indenture.

"Construction Period" means the period between the beginning of construction or the date on which the Bonds are first delivered to the purchasers thereof, whichever is earlier, and the Completion Date.

"Cost of Construction" with respect to the Project shall be deemed to include the following:

(a) obligations of the Lessor or the Lessee incurred for labor and materials (including reimbursements payable to the Lessor or the Lessee and payments on contracts in the name of the Lessor or the Lessee) in connection with the acquisition, improvement and equipping of the Project;

(b) the cost of contract bonds and of insurance of all kinds that may be required or necessary during the course of construction of the Project;

(c) all costs of engineering services, including the costs of the Lessor or the Lessee, for test borings, surveys, estimates, plans and specifications and preliminary investigation therefor, and for supervising construction, as well as the performance of all other duties required by or consequent upon the proper construction of the Project;

(d) all expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, including, without limitation, compensation and expenses of the Trustee, legal expenses and fees and recording and filing fees;

(e) all other costs and allowances which the Lessor or the Lessee may properly pay, accrue, or incur with respect to the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of the Project; and

(f) any sums required to reimburse the Lessor or the Lessee for advances made by either of them for any of the above items, or for any other costs incurred, and for work done by either of them which are properly chargeable to the Project.

"County" means Shelby County, Alabama.

"Determination of Taxability" means a final determination that interest on the Bonds is subject to federal income taxation for any reason other than the circumstances described in section 103(b)(13) of the Code. Such a determination shall be deemed to have been made upon the occurrence of either of the following:

- (a) the date on which the Lessee or the Trustee shall be advised by private ruling, technical advice or other written communication from an authorized official of the Internal Revenue Service that interest on the Bonds is subject to federal income taxation; or
- (b) the date on which the Lessee shall receive from the Trustee notice in writing that the Trustee has been advised by an authorized official of the Internal Revenue Service that interest on the Bonds is subject to federal income taxation;

provided

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are located within

"State" means the State of Alabama.

"Substantial User" means a "substantial user" as that term is used in Section 103(b) of the Code and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Town" means the Town of Alabaster, Alabama, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alabama.

"Trustee" means the First Alabama Bank of Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama, and its successors and any corporation resulting from or surviving any consolidation or merger to which it or its successors may be a party and any successor trustee at the time serving as successor trustee hereunder.

"Unimproved" when used with reference to the Leased Land means any part or parts of the Leased Land upon the surface of which no part of a building or other structure rests.

ARTICLE II

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

Section 2.1 Representations and Warranties by the Lessor.
The Lessor represents and warrants that:

(a) The Lessor is a public corporation and an instrumentality of the State, duly organized and validly existing under the Act. Under the provisions of the Act, the Lessor has the power to enter into the transactions contemplated by this Lease Agreement and to carry out its obligations hereunder. The Lessor is not in default under any of the provisions of its certificate of incorporation, by-laws or of the laws of the State. By proper corporate action, the Lessor has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Lease Agreement. Subject to Section 9.3 hereof, the Lessor agrees that it will do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its existence.

(b) By resolution duly adopted on December 1, 1983, the Lessor took affirmative action providing for the financing of the Project through the issuance of the Bonds. Based upon the Lessee's representations, the Lessor has found and does hereby declare that the issuance of the Bonds and the use of the proceeds derived from the sale of the Bonds to pay the costs of acquiring, constructing, equipping and improving the Project will result in the promotion of the public good and general welfare, trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities and the promotion of the general welfare of the Town and State, and the Lessor, in

issuing the Bonds, will be acting in furtherance of the public purposes for which it was created.

(c) The Lessor proposes to provide funds for the acquisition, installation and equipping of the Project, as may be necessary, and has agreed to lease the Project to the Lessee, all as hereinafter provided.

(d) The Lessor has determined that the issuance of the Bonds as described in the Indenture, the acquisition, installation and equipping of the Project and the leasing of the same to Lessee is a lawful and valid public purpose in that it will promote industry, develop trade and further the use of agricultural products and natural and human resources of the Town and the State, all as provided in the Act.

(e) The Project will constitute a "project" within the meaning of the Act.

(f) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, it is the intention of the Lessor that any obligation it may hereby incur for the payment of money shall not be a general debt on its part but shall be payable solely from proceeds derived from this Lease Agreement, the sale of the Bonds and the insurance and condemnation awards as herein provided.

(g) Prior to, or simultaneously with the delivery of this Lease Agreement, the Leased Land has been conveyed to the Lessor with such improvements as may exist thereon; the Lessor will acquire and install the Leased Equipment in the Building or on the Leased Land; will acquire, install and construct all personal property deemed necessary by the Lessee for the Project; and, will lease the Project to the Lessee on the terms hereinafter set forth, all for the purpose of creating employment, promoting industry and developing trade in the Town by inducing the Lessee to locate and operate the Project within twenty-five miles of the corporate limits of the Town, and to further the use of the agricultural products and natural resources of the State.

(h) The Indenture will be delivered by the parties thereto and the Bonds will be issued and delivered by the Lessor contemporaneously with the delivery of this Lease Agreement.

(i) The Bonds are issued under and secured by the Indenture, pursuant to which the Lessor's interest in the Project is mortgaged, its interest in this Lease Agreement is assigned and the revenues and receipts derived by the Lessor from the leasing or sale of the Project, are pledged to the Trustee as security for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

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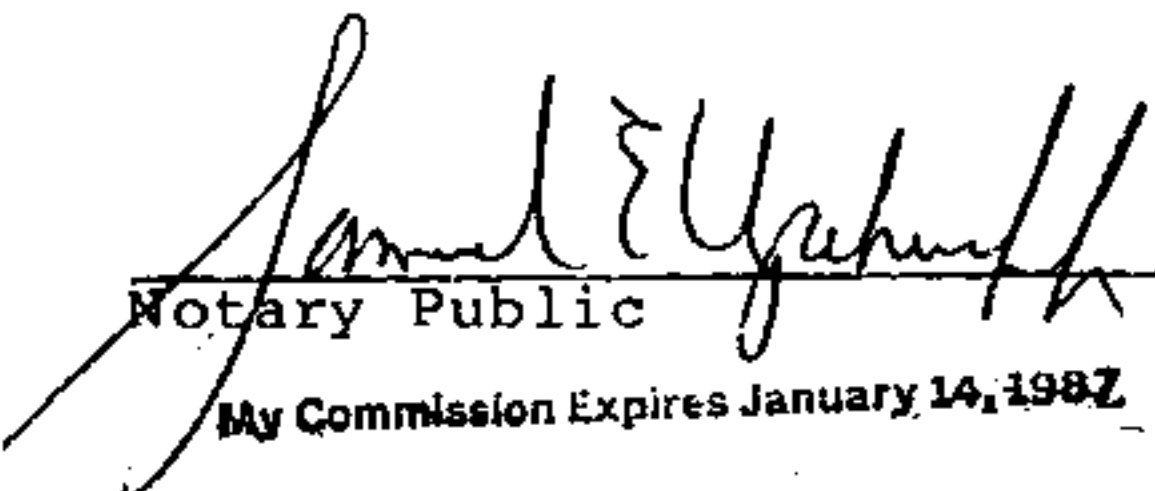
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BOARD

STATE OF ALABAMA)

COUNTY OF SHELBY)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Reid Long, whose name as Chairman of The Industrial Development Board of the Town of Alabaster, a public 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 this Lease Agreement, he, as such officer and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said corporation.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 28th day of December, 1983.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires January 14, 1987

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