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Thomas A. Snowden, Jr. Judge of the Court of Probate, Shelby County, Alabama P. O. Box 467 Columbiana, Al 35051

RE: BOND NUMBER 4398722 on behalf of Ruby Thornton, Administrator of the estate of A. R. Thornton, Sr.

Dear Judge Snowden:

As a condition for SAFECO Insurance Company to write the above referenced bond, we have required the establishment of joint control between Ruby Thornton and her attorney over the cash and securities in the estate of A. R. Thornton, Sr. Another condition is that the probate court be petitioned for approval for the administrator to continue to operate any business enterprises included in the estate, particularly Dixie Western World.

Mrs. Thornton has attempted to establish joint control over the cash and securities with the various financial institutions. Understandably, some of the financial institutuions have refused to accept and acknowledge the joint control cards until appropriate letters of administration are issued giving Ruby Thornton access to the accounts. It is the understanding of the undersigned that proper joint control will be established over the cash and securities of the estate as soon as practical after letters of administration have been issued and that satisfactory evidence of such joint control will be conveyed to SAFECO Insurance Company.

Please have the attached copy of this letter acknowledged by an authorized officer of the court on the space indicated below, and return it in the envelope provided.

SAFECO Insurance Company

by Roderick a Williams

Roderick A. Williams, Surety Representative

Ruby Thornton

Received and acknowledged by the Court of Probate, Shelby County, Alabama

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