

# MORTGAGE

## (Participation)

This mortgage made and entered into this 8 day of Nov 19 96, by and between NOVUS UTILITY SERVICES, INC.,, an Alabama corporation, whose address is 728 Volare Drive, Pelham, AL 35124 (hereinafter referred to as mortgagor) and BIRMINGHAM CITY WIDE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (hereinafter referred to as mortgagee), who maintains an office and place of business at 710 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203

WITNESSETH, that for the consideration hereinafter stated, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the mortgagor does hereby mortgage, sell, grant, assign, and convey unto the mortgagee, his successors and assigns, all of the following described property situated and being in the County of Shelby State of Alabama

The property described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

[Subject to a prior mortgage to AmSouth Bank of Alabama]

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Together with and including all buildings, all fixtures including but not limited to all plumbing, heating, lighting, ventilating, refrigerating, incinerating, air conditioning apparatus, and elevators (the mortgagor hereby declaring that it is intended that the items herein enumerated shall be deemed to have been permanently installed as part of the realty), and all improvements now or hereafter existing thereon; the hereditaments and appurtenances and all other rights thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, all rights of redemption, and the rents, issues, and profits of the above described property (provided, however, that the mortgagor shall be entitled to the possession of said property and to collect and retain the rents, issues, and profits until default hereunder). To have and to hold the same unto the mortgagee and the successors in interest of the mortgagee forever in fee simple or such other estate, if any, as is stated herein.

The mortgagor covenants that he is lawfully seized and possessed of and has the right to sell and convey said property; that the same is free from all encumbrances except as hereinabove recited; and that he hereby binds himself and his successors in interest to warrant and defend the title aforesaid thereto and every part thereof against the claims of all persons whomsoever.

This instrument is given to secure the payment of a promissory note dated This date in the principal sum of \$ 176,000.00 signed by NOVUS UTILITY SERVICES, INC., and which has a ~~XXXXXX~~ maturity date in accordance with its terms during the year 2016.

Said promissory note was given to secure a loan in which the Small Business Administration, an agency of the United States of America, has participated. In compliance with section 101.1(d) of the Rules and Regulations of the Small Business Administration [13 C.F.R. 101.1(d)], this instrument is to be construed and enforced in accordance with applicable Federal law.

1. The mortgagor covenants and agrees as follows:

a. He will promptly pay the indebtedness evidenced by said promissory note at the times and in the manner therein provided.

b. He will pay all taxes, assessments, water rates, and other governmental or municipal charges, fines, or impositions, for which provision has not been made hereinbefore, and will promptly deliver the official receipts therefor to the said mortgagee.

c. He will pay such expenses and fees as may be incurred in the protection and maintenance of said property, including the fees of any attorney employed by the mortgagee for the collection of any or all of the indebtedness hereby secured, or foreclosure by mortgagee's sale, or court proceedings, or in any other litigation or proceeding affecting said property. Attorneys' fees reasonably incurred in any other way shall be paid by the mortgagor.

d. For better security of the indebtedness hereby secured, upon the request of the mortgagee, its successors or assigns, he shall execute and deliver a supplemental mortgage or mortgages covering any additions, improvements, or betterments made to the property hereinabove described and all property acquired by it after the date hereof (all in form satisfactory to mortgagee). Furthermore, should mortgagor fail to cure any default in the payment of a prior or inferior encumbrance on the property described by this instrument, mortgagor hereby agrees to permit mortgagee to cure such default, but mortgagee is not obligated to do so; and such advances shall become part of the indebtedness secured by this instrument, subject to the same terms and conditions.

e. The rights created by this conveyance shall remain in full force and effect during any postponement or extension of the time of the payment of the indebtedness evidenced by said promissory note or any part thereof secured hereby.

f. He will continuously maintain hazard insurance, of such type or types and in such amounts as the mortgagee may from time to time require on the improvements now or hereafter on said property, and will pay promptly when due any premiums thereof. All insurance shall be carried in companies acceptable to mortgagee and the policies and renewals thereof shall be held by mortgagee and have attached thereto loss payable clauses in favor of and in form acceptable to the mortgagee. In event of loss, mortgagor will give immediate notice in writing to mortgagee, and mortgagee may make proof of loss if not made promptly by mortgagor, and each insurance company concerned is hereby authorized and directed to make payment for such loss directly to mortgagee instead of to mortgagor and mortgagee jointly, and the insurance proceeds, or any part thereof, may be applied by mortgagee at its option either to the reduction of the indebtedness hereby secured or to the restoration or repair of the property damaged or destroyed. In event of foreclosure of this mortgage, or other transfer of title to said property in extinguishment of the indebtedness secured hereby, all right, title, and interest of the mortgagor in and to any insurance policies then in force shall pass to the purchaser or mortgagee or, at the option of the mortgagee, may be surrendered for a refund.

g. He will keep all buildings and other improvements on said property in good repair and condition; will permit, commit, or suffer no waste, impairment, deterioration of said property or any part thereof; in the event of failure of the mortgagor to keep the buildings on said premises and those erected on said premises, or improvements thereon, in good repair, the mortgagee may make such repairs as in its discretion it may deem necessary for the proper preservation thereof; and the full amount of each and every such payment shall be immediately due and payable; and shall be secured by the lien of this mortgage.

h. He will not voluntarily create or permit to be created against the property subject to this mortgage any lien or liens inferior or superior to the lien of this mortgage without the written consent of the mortgagee; and further, that he will keep and maintain the same free from the claim of all persons supplying labor or materials for construction of any and all buildings or improvements now being erected or to be erected on said premises.

i. He will not rent or assign any part of the rent of said mortgaged property or demolish, or remove, or substantially alter any building without the written consent of the mortgagee.

j. All awards of damages in connection with any condemnation for public use of or injury to any of the property subject to this mortgage are hereby assigned and shall be paid to mortgagee, who may apply the same to payment of the installments last due under said note, and mortgagee is hereby authorized, in the name of the mortgagor, to execute and deliver valid acquittances thereof and to appeal from any such award.

k. The mortgagee shall have the right to inspect the mortgaged premises at any reasonable time.

2. Default in any of the covenants or conditions of this instrument or of the note or loan agreement secured hereby shall terminate the mortgagor's right to possession, use, and enjoyment of the property, at the option of the mortgagee or his assigns (it being agreed that the mortgagor shall have such right until default). Upon any such default, the mortgagee shall become the owner of all of the rents and profits accruing after default as security for the indebtedness secured hereby, with the right to enter upon said property for the purpose of collecting such rents and profits. This instrument shall operate as an assignment of any rentals on said property to that extent.



3. The mortgagor covenants and agrees that if he shall fail to pay said indebtedness or any part thereof when due, or shall fail to perform any covenant or agreement of this instrument or the promissory note secured hereby, the entire indebtedness hereby secured shall immediately become due, payable, and collectible without notice, at the option of the mortgagee or assigns, regardless of maturity, and the mortgagee or his assigns may before or after entry sell said property without appraisal (the mortgagor having waived and assigned to the mortgagee all rights of appraisal):

(I) at judicial sale pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. 2001 (a); or

(II) at the option of the mortgagee, either by auction or by solicitation of sealed bids, for the highest and best bid complying with the terms of sale and manner of payment specified in the published notice of sale, first giving four weeks' notice of the time, terms, and place of such sale, by advertisement not less than once during each of said four weeks in a newspaper published or distributed in the county in which said property is situated, all other notice being hereby waived by the mortgagor (and said mortgagee, or any person on behalf of said mortgagee, may bid with the unpaid indebtedness evidenced by said note). Said sale shall be held at or on the property to be sold or at the Federal, county, or city courthouse for the county in which the property is located. The mortgagee is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the mortgagor and to deliver to the purchaser at such sale a sufficient conveyance of said property, which conveyance shall contain recitals as to the happening of the default upon which the execution of the power of sale herein granted depends; and the said mortgagor hereby constitutes and appoints the mortgagee or any agent or attorney of the mortgagee, the agent and attorney in fact of said mortgagor to make such recitals and to execute said conveyance and hereby covenants and agrees that the recitals so made shall be effectual to bar all equity or right of redemption, homestead, dower, and all other exemptions of the mortgagor, all of which are hereby expressly waived and conveyed to the mortgagee; or

(III) take any other appropriate action pursuant to state or Federal statute either in state or Federal court or otherwise for the disposition of the property.

In the event of a sale as hereinbefore provided, the mortgagor or any persons in possession under the mortgagor shall then become and be tenants holding over and shall forthwith deliver possession to the purchaser at such sale or be summarily dispossessed, in accordance with the provisions of law applicable to tenants holding over. The power and agency hereby granted are coupled with an interest and are irrevocable by death or otherwise, and are granted as cumulative to the remedies for collection of said indebtedness provided by law.

4. The proceeds of any sale of said property in accordance with the preceding paragraphs shall be applied first to pay the costs and expenses of said sale, the expenses incurred by the mortgagee for the purpose of protecting or maintaining said property, and reasonable attorneys' fees; secondly, to pay the indebtedness secured hereby; and thirdly, to pay any surplus or excess to the person or persons legally entitled thereto.

5. In the event said property is sold at a judicial foreclosure sale or pursuant to the power of sale hereinabove granted, and the proceeds are not sufficient to pay the total indebtedness secured by this instrument and evidenced by said promissory note, the mortgagee will be entitled to a deficiency judgment for the amount of the *deficiency without regard to appraisal*.

6. In the event the mortgagor fails to pay any Federal, state, or local tax assessment, income tax or other tax lien, charge, fee, or other expense charged against the property the mortgagee is hereby authorized at his option to pay the same. Any sums so paid by the mortgagee shall be added to and become a part of the principal amount of the indebtedness evidenced by said note, subject to the same terms and conditions. If the mortgagor shall pay and discharge the indebtedness evidenced by said promissory note, and shall pay such sums and shall discharge all taxes and liens and the costs, fees, and expenses of making, enforcing, and executing this mortgage, then this mortgage shall be canceled and surrendered.

7. The covenants herein contained shall bind and the benefits and advantages shall inure to the respective successors and assigns of the parties hereto. Whenever used, the singular number shall include the plural, the plural the singular, and the use of any gender shall include all genders.

8. No waiver of any covenant herein or of the obligation secured hereby shall at any time thereafter be held to be a waiver of the terms hereof or of the note secured hereby.

9. A judicial decree, order, or judgment holding any provision or portion of this instrument invalid or unenforceable shall not in any way impair or preclude the enforcement of the remaining provisions or portions of this instrument.

10. Any written notice to be issued to the mortgagor pursuant to the provisions of this instrument shall be addressed to the mortgagor at 728 Volare Drive, Pelham, Alabama 35214 and any written notice to be issued to the mortgagee shall be addressed to the mortgagee at 710 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the mortgagor has executed this instrument and the mortgagee has accepted delivery of this instrument as of the day and year aforesaid.

NOVUS UTILITY SERVICES, INC.

By: [Signature]  
Edward R. Becker (Its President)

ATTEST: [Signature]  
James E. Mulvaney (Its Secretary)

Executed and delivered in the presence of the following witnesses:

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STATE OF ALABAMA ) (Add Appropriate Acknowledgment)  
JEFFERSON COUNTY )

I, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Edward R. Becker, whose name as President of NOVUS UTILITY SERVICES, INC., a corporation, is signed to the foregoing agreement and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of said agreement, he as such officer, and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily, as an act of said corporation.

Given under my hand and official seal, this 8 day of Nov, 1996.

[Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires: 6/7/99

**MORTGAGE**

NOVUS UTILITY SERVICES, INC.

TO

BIRMINGHAM CITY WIDE LOCAL  
DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

**RECORDING DATA**

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1989 O-940-275

**RETURN TO: Prepared by:**

Karen F. Bean

Name .. ENCEL, HAIRSTON & JOHANSON, P. C.

P. O. Box 370027

Address Birmingham, Alabama 35237...



EXHIBIT "A"  
TO  
MORTGAGE  
PRIOR LIENHOLDER'S AGREEMENT  
SELLERS/OWNERS AFFIDAVIT AND INDEMNITY  
HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE INDEMNIFICATION AND WARRANTY AGREEMENT

BORROWER: NOVUS UTILITY SERVICES, INC.

LENDER: BIRMINGHAM CITY WIDE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

PARCEL A:

From the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 19 South, Range 3 West, run Northerly along the West boundary line of said Quarter-Quarter Section, 24.10 feet to a point on the old railroad bed of the Acton Branch of the L & N R.R.; thence turn an angle of 71 degrees 23 minutes 40 seconds to the right and run Northeasterly along said railroad bed for 25.27 feet; thence turn an angle of 2 degrees 56 minutes 40 seconds to the left and continue Northeasterly along said railroad bed for 275.60 feet; thence turn an angle of 0 degrees 39 minutes 40 seconds to the right and continue Northeasterly along said railroad bed for 224.40 feet; thence turn an angle of 96 degrees 35 minutes to the left and run Northwesterly 50.00 feet to an iron pipe for the point of beginning of the land herein described; thence continue Northwesterly along the same course for 146.00 feet; thence turn an angle of 89 degrees 30 minutes 20 seconds to the right and run Northeasterly 216.50 feet; thence turn an angle of 85 degrees 50 minutes to the right and run Southeasterly 146.00 feet; thence turn an angle of 94 degrees 06 minutes 20 seconds to the right and run Southwesterly 228.25 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. This land being a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 19 South, Range 3 West.

PARCEL B:

From the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 19 South, Range 3 West, run Northerly along the West boundary line of said Quarter-Quarter Section 24.10 feet to a point on the old railroad bed of the Acton Branch of the L. & N. R.R.; thence turn an angle of 71 degrees 23 minutes 40 seconds to the right and run Northeasterly along said railroad bed for 25.27 feet; thence turn an angle of 2 degrees 56 minutes 4 seconds to the left and continue Northeasterly along said railroad bed for 275.60 feet; thence turn an angle of 0 degrees 39 minutes 40 seconds to the right and continue Northeasterly along said railroad bed for 224.40 feet; thence turn an angle of 96 degrees 35 minutes to the left and run Northwesterly 50.00 feet to the point of beginning of the land herein described; thence turn an angle of 89 degrees 26 minutes 40 seconds to the right and run Northeasterly 228.55 feet; thence turn an angle of 126 degrees 53 minutes 30 seconds to the right and run Southwesterly 64.33 feet; thence turn an angle of 27 degrees 53 minutes 45 seconds to the right and continue Southwesterly 191.45 feet; thence turn an angle of 108 degrees 07 minutes 45 seconds to the right and run Northwesterly 134.00 feet to the point of beginning. This land being a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 19 South, Range 3 West.

EXHIBIT "A"  
(continued)

PARCEL C:

From the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 25, Township 19 South, Range 3 West, run Northerly along the West boundary line of said 1/4-1/4 Section, 24.10 feet to a point on the old railroad bed of the Acton Branch of the L. & N. R.R.; thence turn right 71 degrees 23 minutes 40 seconds and run Northeasterly along said railroad bed, 25.27 feet; thence turn left 2 degrees 56 minutes 40 seconds and continue Northeasterly along said railroad bed 275.60 feet; thence turn right 0 degrees 39 minutes 40 seconds and continue Northeasterly along said railroad bed 224.40 feet; thence turn left 96 degrees 35 minutes and run Northwesterly 50.00 feet; thence turn right 89 degrees 26 minutes 40 seconds and run Northeasterly 228.55 feet to the point of beginning; thence turn left 94 degrees 06 minutes 20 seconds and run Northwesterly 146.00 feet; thence turn right 94 degrees 10 minutes and run Northeasterly 5.20 feet to a point on the Southwesterly right of way line of Valleydale Terrace (50' R.O.W.); thence turn right 69 degrees 10 minutes 18 seconds and run Southeasterly along said right of way 140.27 feet to the point of a curve to the right, said curve having a central angle of 22 degrees 15 minutes 47 seconds and a radius of 121.77 feet; thence run Southeasterly along the arc of said curve and along said right of way 47.32 feet to a Point on the Northwesterly right of way of a public road and the point of a curve to the left, said curve having a central angle of 32 degrees 12 minutes 17 seconds and a radius of 142.46 feet; thence run Southwesterly along the arc of said curve and along said right of way 80.07 feet to the end of said curve; thence turn left 16 degrees 06 minutes 09 seconds from the chord of said curve and run Southwesterly 14.34 feet; thence turn right 152 degrees 06 minutes 15 seconds and run Northeasterly 64.33 feet to the point of beginning. This land being a part of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 25, Township 19 South, Range 3 West.

Situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

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