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MORTGAGE
(With Future Advance Clause)

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SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE
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1. **DATE AND PARTIES.** The date of this Mortgage (Security Instrument) is February 13, 1997 and the parties, their addresses and tax identification numbers, if required, are as follows:

MORTGAGOR: Johnny M. Howard, Jr.
husband and wife
114 Highland Drive
Columbiana, AL 35051

Pamela A. Howard
husband and wife
114 Highland Drive
Columbiana, AL 35051

- ☐ If checked, refer to the attached Addendum incorporated herein, for additional Mortgagors, their signatures and acknowledgments.

LENDER: FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SHELBY COUNTY
Organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America
P. O. BOX 977
COLUMBIANA, AL 35051
Taxpayer I.D. #: [REDACTED]

2. **CONVEYANCE.** For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, and to secure the Secured Debt (defined below) and Mortgagor's performance under this Security Instrument, Mortgagor grants, bargains, conveys, sells and mortgages to Lender, with power of sale, the following described property:

Lot 15, according to the Survey of Highlands Subdivison, as recorded in Map Book 5 page 26 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama; being situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

The property is located in Shelby at _____
(County)
114 Highland Drive Columbiana Alabama 35051
(Address) (City) (ZIP Code)

Together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, royalties, mineral rights, oil and gas rights, all water and riparian rights, ditches, and water stock and all existing and future improvements, structures, fixtures, and replacements that may now, or at any time in the future, be part of the real estate described above (all referred to as "Property"). When the Secured Debt (hereafter defined) is paid in full and all underlying agreements have been terminated, this Mortgage will become null and void.

3. **MAXIMUM OBLIGATION LIMIT.** The total principal amount secured by this Security Instrument at any one time shall not exceed \$ 40,000.00. This limitation of amount does not include interest and other fees and charges validly made pursuant to this Security Instrument. Also, this limitation does not apply to advances made under the terms of this Security Instrument to protect Lender's security and to perform any of the covenants contained in this Security Instrument.
4. **SECURED DEBT AND FUTURE ADVANCES.** The term "Secured Debt" is defined as follows:
A. Debt incurred under the terms of all promissory note(s), contract(s), guaranty(s) or other evidence of debt described below and all their extensions, renewals, modifications or substitutions. (When referencing the debts below it is suggested that you include items such as borrowers' names, note amounts, interest rates, maturity dates, etc.)
Home Equity Line of Credit Agreement and Disclosure Statement.

B. All future advances from Lender to Mortgagor or other future obligations of Mortgagor to Lender under any promissory note, contract, guaranty, or other evidence of debt executed by Mortgagor in favor of Lender executed after this Security Instrument whether or not this Security Instrument is specifically referenced. If more than one person signs this Security Instrument, each Mortgagor agrees that this Security Instrument will secure all future advances and future obligations that are given to or incurred by any one or more Mortgagor, or any one or more Mortgagor and others. All future advances and other future obligations are secured by this Security Instrument even though all or part may not yet be advanced. All future advances and other future obligations are secured as if made on the date of this Security Instrument. Nothing in this Security Instrument shall constitute a commitment to make additional or future loans or advances in any amount. Any such commitment must be agreed to in a separate writing.

C. All obligations Mortgagor owes to Lender, which may later arise, to the extent not prohibited by law, including, but not limited to, liabilities for overdrafts relating to any deposit account agreement between Mortgagor and Lender.

D. All additional sums advanced and expenses incurred by Lender for insuring, preserving or otherwise protecting the Property and its value and any other sums advanced and expenses incurred by Lender under the terms of this Security Instrument.

This Security Instrument will not secure any other debt if Lender fails to give any required notice of the right of rescission.

5. **PAYMENTS.** Mortgagor agrees that all payments under the Secured Debt will be paid when due and in accordance with the terms of the Secured Debt and this Security Instrument.

6. **WARRANTY OF TITLE.** Mortgagor warrants that Mortgagor is or will be lawfully seized of the estate conveyed by this Security Instrument and has the right to grant, bargain, convey, sell, and mortgage, with the power of sale, the Property. Mortgagor also warrants that the Property is unencumbered, except for encumbrances noted above.

7. **PRIOR SECURITY INTERESTS.** With regard to any other mortgage, deed of trust, security agreement or other lien document that created a prior security interest or encumbrance on the Property, Mortgagor agrees:

A. To make all payments when due and to perform or comply with all covenants.

B. To promptly deliver to Lender any notices that Mortgagor receives from the holder.

C. Not to allow any modification or extension of, nor to request any future advances under any note or agreement secured by the lien document without Lender's prior written consent.

8. **CLAIMS AGAINST TITLE.** Mortgagor will pay all taxes, assessments, liens, encumbrances, lease payments, ground rents, utilities, and other charges relating to the Property when due. Lender may require Mortgagor to provide to Lender copies of all notices that such amounts are due and the receipts evidencing Mortgagor's payment. Mortgagor will defend title to the Property against any claims that would impair the lien of this Security Instrument. Mortgagor agrees to assign to Lender, as requested by Lender, any rights, claims or defenses Mortgagor may have against parties who supply labor or materials to maintain or improve the Property.

9. **DUE ON SALE OR ENCUMBRANCE.** Lender may, at its option, declare the entire balance of the Secured Debt to be immediately due and payable upon the creation of, or contract for the creation of, any lien, encumbrance, transfer or sale of the Property. This right is subject to the restrictions imposed by federal law (12 C.F.R. 591), as applicable. This covenant shall run with the Property and shall remain in effect until the Secured Debt is paid in full and this Security Instrument is released.

10. **PROPERTY CONDITION, ALTERATIONS AND INSPECTION.** Mortgagor will keep the Property in good condition and make all repairs that are reasonably necessary. Mortgagor shall not commit or allow any waste, impairment, or deterioration of the Property. Mortgagor will keep the Property free of noxious weeds and grasses. Mortgagor agrees that the nature of the occupancy and use will not substantially change without Lender's prior written consent. Mortgagor will not permit any change in any license, restrictive covenant or easement without Lender's prior written consent. Mortgagor will notify Lender of all demands, proceedings, claims and actions against Mortgagor, and of any loss or damage to the Property.

Lender or Lender's agents may, at Lender's option, enter the Property at any reasonable time for the purpose of inspecting the Property. Lender shall give Mortgagor notice at the time of or before an inspection specifying a reasonable purpose for the inspection. Any inspection of the Property shall be entirely for Lender's benefit and Mortgagor will in no way rely on Lender's inspection.

11. **AUTHORITY TO PERFORM.** If Mortgagor fails to perform any duty or any of the covenants contained in this Security Instrument, Lender may, without notice, perform or cause them to be performed. Mortgagor appoints Lender as attorney in fact to sign Mortgagor's name or pay any amount necessary for performance. Lender's right to perform for Mortgagor shall not create an obligation to perform, and Lender's failure to perform will not preclude Lender from exercising any of Lender's other rights under the law or this Security Instrument. If any construction on the Property is discontinued or not carried on in a reasonable manner, Lender may take all steps necessary to protect Lender's security interest in the Property, including completion of the construction.

12. **ASSIGNMENT OF LEASES AND RENTS.** Mortgagor irrevocably grants, bargains, conveys, sells and mortgages to Lender as additional security all the right, title and interest in and to any and all existing or future leases, subleases, and any other written or verbal agreements for the use and occupancy of any portion of the Property, including any extensions, renewals, modifications or substitutions of such agreements (all referred to as "Leases") and rents, issues and profits (all referred to as "Rents"). Mortgagor will promptly provide Lender with true and correct copies of all existing and future Leases. Mortgagor may collect, receive, enjoy and use the Rents so long as Mortgagor is not in default under the terms of this Security Instrument.

Mortgagor agrees that this assignment is immediately effective between the parties to this Security Instrument. Mortgagor agrees that this assignment is effective as to third parties on the recording of this Mortgage, and that this assignment will remain in effect during any redemption period until the Secured Debt is satisfied and all underlying agreements are ended, and that this assignment is enforceable when Lender takes actual possession of the Property, when a receiver is appointed, or when Lender notifies Mortgagor of the default and demands that Mortgagor and Mortgagor's tenants pay all future Rents directly to Lender. On receiving notice of default, Mortgagor will endorse and deliver to Lender any payment of Rents in Mortgagor's possession and will receive any Rents in trust for Lender and will not commingle the Rents with any other funds. Any amounts collected will be applied as provided in this Security Instrument. Mortgagor warrants that no default exists under the Leases or any applicable landlord/tenant law. Mortgagor also agrees to maintain and require any tenant to comply with the terms of the Leases and applicable law.

13. **LEASEHOLDS; CONDOMINIUMS; PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS.** Mortgagor agrees to comply with the provisions of any lease if this Security Instrument is on a leasehold. If the Property includes a unit in a condominium,

time-share or a planned unit development, Mortgagor will perform all of Mortgagor's duties under the covenants, by-laws, or regulations of the condominium or planned unit development.

14. **DEFAULT.** Mortgagor will be in default if any party obligated on the Secured Debt fails to make payment when due. Mortgagor will be in default if a breach occurs under the terms of this Security Instrument or any other document executed for the purpose of creating, securing or guarantying the Secured Debt. A good faith belief by Lender that Lender at any time is insecure with respect to any person or entity obligated on the Secured Debt or that the prospect of any payment or the value of the Property is impaired shall also constitute an event of default.

15. **REMEDIES ON DEFAULT.** In some instances, federal and state law will require Lender to provide Mortgagor with notice of the right to cure or other notices and may establish time schedules for foreclosure actions. Subject to these limitations, if any, Lender may accelerate the Secured Debt and foreclose this Security Instrument in a manner provided by law if Mortgagor is in default.

At the option of Lender, all or any part of the agreed fees and charges, accrued interest and principal shall become immediately due and payable, after giving notice if required by law, upon the occurrence of a default or anytime thereafter. In addition, Lender shall be entitled to all the remedies provided by law, including without limitation, the power to sell the Property, the terms of the Secured Debt, this Security Instrument and any related documents. All remedies are distinct, cumulative and not exclusive, and the Lender is entitled to all remedies provided at law or equity, whether or not expressly set forth. The acceptance by Lender of any sum in payment or partial payment on the Secured Debt after the balance is due or is accelerated or after foreclosure proceedings are filed shall not constitute a waiver of Lender's right to require complete cure of any existing default. By not exercising any remedy on Mortgagor's default, Lender does not waive Lender's right to later consider the event a default if it continues or happens again.

If Lender initiates a judicial foreclosure, Lender shall give the notices as required by applicable law. If Lender invokes the power of sale, Lender shall publish the notice of sale, and arrange to sell all or part of the Property, as required by applicable law. Lender or its designee may purchase the Property at any sale. Lender shall apply the proceeds of the sale in the manner required by applicable law. The sale of any part of the Property shall only operate as a foreclosure of the sold Property, so any remaining Property shall continue to secure any unsatisfied Secured Debt and Lender may further foreclose under the power of sale or by judicial foreclosure.

16. **EXPENSES; ADVANCES ON COVENANTS; ATTORNEYS' FEES; COLLECTION COSTS.** Except when prohibited by law, Mortgagor agrees to pay all of Lender's expenses if Mortgagor breaches any covenant in this Security Instrument. Mortgagor will also pay on demand any amount incurred by Lender for insuring, inspecting, preserving or otherwise protecting the Property and Lender's security interest. These expenses will bear interest from the date of the payment until paid in full at the highest interest rate in effect as provided in the terms of the Secured Debt. Mortgagor agrees to pay all costs and expenses incurred by Lender in collecting, enforcing or protecting Lender's rights and remedies under this Security Instrument. This amount may include, but is not limited to, attorneys' fees, court costs, and other legal expenses. This Security Instrument shall remain in effect until released. Mortgagor agrees to pay for any recordation costs of such release.

17. **ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.** As used in this section, (1) Environmental Law means, without limitation, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.), and all other federal, state and local laws, regulations, ordinances, court orders, attorney general opinions or interpretive letters concerning the public health, safety, welfare, environment or a hazardous substance; and (2) Hazardous Substance means any toxic, radioactive or hazardous material, waste, pollutant or contaminant which has characteristics which render the substance dangerous or potentially dangerous to the public health, safety, welfare or environment. The term includes, without limitation, any substances defined as "hazardous material," "toxic substances," "hazardous waste" or "hazardous substance" under any Environmental Law.

Mortgagor represents, warrants and agrees that:

- A. Except as previously disclosed and acknowledged in writing to Lender, no Hazardous Substance is or will be located, stored or released on or in the Property. This restriction does not apply to small quantities of Hazardous Substances that are generally recognized to be appropriate for the normal use and maintenance of the Property.
- B. Except as previously disclosed and acknowledged in writing to Lender, Mortgagor and every tenant have been, are, and shall remain in full compliance with any applicable Environmental Law.
- C. Mortgagor shall immediately notify Lender if a release or threatened release of a Hazardous Substance occurs on, under or about the Property or there is a violation of any Environmental Law concerning the Property. In such an event, Mortgagor shall take all necessary remedial action in accordance with any Environmental Law.
- D. Mortgagor shall immediately notify Lender in writing as soon as Mortgagor has reason to believe there is any pending or threatened investigation, claim, or proceeding relating to the release or threatened release of any Hazardous Substance or the violation of any Environmental Law.

18. **CONDEMNATION.** Mortgagor will give Lender prompt notice of any pending or threatened action, by private or public entities to purchase or take any or all of the Property through condemnation, eminent domain, or any other means. Mortgagor authorizes Lender to intervene in Mortgagor's name in any of the above described actions or claims. Mortgagor assigns to Lender the proceeds of any award or claim for damages connected with a condemnation or other taking of all or any part of the Property. Such proceeds shall be considered payments and will be applied as provided in this Security Instrument. This assignment of proceeds is subject to the terms of any prior mortgage, deed of trust, security agreement or other lien document.

19. **INSURANCE.** Mortgagor shall keep Property insured against loss by fire, flood, theft and other hazards and risks reasonably associated with the Property due to its type and location. This insurance shall be maintained in the amounts and for the periods that Lender requires. The insurance carrier providing the insurance shall be chosen by Mortgagor subject to Lender's approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. If Mortgagor fails to maintain the coverage described above, Lender may, at Lender's option, obtain coverage to protect Lender's rights in the Property according to the terms of this Security Instrument.

All insurance policies and renewals shall be acceptable to Lender and shall include a standard "mortgage clause" and, where applicable, "loss payee clause." Mortgagor shall immediately notify Lender of cancellation or termination of the insurance. Lender shall have the right to hold the policies and renewals. If Lender requires, Mortgagor shall immediately give to Lender all receipts of paid premiums and renewal notices. Upon loss, Mortgagor shall give immediate notice to the insurance carrier and Lender. Lender may make proof of loss if not made immediately by Mortgagor.

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, all insurance proceeds shall be applied to the restoration or repair of the Property or to the Secured Debt, whether or not then due, at Lender's option. Any application of proceeds to principal shall not extend or

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postpone the due date of the scheduled payment nor change the amount of any payment. Any excess will be paid to the Mortgagor. If the Property is acquired by Lender, Mortgagor's right to any insurance policies and proceeds resulting from damage to the Property before the acquisition shall pass to Lender to the extent of the Secured Debt immediately before the acquisition.

20. **ESCROW FOR TAXES AND INSURANCE.** Unless otherwise provided in a separate agreement, Mortgagor will not be required to pay to Lender funds for taxes and insurance in escrow.
21. **FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS.** Mortgagor will provide to Lender upon request, any financial statement or information Lender may deem reasonably necessary. Mortgagor agrees to sign, deliver, and file any additional documents or certifications that Lender may consider necessary to perfect, continue, and preserve Mortgagor's obligations under this Security Instrument and Lender's lien status on the Property.
22. **JOINT AND INDIVIDUAL LIABILITY; CO-SIGNERS; SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS BOUND.** All duties under this Security Instrument are joint and individual. If Mortgagor signs this Security Instrument but does not sign an evidence of debt, Mortgagor does so only to mortgage Mortgagor's interest in the Property to secure payment of the Secured Debt and Mortgagor does not agree to be personally liable on the Secured Debt. If this Security Instrument secures a guaranty between Lender and Mortgagor, Mortgagor agrees to waive any rights that may prevent Lender from bringing any action or claim against Mortgagor or any party indebted under the obligation. These rights may include, but are not limited to, any anti-deficiency or one-action laws. Mortgagor agrees that Lender and any party to this Security Instrument may extend, modify or make any change in the terms of this Security Instrument or any evidence of debt without Mortgagor's consent. Such a change will not release Mortgagor from the terms of this Security Instrument. The duties and benefits of this Security Instrument shall bind and benefit the successors and assigns of Mortgagor and Lender.
23. **APPLICABLE LAW; SEVERABILITY; INTERPRETATION.** This Security Instrument is governed by the laws of the jurisdiction in which Lender is located, except to the extent otherwise required by the laws of the jurisdiction where the Property is located. This Security Instrument is complete and fully integrated. This Security Instrument may not be amended or modified by oral agreement. Any section in this Security Instrument, attachments, or any agreement related to the Secured Debt that conflicts with applicable law will not be effective, unless that law expressly or impliedly permits the variation by written agreement. If any section of this Security Instrument cannot be enforced according to its terms, that section will be severed and will not affect the enforceability of the remainder of this Security Instrument. Whenever used, the singular shall include the plural and the plural the singular. The captions and headings of the sections of this Security Instrument are for convenience only and are not to be used to interpret or define the terms of this Security Instrument. Time is of the essence in this Security Instrument.
24. **NOTICE.** Unless otherwise required by law, any notice shall be given by delivering it or by mailing it by first class mail to the appropriate party's address on page 1 of this Security Instrument, or to any other address designated in writing. Notice to one mortgagor will be deemed to be notice to all mortgagors.
25. **WAIVERS.** Except to the extent prohibited by law, Mortgagor waives all appraisal rights relating to the Property.
26. **OTHER TERMS.** If checked, the following are applicable to this Security Instrument:
- ☐ **Line of Credit.** The Secured Debt includes a revolving line of credit provision. Although the Secured Debt may be reduced to a zero balance, this Security Instrument will remain in effect until released.
 - ☐ **Construction Loan.** This Security Instrument secures an obligation incurred for the construction of an improvement on the Property.
 - ☐ **Fixture Filing.** Mortgagor grants to Lender a security interest in all goods that Mortgagor owns now or in the future and that are or will become fixtures related to the Property. This Security Instrument suffices as a financing statement and any carbon, photographic or other reproduction may be filed of record for purposes of Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code.
 - ☒ **Riders.** The covenants and agreements of each of the riders checked below are incorporated into and supplement and amend the terms of this Security Instrument. [Check all applicable boxes]
 - ☐ Condominium Rider
 - ☐ Planned Unit Development Rider
 - ☒ Other Home Equity Line of Credit
 - ☐ **Additional Terms.**

SIGNATURES: By signing below, Mortgagor agrees to the terms and covenants contained in this Security Instrument and in any attachments. Mortgagor also acknowledges receipt of a copy of this Security Instrument on the date stated on page 1.

X Johnny M. Howard 2-15-97 (Seal)
(Signature) Johnny M. Howard, Jr. (Date)

X Pamela A. Howard 2-15-97 (Seal)
(Signature) Pamela A. Howard (Date)

(Witness as to all signatures)

(Witness as to all signatures)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

STATE OF Alabama COUNTY OF Shelby ss.

I, a notary public, hereby certify that Johnny M. Howard, Jr. and wife Pamela A. Howard

(Individual)

whose name(s) is/are signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is/are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date. Given under my hand this 13th day of February, 1997

My commission expires: 9/12/99
(Seal)

William R. Just
(Notary Public)

HOME EQUITY LINE OF CREDIT RIDER

(FORM RE-MTG-AL)

This Home Equity Line of Credit Rider is made this 13th day of February, 1997, and is incorporated into and shall be deemed to amend and supplement the Mortgage of the same date given by the undersigned ("Borrower" or "Mortgagor") to secure Borrower's Home Equity Line of Credit Agreement ("Note" or "Credit Agreement") to First National Bank of Shelby County ("Lender" or "Mortgagee") of the same date and covering the property described in the Mortgage.

NOTICE: THE MORTGAGE SECURES AN OPEN-END (REVOLVING) CREDIT PLAN WHICH CONTAINS A PROVISION ALLOWING FOR CHANGES IN THE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE. INCREASES IN THE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE MAY RESULT IN INCREASED MINIMUM MONTHLY PAYMENTS AND INCREASED FINANCE CHARGES. DECREASES IN THE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE MAY RESULT IN LOWER MINIMUM MONTHLY PAYMENTS AND LOWER FINANCE CHARGES. PROCEEDS OF THE CREDIT PLAN WILL BE ADVANCED BY LENDER UNDER THE TERMS OF A HOME EQUITY LINE OF CREDIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN LENDER AND BORROWER. THE AGREEMENT WILL BE REFERRED TO IN THE MORTGAGE AND ANY RIDERS ATTACHED THERETO AS "NOTE" OR "CREDIT AGREEMENT."

1. **Home Equity Line of Credit Agreement.** All references in the Mortgage and Riders attached thereto to "revolving credit loan agreement" are changed to "Home Equity Line of Credit Agreement."

2. **Payment of Principal and Interest; Prepayment and Late Charges.**

A. **Rate and Payment Changes.** The Credit Agreement provides for finance charges to be computed on the unpaid balance outstanding from time to time under the Credit Agreement at an adjustable annual percentage rate. The annual percentage rate may be increased or decreased on the first day of each billing cycle based on changes in the prime rate as published daily in the Wall Street Journal's Money Rates Table (the Index). The annual percentage rate charged under the Credit Agreement during each billing cycle will be 1.00% above the Index in effect on the first day of that billing cycle, although a discounted rate may be charged for an initial period. The initial annual percentage rate provided in the Credit Agreement is 6.75%. The annual percentage rate will increase if the Index in effect on the first day of a billing cycle increases and will decrease if the Index in effect on the first day of a billing cycle decreases; however, the annual percentage rate will never exceed the maximum rate stated in the Credit Agreement nor will it ever be lower than the minimum rate stated in the Credit Agreement. Any increase in the annual percentage rate may result in increased finance charges and increased minimum payment amounts under the Credit Agreement. Any decrease in the annual percentage rate may result in lower finance charges and lower minimum monthly payments.

B. **Maturity Date.** If not sooner terminated as set forth in the Credit Agreement, the loan will terminate twenty years from the date of the Credit Agreement, and all sums payable thereunder (including, without limitation, principal, interest, expenses and charges) shall become due and payable in full.

C. **Mortgage Tax.** The Mortgage secures open-end or revolving indebtedness with an interest in residential real property. Therefore, under § 40-22-2(1)b, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, the mortgage filing privilege tax shall not exceed \$.15 for each \$100, or fraction thereof, of the credit limit or maximum principal indebtedness to be secured by the Mortgage at any one time, which is the principal sum stated in the Mortgage. Although the interest

rate payable on the line of credit may increase if the Index increases, the increased finance charges that may result are payable monthly under the Credit Agreement and there is no provision for negative amortization, capitalization of unpaid finance charges or other increases in the principal amount secured hereby over and above the principal sum stated in the Mortgage. Therefore, the principal amount secured will never exceed the credit limit unless an appropriate amendment to the Mortgage is duly recorded and any additional mortgage tax due on the increased principal amount is paid at the time of such recording.

3. Future Advances. The Credit Agreement provides for an open-end line of credit under which Borrower may borrow and repay, and reborrow and repay, amounts to and from the Lender up to a maximum principal amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed the credit limit. Multiple advances are contemplated and are secured by the Mortgage. The Credit Agreement does not require that Borrower make any minimum initial advance or maintain any minimum balance under the line of credit; therefore, at times there may be no outstanding indebtedness under the Mortgage. However, the Mortgage shall become effective immediately notwithstanding the lack of any initial advance and shall not be deemed satisfied nor shall title to the Property be divested from Lender by the payment in full of all the indebtedness at any one time outstanding, since in each case further borrowings can thereafter be made from time to time by Borrower under the terms of the Credit Agreement, and all such borrowings are to be included in the indebtedness secured hereby. The Mortgage shall continue in effect until all of the indebtedness shall have been paid in full, the Credit Agreement and line of credit evidenced thereby shall have been terminated, Lender shall have no obligation to extend any further credit to Borrower thereunder, and an appropriate written instrument in satisfaction of this mortgage, executed by a duly authorized officer of Lender, shall have been duly recorded in the probate office in which the Mortgage was originally recorded. Lender agrees to execute such an instrument promptly following receipt of Borrower's written request therefor, provided that all of the conditions set forth above have been fulfilled. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as providing that the Mortgage shall secure any advances by Lender to Borrower under the Credit Agreement in a maximum principal amount at any one time outstanding in excess of the credit limit or principal amount set forth in the Mortgage unless the Mortgage shall have been amended to increase the credit limit of principal amount by written instrument duly executed and recorded in the probate office in which the Mortgage was originally recorded.

Paragraph 4 for Junior Mortgages Only

4. Prior Mortgages. (Complete if applicable.) The Mortgage is junior and subordinate to a prior mortgage, lien, or other security instrument recorded in Instrument No. 1994-17598 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama. Borrower shall perform all of Borrower's obligations under such mortgage or security instrument, including Borrower's covenants to make payments when due. Borrower shall pay or cause to be paid all taxes, assessments and other charges, fines and impositions attributable to the Property which may attain a priority over this Mortgage.

Borrower hereby authorizes the holder of a prior mortgage or other security instrument encumbering the Property to disclose the Lender the following information: (1) the amount of indebtedness secured by such mortgage or other security instrument; (2) the amount of such indebtedness that is unpaid; (3) whether any amount owed on such indebtedness is or has been in arrears; (4) whether there is or has been any default with respect to such mortgage or other security instrument, or the indebtedness secured thereby; and (5) any other information regarding such mortgage or other security instrument, or the indebtedness secured thereby, which Lender may request from time to time. Borrower expressly agrees that if default should be made in the payment of principal, interest, or any other sum payable under the terms and provisions of any prior mortgage or other security instrument, or if any other event of default (or event which upon the giving of notice or lapse of time,

or both, would constitute an event of default) should occur thereunder, Lender may, but shall not be obligated to, cure such default, without notice to anyone, by paying whatever amounts may be due, or taking whatever other actions may be required under the terms of such prior mortgage or other security instrument so as to put the same in good standing.

5. **Rights of Enforcement.** Each of Lender's rights of enforcement under the Mortgage and the Credit Agreement is separate. Lender may exercise and enforce one or more of these rights, as well as any of Lender's other rights under the law, one at a time or in combination.

6. **Authority of Mortgagee to Perform for Mortgagor.** Paragraph 10 entitle "Authority of Mortgagee to Perform for Mortgagor" is amended to include the following provision:

Furthermore, even if Lender obtains insurance, pays taxes, or does or pays for other things necessary to protect the value of the Property and Lender's rights in the Property, Lender may still treat Borrower's failure to perform the covenants and agreements contained in the Mortgage as a default.

7. **Default and Acceleration.** Paragraph 6 entitled "Default and Acceleration" is amended to include the following provision:

Lender may purchase the property at the sale if the highest bidder therefor. Lender, or its agent or auctioneer, may execute and deliver a deed conveying the property to the highest bidder.

8. **Notice.** Paragraph 15 entitled "Notice" is amended to include first class mail as an additional method of notice.


9. **Security Agreement.** This Mortgage constitutes a security agreement under the Uniform Commercial Code and creates a security interest in the personal property included in the Property. Borrower shall execute, deliver, file, and refile any financing statements, continuation statements or other security agreements that Lender may require from time to time to confirm and perfect the lien of this Mortgage with respect to that Property and shall pay all costs of filing. Without limiting the foregoing, Borrower irrevocably appoints Lender attorney-in-fact for Borrower to execute, deliver and file such writings for and on behalf of Borrower.

10. **Release.** Paragraph 17 entitled "Release" is amended to include the following provision:

Lender will discharge this Mortgage by delivering to Borrower a release stating that the Mortgage is satisfied. Borrower will not be required to pay for the release but will be responsible for paying the costs of recording the release in the proper official records.

By signing below, Borrower and Mortgagor accepts and agrees to the terms and covenants contained in this Home Equity Line of Credit Rider and acknowledges receipt of copies of the Mortgage and any Riders attached thereto.


Johnny M. Howard, Jr.


Inst. 1997-04836
Pamela A. Howard