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Send Tax Notice To:

W. C. Rice Oil Co., Inc.
2511 28th Street SW
Birmingham, AL 35211

STATUTORY WARRANTY DEED

STATE OF ALABAMA)

SHELBY COUNTY)

) **KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:**

That for and in consideration of TWO HUNDRED THIRTY NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$239,000.00) and other good and valuable consideration to the undersigned JOE L. TIDMORE, a married man, and CHARLES O. TIDMORE, a married man ("Grantors"), in hand paid by W. C. RICE OIL CO., INC. ("Grantee"), the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantors do by these presents grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Grantee the following described real estate (the "Property") situated in Shelby County, Alabama, to-wit:

**SEE EXHIBIT A ATTACHED HERETO
AND MADE A PART HEREOF**

The Property is conveyed subject to the following:

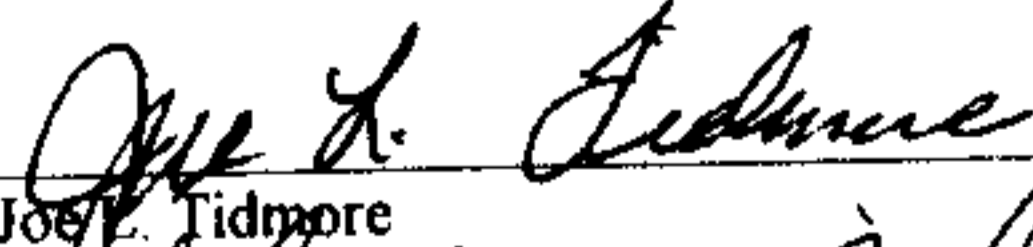
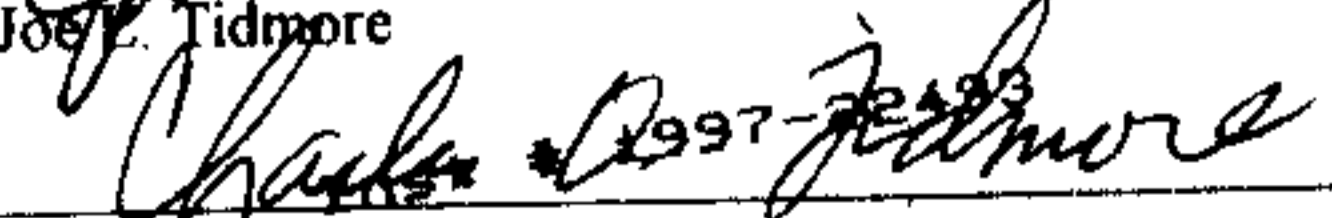
- (1) Taxes and assessments for the year 1997, and subsequent years, which are not yet due and payable;
- (2) Fire district and library district assessments and other assessments, if any, for the current year and all subsequent years thereafter; and
- (3) Mineral and mining rights not owned by Grantors.

And subject to the foregoing, Grantors will warrant and forever defend the right and title to the Property unto Grantee against the claims of all persons owning, holding or claiming by, through or under Grantors, which claims are based upon matters done or suffered by Grantors subsequent to Grantors' acquisition of the Property and prior to the delivery of this deed to Grantee.

THE PROPERTY WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS
CONVEYANCE IS NOT THE HOMESTEAD OF GRANTORS OR
GRANTORS' SPOUSES.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the said Grantee, its successors and assigns
forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Joe L. Tidmore and Charles O. Tidmore have hereto
set their signatures and seals this 15th day of July, 1997.


Joe L. Tidmore

Charles O. Tidmore

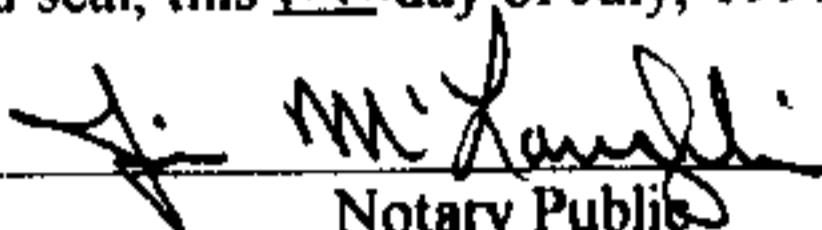
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STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Joe L. Tidmore, a married man and Charles O. Tidmore, a married man, whose names are signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who are known to me, acknowledged before me, on this day that, being informed of the contents of such conveyance, they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal, this 15th day of July, 1997.



Notary Public

[SEAL]

My commission expires:

9/27/99

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EXHIBIT "A"

From the NE corner of Section 33, Township 19 South, Range 2 East, run thence west along the north boundary of said Section 33 a distance of 1064.69 feet; thence turn 143° 13' 10" left and run 268.43 feet to a concrete monument on the north boundary of U. S. Highway #280 (120' ROW); thence continue along said Hwy. boundary a distance of 494.70 feet to the point of beginning of the herein described lot; thence turn 00° 07' 02" right and continue along said Hwy. boundary a distance of 264.96 feet; thence turn 117° 41' 50" left and run 163.50 feet; thence turn 99° 45' 31" left and run 238.04 feet to the point of beginning of herein described lot.

Situated in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 33, Township 19 South, Range 2 East, Shelby County, Alabama.

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