

This instrument prepared by:

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824 Heatherwood Trail
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STATUTORY WARRANTY DEED

STATE OF ALABAMA)
) **KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:**
SHELBY COUNTY)

That for and in consideration of FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$580,000.00) 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 RICE LAND COMPANY, L.L.C. ("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;
- (3) Transmission line permits to Alabama Power Company as recorded in Deed Book 101, Page 79; Deed Book 126, Page 174; and Deed Book 151, Page 96 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama;
- (4) Right of Way to Shelby County, as recorded in Deed Book 126, Page 163 in said Probate Office;
- (5) Permit to Alabama Power Company as recorded in Real Book 167, Page 276 in said Probate Office;
- (6) Mineral and mining rights not owned by Grantors, and
- (7) Lease executed by and between Tidmore Oil Co., Inc. and Joe L. Tidmore and Charles O. Tidmore dated August 1, 1995 and recorded as Instrument #1995-20561 in said Probate Office.

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.**

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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
Joe L. Tidmore
Charles O. Tidmore
Charles O. Tidmore

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.

[Signature]
Notary Public

[SEAL]

My commission expires:
9/27/99

dfyw/43485/ALABASTER HWY. 119 COOSA MART

EXHIBIT "A"

Commence at the SE corner of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 23, Township 21 South, Range 3 West and run Westerly along South line of said 1/4-1/4 section 8.6 feet; thence turn right 98° 43' and run Northerly 272.20 feet to a point on the Westerly right-of-way of Alabama Highway 119, said point also being the Point of Beginning; thence continued along last described course and along said right-of-way, 190.00 feet; thence turn left 100° 51' 54" and run Southwesterly 250.00 feet; thence turn left 79° 08' 06" and run Southwesterly 190.00 feet; thence turn left 100° 51' 54" and run Northeasterly 250.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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