This instrument prepared by:

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

STATUTORY WARRANTY DEED

STATE OF ALABAMA)

NOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

SHELBY COUNTY)

That for and in consideration of NINE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$940,000.00) and other good and valuable consideration to the undersigned JOE L. TIDMORE and wife, BRENDA B. TIDMORE, and CHARLES O. TIDMORE and wife, BEVERLY JOYCE TIDMORE ("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;
- (3) Right of Way granted to Alabama Power Company by instrument recorded in Volume 48, Page 826 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama; and
- (4) Mineral and mining rights not owned by Grantors, including those recorded in Instrument 1994-34526.

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Joe L. Tidmore and wife, Brenda B. Tidmore and Charles O. Tidmore and wife, Beverly Joyce Tidmore have hereto set their signatures and seals this day of July, 1997.

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Brenda B. Tidmore

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Beverly Joyce Tidmore

Reverly Joyce 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 and wife, Brenda B. Tidmore and Charles O. Tidmore and wife, Beverly Joyce Tidmore, 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:

dfywl/43488/ALABASTER HWY, 66 COOSA MART

Exhibit "A"

A parcel of land situated in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 20 South, Range 3 West in Shelby County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the SW Corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 20 South, Range 3 West; thence run easterly along the south line of said 1/4-1/4 section a distance of 920.46 feet to a point on the northwesterly right-of-way line of the CSX Transportation Railroad right-of-way line; thence left 83° 17′ 00" along said right-of-way a distance of 154.88 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continued along said right-of-way and the last described course a distance of 200.00 feet to a point on the southwesterly right-of-way line of Shelby County Highway No. 66 (80 foot right-of-way); thence left 83° 12′ 00" along said right-of-way a distance of 201.42 feet; thence left 96° 48′ 00" and leaving said right-of-way a distance of 223.85 feet; thence left 90° 00′ 00" a distance of 200.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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