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## **MORTGAGE**

THIS MORTGAGE ("Security Instrument") is given on October 1, 1997
The Granton is Oscar Ferrell Fincher and wife, Mary Ann Fincher

("Borrower")

This Security Instrument is given to Phoenix Funding, a division of Security MutualFinancial Services, Inc.

which is organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alabama .and whom address is 100 Chase Park South, Suite 220, Birmingham, Alabama 35244

("Lender")

Borrower owes Lender the principal num of NINETY EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS

Dollars (U.S. \$ 98,000.00

). This debt is evidenced by

Borrower's note dated the same date at this Security Instrument ("Note"), which provides for monthly payments, with the full debt, if not paid carrier, due and payable on November 1, 2022. This Security Instrument secures to Lander: (a) the repayment of the debt evidenced by the Note, with interest, and all renewals, extensions and modifications of the Note; (b) the payment of all other sums, with interest, advanced under paragraph 7 to protect the security of this Security Instrument; and (c) the performance of Borrower's covenants and agreements under this Security Instrument and the Note. For this purpose, Borrower does hereby mortgage, grant and convey to Lender and Leader's successors and assigns, with power of sale, the following described property located in Shelby

County, Alabama:

SEE ATTACHEDEXHIBIT"A".

which has the address of 15232 Highway 43 (Sime)

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35176 (2tp Code) ("Property Address");

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Part of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 18 South, Range 2 East, Shelby County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the SW corner of said 1/4-1/4 section and run East for 264 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue for 904.58 feet, more or less, to the West property line, the Brenda Whitfield property; thence North 218 feet along the West line of the Brenda Whitfield property to the South right-of-way line of Highway 43; thence West along the South line of Highway 43 for 904 feet, more or less, to the East property line of Fate L. Gossett, Jr. property; thence South along the East line of the Fate L. Gossett, Jr. property line 160 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. (Shelby County)

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TO HAVEAND TO HOLD this property unto Lender and Lender's successors—and satigns, forever, together with all improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, appurenances; and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements—and additions shall also be covered by this Security Instrument. All of the foregoing is referred to in this Security Instrument as the "Property."

BORROWER COVENANTS that Borrower is lawfully select of the nature hereby conveyed and has the right to mortgage, grant and convey the Property and that the Property is usencumbered, except for encumbrations of record. Borrower warrants and will defend generally the title to the Property against all claims and demands, subject to any encumbrances of record.

THIS SECURITY INSTRUMENT combines uniform coverages for national use and non-uniform coverages with ignited variations by jurisdiction to constitute a uniform security instrument covering real property.

UNIFORM COVENANTS. Borrower and Lander covenant and agree as follows

- 1. Payment of Principal and interest; Prepayment and Late Charges. Borrower thall promptly pay when due the principal of and interest on the debt evidenced by the Note and any prepayment and late charges due under the Note.
- 2. Funds for Taxon and Insurance. Subject to applicable law or to a written waiver by Lender. Borrower shall pay to Lender on the day monthly payments are due under the Note, until the Note is paid in full, a sum ("Funds") for: (a) yearly taxon and assessments—which may artain priority over this Security Instrument as a tion on the Property: (b) yearly leasehold payments or ground rents on the Property, if any; (c) yearly hazard or property insurance premiums; (d) yearly flood insurance pramiums, if any; (e) yearly mortgage insurance premiums, if any; and (f) any sums payable by Borrower to Lender, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8, in tieu of the payment of mortgage insurance premiums. These tieras are called "Escrow Items." Lender may, at any time, collect and hold Funds in an amount not to exceed the maximum amount a lender for a federally related mortgage toan may require for Borrower's escrow account under the federal Real Estate Settlement Procedures. Act of 1974 as amended from time to time, 12 U.S.C. § 2601 of seq. ("RESPA"), unless another law that applies to the Punds sets a lesser amount. If so, Lender may, at any time, collect and hold Funds in an amount not to exceed the lester amount. Lender may estimate the amount of Funds due on the basis of current data and reasonable estimates of expenditures of future Escrow Items or otherwise in accordance with applicable law.

The Punds shall be held in an institution the deposits or accounts of which are insured or guaranteed by a federal agency, instrumentality, or entity including Lender, if Lender is such an institution) or in any Pederal Home Loan Bank. Leader shall apply the Funds to pay the Escrow Items. Lender may not charge Borrower for holding and applying the Funds, annually analyzing the secrow account or verifying the Escrow Items, unless Lender pays Borrower interest on the Punds and applicable law permits Lender to make such a charge. However, Lender may require Borrower to pay a one-time charge for an independent real estate tax reporting service used by Lender in connection with this loan, unless applicable law provides otherwise. Unless an agreement is made or applicable law requires interest to be paid, Lender shall not be required to pay Borrower any interest or earnings on the Funds. Borrower and Lender may agree in writing, however, that interest shall be paid on the Funds. Lender shall give to Borrower, without charge, an annual accounting of the Punds, showing credits and debits to the Funds and the purpose for which each debit to the Punds was made. The Punds are pledged as additional security for all sums secured by this Security Instrument.

If the Funds held by Lender exceed the amounts permitted to be held by applicable law, Lender shall account to Borrower for the excess. Funds in accordance with the requirements of applicable law. If the amount of the Funds held by Lender at any time is not sufficient to pay the Escrow Items when due, Lender may so notify Borrower in writing, and, in such case Borrower shall pay to Lender the amount necessary to make up the deficiency. Borrower shall make up the deficiency in no more than twelve monthly payments, at Lender's sole discretion.

Upon payment in full of all sums secured by this Security Instrument, Lender shall promptly refund to Borrower any Funds held by Lender, Munder paragraph 21, Lender shall acquire or sell the Property. Lender, prior to the acquisition or sale of the Property, shall apply any Funds held by Lender at the time of acquisition or sale as a credit against the sums secured by this Security Instrument.

- 3. Application of Payments. Unless applicable law provides otherwise, all payments received by Lender under paragraphs. I and 2 shall be applied: first, to any prepayment charges due under the Note; second, to amounts payable under paragraph. 2; third, to interest due; fourts, to principal due, and last, to any late charges due under the Note.
- 4. Charges; Lients. Borrower shall pay all taxes, assessments, charges, fines and impositions attributable to the Property which may attain priority over this Security Instrument, and leasehold payments or ground rents, if any. Borrower shall pay these obligations in the manner provided in paragraph 2, or if not paid in that manner, Borrower shall pay them on time directly to the person closed payment. Borrower shall promptly furnish to Lender all notices of amounts to be paid under this paragraph. If Borrower makes these payments directly, Borrower shall promptly furnish to Lender receipts avidencing the payments.

Borrower shall promptly discharge any lien which has priority over this Security Instrument unless Borrower: (a) agrees in writing to the payment of the obligation secured by the lien in a manner acceptable to Lender; (b) contests in good faith the lien by, or defends against enforcement of the lien in, legal proceedings which in the Lender's opinion operate to prevent the enforcement of the lien; or (c) secures from the holder of the lien an agreement maisfactory to Lender subordinating the lien to this Security Instrument. If Lender determines that any part of the Property is subject to a lien which may attain priority over this Security Instrument. Lender may give Borrower a notice identifying the lien. Borrower shall satisfy the lien or take

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one or more of the actions set forth above within 10 days of the giving of notice.

6. Hazard or Property Insurance. Borrower shall keep the improvements now existing or hereafter erected on the Property theured against loss by fire, hazards included within the term "extended coverage" and any other hazards, including floods or flooding, for which Lender requires insurance shall be maintained in the amounts and for the periods that Lender requires. The insurance carrier providing the insurance shall be chosen by Borrower subject to Lender's approval which shall not be unreasonably withheld. If Borrower falls to maintain coverage described above, Lender may, at Lender's option, obtain coverage to project Lender's rights in the Property in accordance with paragraph 7.

Attinsurance policies and renewels shall be acceptable to Lender and shall include a standard mortgage cleuse. Lender shall have the right to hold the policies and renewals. If Lender requires, Borrower shall promptly give to Lender all receipts of paid premiums and masswal notices. In the event of loss, Borrower shall give prompt notice to the insurance carrier and Lender. Lender may make proof of loss if not made promptly by Borrower.

Unless Lender and Borrower otherwise agree in writing, insurance proceeds shall be applied to restoration or repair of the Property damaged, if the restoration or repair is economically feasible and Lender's security is not lessened. If the restoration or repair is not economically feasible or Lender's tecurity would be lessened, the insurance proceeds shall be applied to the sums secured by this Security Instrument, whether or not then due, with any excess paid to Borrower. If Borrower abandons the Property, or does not answer within 10 days a notice from Lender that the insurance carrier has offered to settle a claim, then Lender may collect the insurance proceeds. Lender may use the proceeds to repair or restore the Property or to pay sums secured by this Security Instrument, whether or not then due. The 30-day period will begin when the notice is given.

Unless Lender and Borrower otherwise agree in writing, any application of proceeds to principal shall not extend or postpone the due date of the monthly payments referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 or change the amount of the payments. If under paragraph 21 the Property is sequired by Lender. Borrower's right to any insurance policies and proceeds resulting from damage to the Property prior to the sequisition shall pass to Lender to the extent of the sums secured by this Security Instrument immediately prior to the acquisition.

- 6. Occupancy, Preservation, Maintenance and Protection of the Property; Borrower's Loan Application; Leaseholds. Borrower shall occupy, establish, and use the Property as Borrower's principal residence within sixty days after the execution of this Security Instrument and shall continue to occupy the Property as Borrower's principal residence for at least one year after the date of occupancy, unless Lender otherwise agrees in writing, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, or unless extensions circumstances exist which are beyond Borrower's control. Borrower shall not destroy, damage or impair the Property, allow the Property to detactions, or commit waste on the Property Borrower shall be in default if any forfeiture action or proceeding, whether civil or oriminal, is begun that in Lender's good fasts judgment could result in forfeiture of the Property or otherwise materially impair the lien created by this Security Instrument or Lender's security interest. Borrower may cure such a default and reinstate, as provided in paragraph 18, by causing the action or proceeding to be diamised with a ruling that, in Lender's good faith determination, precludes forfeiture of the Borrower's interest in the Property or other material impairment of the lien created by this Security Instrument or Lender's security Instrument or Lender's security Instrument to Lender (or failed to provide Lender with any material information) in connection with the loan evidenced by the Note, Including, but not ilmined to, representations—concerning Borrower's occupancy of the Property as a principal residence. If this Security Instrument is on a leasehold, Borrower shall comply with all the provisions of the lease. If Borrower acquires fee title to the Property, the leasehold and the fee title shall not merge unless Lender agrees to the merger in writing.
- 7. Protection of Lender's Rights in the Property. If Borrower fails to perform the covanants and agreements contained in this Security Instrument, or there is a legal proceeding that may significantly affect Lender's rights in the Property (such as a proceeding in bankruptcy, probate, for condemnation or forfeiture or to enforce laws or regulations), then Lender may do and pay for whatever is necessary to protect the value of the Property and Londer's rights in the Property. Lender's actions may include paying any sums accured by a tien which has priority over this Security Instrument, appearing in court, paying reasonable attorneys' feet and entering on the Property to make repairs. Although Lender may take action under this paragraph 7, Lender does not have to do so.

Any amounts disbutsed by Londor under this paragraph 7 shall become additional debt of Borrower secured by this Security Instrument. Unless Borrower and Londor agree to other terms of payment, these amounts thall bear interest from the data of disbursement: at the Note rate and shall be payable, with interest, upon notice from Landor to Borrower requesting payment.

8. Mortgage insurance. If Lender required mortgage insurance as a condition of making the loan secured by this Security Instrument, Borrower shall pay the promiums required to maintain the mortgage insurance in effect. If, for any reason, the mortgage insurance coverage required by Lender lapses or ceases to be in effect, Borrower shall pay the premiume required to obtain coverage substantially equivalent to the mortgage insurance previously in effect, at a cost substantially equivalent to the cost to Borrower of the mortgage insurance previously in effect, from an alternate mortgage insurance approved by Lender. If substantially equivalent mortgage insurance coverage is not available, Borrower shall pay to Lender each month a sum equal to one-swelfth of the yearly mortgage insurance premium being paid by Borrower when the insurance coverage lapsed or ceased to be in effect. Lender will accept, use and retain these payments as a loss reserve in lieu of mortgage insurance. Loss reserve payments may no longer be required, at the option of Lender, if mortgage insurance coverage (in the amount and for the period that Lender requires) provided by an insurance

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approved by Lender again becomes available and is obtained. Borrower shall pay the premiums required to maintain morrage interance in effect of to provide a loss reserve, until the requirement for morrage insurance and in accordance with any written agreement between Berrower and Lender or applicable law.

9. Inspection. Leader or in agent may make reasonable eatries upon and inspections of the Property. Leader thall give Borrower modes at the time of or prior to an inspection apecifying reasonable cause for the inspection.

10. Condemnation. The proceeds of any award or claim for demages, direct or consequential, in connection with any confirmation or other taking of any part of the Property, or for conveyance in lieu of condemnation, are beceby assigned and shall be paid to Lender.

In the event of a total taking of the Property, the peaceods shall be applied to the sums secured by this Security Instrument, whether or not then due, with any excess paid to Borrower. In the event of a partial taking of the Property in which the fair market value of the Property termediately before the mixing is equal to or greater than the amount of the sums secured by this Security Instrument invanidately before the taking, unless Borrower and Lender otherwise agree in writing, the sums secured by this Security Instrument shall be reduced by the amount of the property invanidately before the taking, divided by (b) the fair market value of the Property immediately before the taking. Any balance shall be paid to Borrower. In the event of a partial taking of the Property in which the fair market value of the Property immediately before the taking is less than the amount of the sums secured immediately before the taking, unless Borrower and Lander otherwise agree in writing or unless applicable law otherwise provides, the proceeds shall be applied to the sums secured by this Security Instrument whether or not the sums are then due.

If the Property is abandoned by Bottower, or if after notice by Lender to Bottower that the condemnat offers to make an award or settle a claim for damages. Bottower take to respond to Lender within 30 days after the date the notice is given, Lender is authorized to collect and apply the proceeds, at its option, either to restoration or repair of the Property or to the nume secured by this Security Instrument, whether or not then due.

Unless Lender and Bosrower otherwise agree in writing, any application of proceeds to principal shall not extend or postpone the due date of the mounts payments referred to in paragraphs. I and 2 or change the amount of such payments.

- 11. Borrower Not Released; Forbearance By Lender Not a Walver. Extension of the time for payment or modification of amerization of the sums secured by this Security Instrument granted by Londer to any successor in interest of Borrower shall not operate to release the liability of the original Borrower or Borrower's successors in interest. Lender shall not be required to commence proceedings against any successor in interest or refuse to extend time for payment or otherwise modify amortization of the sums secured by this Security Instrument by reason of any demand made by the original Borrower or Borrower's successors in inserest. Any forbearance by Londer in exercising any right or remady shall not be a waiver of or procedude the exercise of any right or remedy.
- 12. Successors and Assigns Sound; Joint and Several Limbility; Co-signers. The coverants and agreements of this Security Instrument thall bind and benefit the successors and assigns of Lander and Borrower, subject to the previsions of paragraph 17. Borrower's coverants and agreements shall be joint and several. Any Borrower who co-signs this Security Instrument but does not execute the Note (a) is co-signing this Security Instrument only to mortgage, grant and convey that Borrower's interest in the Property under the terms of this Security Instrument; (b) is not personally obligated to pay the sums secured by this Security Instrument; and (c) agrees that Leader and any other Borrower may agree to extend, medify, forbear or make any accommodations with regard to the terms of this Security Instrument or the Note without that Borrower's consent.
- 13. LOBO Charges. If the loan secured by this Security Instrument is subject to a law which sees maximum lean charges, and that law is finally interpreted so that the interest or other loan charges collected or to be collected in connection with the loan ancest the permitted limits, then: (a) any such loan charge shall be reduced by the amount necessary to reduce the charge to the permitted limit; and (b) any sums already collected from Borrower which exceeded permitted limits will be refunded to Borrower. Lender may choose to make this refund by reducing the principal owed under the Note or by making a direct payment to Borrower. If a refund reduces principal, the reduction will be treated as a partial propayment without any propayment charge under the Note.
- 14. Notices. Any notice to Borrower provided for in this Security Instrument shall be given by delivering it or by mailing it by first class mail unless applicable law requires use of another method. The notice shall be directed to the Property Address or any other address. Borrower designants by notice to Lender. Any notice to Lender shall be given by first class mail to Lender's address stated herein or any other address Lender designates by notice to Borrower. Any notice provided for in this Security Instrument shall be deemed to have been given to Borrower or Lender when given as provided in this paragraph.
- 45. Governing Law; Severability. This Security Instrument shall be governed by federal law and the few of the jurisdiction in which the Property is located. In the evens that any provision or clause of this Security Instrument or the Note conflicts with applicable law, such conflict shall not affect other provisions of this Security Instrument or the Note which can be given effect without the conflicting provision. To this and the provisions of this Security Instrument and the Note are declared to be severable.

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- 16. Borrower's Copy. Borrower shall be given one conformed copy of the Nose and of this Security Instrument
- 17. Transfer of the Property or a Beneficial Interest in Borrower. If all or any part of the Property or any interest in it is sold or transferred (or if a beneficial interest in Borrower is sold or transferred and Borrower is not a natural person) without Lender's prior written consent, Lender may, at its option, require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Security Instrument. However, this option shall not be exercised by Lender if exercise is prohibited by federal law as of the date of this Security Instrument.

If Lender exercises this option, Lender shall give Borrowen notice of acceleration. The notice shall provide a period of net less than 30 days from the date the notice is delivered or mailed within which Borrower must pay all sums accured by this Security Instrument. If Borrower fails to pay these sums prior to the expiration of this period, Lender may invoke any remedies permitted by this Security Instrument without further notice or demand on Berrower.

- 18. Borrower's Right to Reinstate. If Borrower meets certain conditions. Borrower shall have the right to have enforcement of this Security instrument discontinued at any time prior to the partier of: (a) 5 days (or such other period as applicable law may specify for reinstatement) before sale of the Property pursuant to any power of sale contained in this Security Instrument; or (b) entry of a judgment enforcing this Security Instrument. Those conditions are that Borrower: (a) pays Lender all sums which then would be due under this Security Instrument and the Note as if no ecceleration had occurred; (b) ourse any default of any other covenants or agreements; (c) pays all expenses incurred in enforcing this Security Instrument, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' feet; and (d) takes such action as Lender may reasonably require to assure that the lies of this Security Instrument, Lendor's rights in the Property and Borrower's obligation to pay the sums secured by this Security Instrument shall continue unchanged Upon reinstatement by Borrower, this Security Instrument and the obligations secured hereby shall remain fully effective as if no acceleration had occurred. However, this right to reinstate shall not apply in the case of ecceleration under paragraph 17.
- 19. Sale of Note; Change of Loan Servicer. The Note or a partial interest in the Note (together with this Security Instrument) may be sold one or more times without prior notice to Borrower. A sale may result in a change in the entity (known as the "Loan Services") that collects monthly payments due under the Note and this Security Instrument. There also may be one or more changes of the Loan Servicer unrelated to a sale of the Note. If there is a change of the Loan Servicer, Borrower will be given written notice of the change in accordance with paragraph 14 above and applicable law. The notice will make the name and address of the new Loan Servicer and the address to which payments should be made. The notice will also contain any other information required by applicable law.
- 20. Hazardous Substances. Borrower shall not cause or permit the presence, use, disposal, storage, or release of any Hazardous Substances on or in the Property. Borrower shall not do, nor allow anyone clies to do, anything affecting the Property that is in violation of any Environmental Law. The preceding two sestences, shall not apply to the presence, use, or storage on the Property of small quantities of Hazardout Substances that are generally recognized to be appropriate to normal residential uses and to maintenance of the Property.

Borrower shall promptly give Londer written notice of any investigation, claim, demand, lawsuit or other action by any governmental or regulatory agency or private party involving the Property and any Hazardous Substance or Environmental Law of which Borrower has actual knowledge. If Borrower learns, or is notified by any governmental or regulatory authority, that any removal or other remediation of any Hazardous Substance affecting the Property is necessary. Borrower shall promptly take all necessary remedial actions in accordance with Environmental Law.

As used in this paragraph 20, "Hazardous Substances" are those substances defined as toxic or hazardous substances by Environmental Law and the following substances. gasoline, kerosene, other flammable or toxic petroleum products, toxic pesticides and herbicides, volatile solvents, materials containing ashestos or formaldehyde, and radioactive materials. As used in this paragraph 20, "Environmental Law" means federal laws and laws of the jurisdiction where the Property is located that relate to health, safety or environmental protection.

NON-UNIFORM COVENANTS, Borrower and Lender further covenant and agree as follows:

21. Acceleration; Remedies. Lender shall give notice to Borrower prior to acceleration following Borrower's breach of any covenant or agreement in this Security Instrument (but not prior to acceleration under paragraph 17 unless applicable law provides otherwise). The notice shall specify: (a) the default; (b) the action required to cure the default; (c) a date, not less than 30 days from the date the notice is given to Borrower, by which the default must be cured; and (d) that failure to cure the default on or before the date specified in the notice may result in acceleration of the sums secured by this Security Instrument and sale of the Property. The notice shall further inform Borrower of the right to reinstate after acceleration and the right to bring a court action to assert the non-existence of a default or any other defense of Borrower to acceleration and sale. If the default is not cured on or before the date specified in the notice, Lender, at its option, may require immediate payment in full of all sums secured. by this Security Instrument without further demand and may invoke the power of sale and any other remedies permitted by applicable law. Lender shall be entitled to collect all expenses incurred in pursuing the remedies provided in this paragraph 21, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and costs of title evidence.

If Lender invokes the power of sale, Lender shall give a copy of a notice to Borrower in the manner provided

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22. Release. Upon payment of all sums secured by this Security Instrument. Lender shall release this Security Instrument without charge to Borrower. Borrower shall pay any recordation costs.

23. Waivers. Borrower waives all rights of homestead exemption in the Property and relinquishes all rights of cursey and dewer to the Property.

24. Riders to this Security Instrument. If one or more riders are executed by Borrower and recorded together with this Security

ments of each such rider shall be incorporated into and shall amend and supplement the covenants and agreements

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## MORTGAGE RIDER

THIS RIDER IS A PART OF AND FULLY INCORPORATED IN THAT CERTAIN MORTGAGE EXECUTED BY THE UNDERSIGNED DATED THIS 1st DAY OF October, 1997.

Arbitration; Dispute Resolution; Preservation of Foreclosure Remedies. (a) For purposes of the Note or this Mortgage, Borrower and Lender, acknowledge and agree they are engaged in, and this Mortgage secures transactions involving substantial interstate commerce. Except as otherwise specifically set forth below, and IN LIEU OF BORROWER'S AND LENDER'S RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL AND THE RIGHT TO ASSERT A CLAIM FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, ATTORNEY'S FEES AND OTHER MATTERS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, any action, dispute, claim, counterclaim or controversy ("Dispute" or "Disputes"), between Borrower and Lender, including any claim based on or arising from an alleged tort, shall be resolved in Birmingham, Alabama by ARBITRATION as set forth below. The term "Disputes" shall include all actions, disputes, claims, counterclaims or controversies arising in connection with the Note or this Mortgage, any collection of any indebtedness owed to Lender, any security or collateral given to Lender, any action taken (or any omission to take any action) in connection with any of the above, any past, present and future agreement between or among Borrower and Lender (including the Mortgage), and any past, present or future transactions between or among Borrower and Lender. Without limiting the generality of the above, Disputes shall include actions commonly referred to as lender liability actions.

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- (b) All Disputes shall be resolved by binding arbitration in accordance with Title 9 of the U.S. Code and the Arbitration Rules for Commercial Financial Disputes (the "Rules") of the American Arbitration Association (the "AAA"). All defenses, including those defenses based on statutes of limitation, estoppel, waiver, laches and similar doctrines, that would otherwise be applicable to an action brought by a party, shall be applicable in any such arbitration proceeding, and the commencement of an arbitration proceeding with respect to the Note or this Mortgage shall be deemed the commencement of an action for such purposes.
- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, Borrower agrees that Lender shall have the right, but not the obligation, to submit to and pursue in a court of law any claim against Borrower for a debt due. Borrower agrees that, if Lender pursues such a claim in a court of law, (1) Lender's failure to assert any additional claim in such proceeding shall not be deemed a waiver of, or estoppel to pursue, such claim as a claim or counterclaim in arbitration as set forth above, and (2) the institution or maintenance of a judicial action hereunder shall not constitute a waiver of the right of any party to submit any other action, dispute, claim or controversy as described above, even though arising out of the same transaction or occurrence, to binding arbitration as set forth herein.
- (d) No provision of, nor the exercise of any rights under this section, shall limit Lender's right (1) to foreclose against any real or personal property by exercise of a power of sale under this Mortgage, or by exercise of any rights of foreclosure or of sale under applicable law, (2) to exercise self-help remedies such as set-off, or (3) to obtain provisional or ancillary remedies such as injunctive relief, attachment or the appointment of a receiver from a court having jurisdiction before, during or after the pendency of any arbitration or referral. The institution and maintenance of an action for judicial relief or pursuit of provisional or ancillary remedies or exercise of self-help remedies shall not constitute a waiver of the right of any party, including the plaintiff in such an action, to submit the Dispute to arbitration or, in the case of actions on a debt, to judicial resolution.
- (c) Whenever arbitration is required hereunder, the arbitrator shall be selected in accordance with the Rules of the AAA, as modified hereby. For claims of \$50,000.00 or less, the AAA shall designate a panel of five (5) neutral potential arbitrators knowledgeable in the subject matter of the Dispute, from which one (1) mutually acceptable arbitrator will be selected by the parties, who shall determine the resolution of the Dispute. The arbitrator shall be selected applying a process of strikes, as more particularly described in the Rules. In the event the parties cannot agree on the mutually acceptable arbitrator, then the

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AAA shall designate the arbitrator as prescribed in the Rules. For claims of more than \$50,000.00, the AAA shall designate a panel of fifteen (15) neutral potential arbitrators knowledgeable in the subject matter of the Dispute, from which three (3) mutually acceptable arbitrators will be selected by the parties, who shall determine the resolution of the Dispute. The arbitrators shall be selected applying a process of strikes, as more particularly described in the Rules. In the event the parties cannot agree on three (3) mutually acceptable arbitrator(s), then, from the list, each of the parties shall designate one (1) of the neutral, potential arbitrators to serve, and the two arbitrators so designated shall select a third neutral arbitrator from the thirteen (13) remaining potential arbitrators. The panel of three (3) arbitrators shall determine the resolution of the Dispute.

- (f) Subject only to the right of Lander to claim attorney's fees and injunctive relief under the terms of the Note or Mortgage, as retained by the Lender as described elsewhere herein, the parties hereto waive any right to assert a claim for, interiocularly relief (including temporary or permanent injunctions), the arbitrator(s) may not award punitive damages, treble damages, penalties, or attorney's fees and may not, without consent of the parties, consolidate the Dispute with other claims for arbitration.
- (g) If for any reason a court of competent jurisdiction should declare all or any part of this Rider invalid or unenforceable, then the remainder of this Rider, or the application of such provision or provisions to persons, existics or circumstances other than those as to whom or which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and every provision of this Rider shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law and in lieu of such illegal or unenforceable provisions there shall be added automatically as part of this Rider a provision as similar in terms to such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision as may be possible and be valid, legal and enforceable. If the Rules are found to be invalid or unenforceable, or if a court of competent jurisdiction determines this transaction does not involve interstate commerce, then the parties agree to adopt and be bound by any Alabama law governing arbitration to resolve Disputes and to the extent this Rider does not conform to specific requirements of such laws, the parties hereto waive such noncompliance so as to allow the Disputes to be arbitrated under such Alabama law, with the results of such arbitration to be final and binding on the parties hereto.

(h) The terms of this Rider shall apply to all heirs, successors and assigns of Lender and Borrower.

OSCAR FERRELL FINCHER

(Signature) [SEAL]

May Am Standar (Signature) [SEAL]

MARY ANN FINCHER

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