



Western Surety Company

Inst # 1998-08175
NOTARY PUBLIC BOND

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

at Large County

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SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

002 SNA 17.00 Bond No. N13377622

That we, Steven R. Sears
as Principal, and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Alabama, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama, in the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$ \$10,000.00), for the payment of which well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, firmly by these presents, and we hereby waive our right to claim personal property exempt under the laws of Alabama.

Sealed with our seals and dated this 12 day of Jan, 1998.

The condition of the above obligation, That whereas the above bound Principal was duly appointed to the office of Notary Public on the 7th day of March, 1998; for the term of 04 years from the 7th day of March, in Precinct No. _____ in and for said County.

Now, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform and discharge all the duties of said office during his continuance therein then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Steven R. Sears (L.S.)
Principal

[Signature]
Countersigned by Alabama Resident Agent

The Ahlen Agency
Name of Agent or Agency
Montevalle, ALABAMA 35115
Street City State

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY
By Stephen T. Late (L.S.)
President

Taken and approved this 9 day of March, 1998
Patricia Geyer Schmitt
Judge of Probate

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Chilton County }

OATH OF OFFICE

I, _____ do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alabama, so long as I continue a citizen thereof; and that I will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th
day of January, 1998.
Jacob M. Heel
Notary Public

Steven R. Sears
Principal

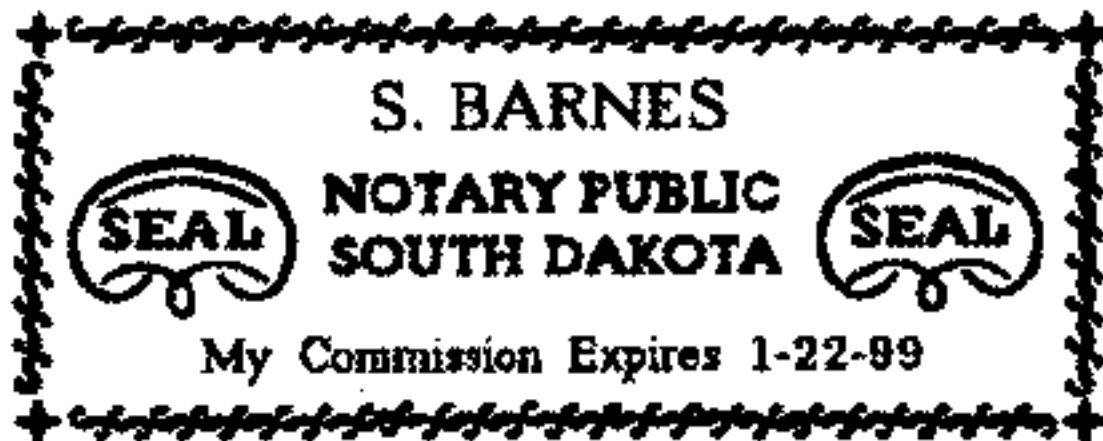
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY
(Corporate Officer)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }
County of Minnehaha } ss

On this _____ day of _____, before me, a Notary Public in and

for said County, personally appeared Stephen T. Pate personally known to me, who being by me duly sworn, did say that he is the aforesaid officer of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, that the said instrument was signed, sealed and executed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and further acknowledge that the said instrument and the execution thereof to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, the day and year last above written.



S. Barnes

Notary Public

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