

REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE, SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FINANCING STATEMENT

Mortgagors (list name first):

SouthTrust Bank, N.A.

Post Office Box 230517

Mailing Address

Montgomery, Alabama 36123-0517

City

State

Zip

Mortgagee:

Express Partners, Inc.

190 West Valley

Mailing Address

Birmingham, Alabama 35209

City

State

This instrument was prepared by:

James M. Edwards

Copeland, Franco, Screws & Gill

Post Office Box 347

Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0347

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

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SHELBY County

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That whereas

EXPRESS PARTNERS, INC.

has 8 become justly indebted to SOUTHTRUST BANK, N.A., Alabama, together with its successors and assigns, with offices in Montgomery, hereinafter called ("Mortgagee") in the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Eight Thousand and No/100 - Dollars (\$2,508,000.00), together with interest thereon, as evidenced by a promissory note or notes of even date herewith.
[Complete the following if term of note(s) is more than 20 years] The final scheduled maturity date of such note(s) is

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the indebtedness described above and other valuable consideration to the undersigned, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, and in order to secure the payment and performance of the indebtedness described above, any extensions, renewals, modifications and increases thereof and substitutions therefor and all interest thereon, all sums advanced by Mortgagee pursuant to the terms of this mortgage, and all other indebtedness (including future loans and advances) now or hereafter owed to Mortgagee by any of the above named or by any of the undersigned, whether such indebtedness is primary or secondary, direct or indirect, contingent or absolute, matured or unmatured, joint or several, and otherwise secured or not (all of the foregoing being sometimes referred to collectively in this mortgage as the "Secured Indebtedness") and to secure compliance with all the covenants and stipulations hereinafter contained, the undersigned

(whether one or more, hereinafter called "Mortgagors") do hereby grant, bargain, sell, convey, assign, grant a security interest in, transfer and warrant unto Mortgagee the following described real property situated in Shelby County, State of Alabama, viz.

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together with all present and future leases and subleases thereof and of any part thereof, all rents, profits, royalties, and other income and revenues thereof and all rights, privileges, easements, tenements, interests, improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining thereto, including any after-acquired title and easements and all rights, title and interest now or hereafter owned by Mortgagors in and to all buildings and improvements, storm and screen windows and doors, gas, steam, electric, solar and other heating, lighting, ventilating, air-conditioning, refrigerating and cooking apparatus, elevators, plumbing, sprinklers, smoke, fire and intrusion detection devices, trees, shrubs and flowers, and other equipment and fixtures now or hereafter attached or appertaining to said premises, all of which shall be deemed to be real property and conveyed by this mortgage (all of the foregoing real property, equipment, and fixtures being sometimes hereinafter called the "mortgaged property").

And together with all building materials, household appliances/equipment, fixtures and fittings of every kind or character now owned or hereafter acquired by Mortgagors, or any of them, located, whether permanently or temporarily, on the mortgaged property or on any other real property which are or shall be purchased by Mortgagors, or any of them, for the purpose, or with the intention, of making improvements on the mortgaged property or to the premises located on said property. The personal property herein transferred includes, without limitation, all lumber, bricks, building stones, building blocks, sand, cement, steel, roofing materials, paint, doors, windows, storm doors, storm windows, glass, nails, wires and wire, hardware, plumbing and plumbing fixtures, heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment and appliances, electrical and gas equipment and appliances, pipes and piping, ornamental and decorative fixtures, trees, shrubs and flowers, and in general all building materials, equipment, appliances and plants of every kind and character used or useful in connection with improvements to real property, provided, that to the extent the personal property described above consists of "household goods", as that term is defined in 12 C.F.R. Section 227.12(d), Mortgagee's security interest in those household goods is limited to a purchase money security interest; and provided further, that if the mortgaged property includes the principal dwelling of any Mortgagor who is an individual, and if the securing by this mortgage of any particular other or future indebtedness would give rise to a right of rescission under 15 U.S.C. Section 1635 or the regulations promulgated thereunder, such other or future indebtedness will be secured by this mortgage only if all required notices of the right of rescission were timely and properly given.

To Have And To Hold the same and every part thereof unto Mortgagee, its successors and assigns forever.

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For the purpose of further securing the payment of all of the secured indebtedness Mortgagors represent, warrant, covenant and agree with Mortgagee, its successors and assigns, as follows:

its successors and assigns, as follows:

1. That they are lawfully seized in fee and possessed of the mortgaged property except as otherwise expressly stated herein, they have a good right to convey the same as aforesaid, they will warrant and forever defend the title of Mortgagee to the mortgaged premises against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever, and the mortgaged property is free and clear of all encumbrances, easements and restrictions not herein specifically mentioned;

2. That they will warrant and forever defend the title of Mortgagee to the mortgaged property over this mortgage. If Mortgagee's interest in the

2. That they will pay when due all taxes, assessments, and other liens or mortgages taking priority over this mortgage. If Mortgagor interest in the mortgaged property or any part thereof is other than a freehold estate, Mortgagors agree to pay all rents and perform all covenants due to be paid and performed under the lease or other agreement whereby such interest is created exactly when due, to maintain such lease or agreement in full force and effect in accordance with its terms, and not to attempt to amend or terminate the lease or agreement without Mortgagee's prior written consent. If the mortgaged property or any part thereof is a unit in a condominium or a planned unit development, Mortgagors shall pay and perform all of Mortgagors' obligations under the declaration or covenants creating or covering the condominium or planned unit development, the bylaws and regulations of the condominium or planned unit development and all constituent documents.

3. That they will keep the buildings and other improvements now or hereafter located on the mortgaged property and all building materials, appliances, equipment, fixtures and fittings now or hereafter located on the mortgaged property and the other personal property described above continuously insured against loss or damage, including loss by fire (including so-called extended coverage), wind and such other hazards (including flood and water damage) as Mortgagee may specify from time to time, and including builder's risk coverage if this is a construction mortgage, with loss, if any, payable to Mortgagee under a standard mortgagee's clause providing at least 30 days notice to Mortgagee before cancellation or lapse of such insurance and will deposit with Mortgagee policies of such insurance or, at Mortgagee's election, certificates thereof, and will pay the premiums therefor as the same become due. Mortgagee may provide such insurance through an existing policy or a policy or policies independently obtained and paid for by Mortgagors. Mortgagors may, for reasonable cause, refuse to accept any policy of insurance offered or obtained by Mortgagors. Mortgagors shall give immediate notice in writing to Mortgagee of any loss or damage to the mortgaged property from any cause whatever. If Mortgagors fail to keep said property insured as above specified, Mortgagee may insure said property for its insurable value or the unpaid balance of the secured indebtedness against loss by fire, wind and other hazards for the benefit of Mortgagors and Mortgagee or for the benefit of Mortgagee alone, at Mortgagee's election. The proceeds of all insurance on the mortgaged property and the other personal property described above shall be paid by the insurer to Mortgagee, which is hereby granted full power to settle and compromise claims under all policies, to endorse in the name of Mortgagors any check or draft representing the proceeds of any such insurance, and to demand, receive, and give receipt for all sums becoming due thereunder. Insurance proceeds collected by or paid to Mortgagee may be credited on the indebtedness secured by this mortgage, less costs of collection, or may be used in repairing or reconstructing the improvements on the mortgaged property, at Mortgagee's election. No crediting of insurance proceeds to the secured indebtedness and no application of insurance proceeds to repairing or reconstructing improvements on the mortgaged property shall extend or postpone the due date of any scheduled payments of the secured indebtedness or reduce the amount of such payments. In the event of a dispute with any insurer regarding coverage, the amount of any loss, or the like, Mortgagee may bring an action or join in any action against the insurer, at Mortgagee's election. If Mortgagee elects not to bring an action or to join in any action and Mortgagors elect to pursue any claim or action against the insurer, Mortgagors agree to do so solely at their expense, and Mortgagors waive any right to require Mortgagee to join in the claim or action or to charge Mortgagee with any part of the expenses of the claim or action even if Mortgagee benefits from it.

5. That they will take good care of the mortgaged property and the personal property described above and will not commit or permit any waste thereon or thereof, and they will keep the same repaired and at all times will maintain the same in as good condition as it now is reasonable wear and tear will excepted. If Mortgagors fail to make repairs to the mortgaged property, Mortgagor may make such repairs at Mortgagor's expense. Mortgagor, its agents and employees, may enter the mortgaged property and any improvements thereon at any reasonable time for the purpose of inspecting or repairing said improvements.

6. Mortgagor shall have the right and power, at its election, to perform such

That no delay or failure of Mortgagee to exercise any option to declare the maturity of any debt secured by this mortgage shall be deemed a waiver of the right to exercise such option or to declare such forfeiture either as to past, present or future defaults on the part of Mortgagors, and that the procurement of the insurance or payment of taxes or other liens or assessments or performance of other obligations of Mortgagors by Mortgagee shall not constitute or be deemed to be a waiver of the right to accelerate the maturity of the secured indebtedness by reason of the failure of Mortgagors to procure such insurance or to pay such taxes, liens, or assessments or perform such other obligations, it being agreed by Mortgagors that no terms or conditions contained in this mortgage can be waived, altered or changed except by a writing signed by Mortgagee.

or applied toward the payment of the principal sum of the secured indebtedness, in Mortgagee's discretion;

10. That, unless Mortgagee's written consent has been obtained in advance, (a) they will not cause or allow possession of the mortgaged property to be in any other person or entity to the exclusion of Mortgagors, (b) they will not cut, remove, sell or contract to sell any standing timber from the mortgaged property, and (c) they will not sell, assign, transfer, convey, lease, or sublet all or any part of the mortgaged property or any oil, gas or mineral rights in or other interest therein, excluding only (i) the creation of a lien or encumbrance expressly subordinate to this mortgage, (ii) the creation of a purchase money security interest for household appliances, or (iii) a transfer by devise, descent or by operation of law upon the death of a joint tenant. Mortgagee may condition its consent to any such transfer of possession of, or an interest in, the mortgaged property upon the obligor's or transferee's agreeing to pay a greater rate of interest on all or any part of the secured indebtedness or to adjust the payment schedule of all or any part of the secured indebtedness, and upon Mortgagors' payment of the creditworthiness of the transferee and the transferee's payment to Mortgagee of a reasonable transfer or assumption fee.

approval of the creditworthiness of the transferee and the transferee's payment of mortgage;

II. That, except as otherwise expressly disclosed by Mortgagors to Mortgagee in writing on the date of this mortgage, no Hazardous Substance (as defined below) has been spilled, released, discharged, or disposed of on or under the mortgaged property by Mortgagors or, to the best of Mortgagors' knowledge, by any third party or any predecessor in interest or title to Mortgagors, no underground storage tanks, whether in use or not in use, are located at, on, or under any part of the mortgaged property, Mortgagors and the mortgaged property are in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal environmental laws and regulations, and Mortgagors will at all times cause the mortgaged property to continue to be in compliance therewith, no notice has been received by Mortgagor from any governmental authority or any individual or entity claiming violation of any environmental protection law or regulation, or demanding compliance with any environmental protection law or regulation, or demanding payment, indemnity, or contribution for any environmental damage or non-compliance with any environmental protection law or regulation, and Mortgagors will notify Mortgagee promptly in writing if any such notice is hereafter received by Mortgagors, and any Hazardous Substance used or produced in Mortgagors' business will be used, produced, stored, and disposed of in strict accordance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations. Mortgagors will notify Mortgagee immediately if any Hazardous Substance is spilled, released, or discovered on or under the mortgaged property, and Mortgagors will take or cause to be taken such remedial action and work as may be necessary to be performed on the mortgaged property in order to remedy such spilled, released or discovered Hazardous Substance and to obtain a certificate of remediation or other certificate of compliance from all applicable governmental authorities. Upon Mortgagee's request, Mortgagors will promptly obtain at Mortgagors' expense and deliver to Mortgagee an environmental inspection report or update of a previous report, in form acceptable to Mortgagee, prepared by a competent engineer.

any asbestos, urea formaldehyde foam insulation, explosive, radioactive material, hazardous material, hazardous waste, hazardous or toxic substance, or any other unrelated substance or material which is defined, regulated, limited or prohibited in or by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) (42 U.S.C. Sections 9601 et. seq.), the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. Sections 1801 et. seq.), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (42 U.S.C. Sections 6901 et. seq.), the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Sections 1251 et. seq.), the Clear Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7401 et. seq.), the Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. Section 2601 et. seq.), as any of the foregoing is now or hereafter intended, or in any other federal, state or local environmental law, ordinance, rule or regulation now or hereafter in effect.

12. That Mortgagors will indemnify and hold Mortgagee harmless from and against any and all loss, cost, damage, claim, liability and expense (including attorneys' fees and litigation expenses) incurred by Mortgagee on account of breach by Mortgagors' of any representation, warranty or covenant set forth in paragraph 11, above, or Mortgagors' failure to perform any covenant or obligation under paragraph 11, or Mortgagors' on the mortgaged property, failure to comply fully with all environmental laws and regulations, or any other matter related to environmental conditions on, under or affecting the mortgage property. This paragraph 12 shall survive payment of the secured indebtedness, termination of the other provisions hereof, and exercise by Mortgagee of the power of sale herein contained.

13. That if the "Construction Mortgage" box is marked below, this mortgage is a construction mortgage which secures an obligation incurred for the acquisition costs of the mortgaged property and/or the construction of an improvement on such property, and Mortgagors will perform and comply with the terms of any construction loan agreement made with Mortgagee with regard to such improvement.

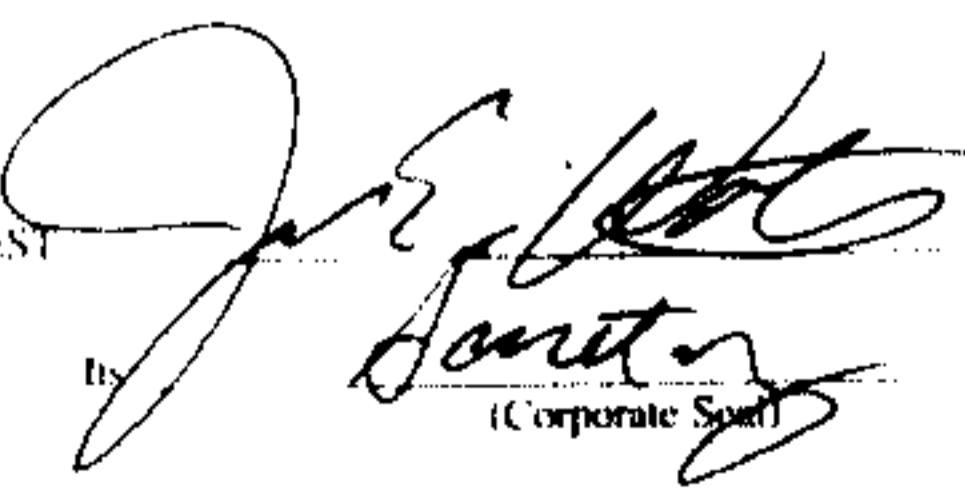
14. That all of the covenants and agreements of Mortgagors herein contained shall extend to and bind their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, and that such covenants and agreements and all options, rights, privileges and powers herein given, granted or secured to Mortgagee shall inure to the benefit of Mortgagee and its successors and assigns. As used in this mortgage, the term "Mortgagors" also means "Mortgagor" or any of them; the singular includes the plural, and vice versa; and the use of one gender includes all other genders. The obligations of Mortgagors hereinunder are joint and several. The provisions of this mortgage and of the note or notes secured hereby are severable, and the invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this mortgage or of any such note or notes shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the other provisions of this mortgage or of such note or notes. The remedies provided to Mortgagee herein are cumulative with the rights and remedies of Mortgagee under any other agreement at law and in equity, and such rights and remedies may be exercised concurrently or consecutively. Time is of the essence with respect to every covenant contained in this mortgage. This mortgage also constitutes a financing statement, and a carbon or photostatic copy of this mortgage may be filed as a financing statement in any public office.

UPON CONDITION, HOWEVER, that if Mortgagors shall well and truly pay and discharge all the secured indebtedness (including, without limitation, all extensions, renewals and increases of the original indebtedness and all future advances) as the same shall become due and payable and shall in all three do and perform all acts and covenants by them herein agreed to be done or performed in strict accordance with the tenor and effect thereof, and if there is no outstanding commitment or agreement by Mortgagee to make advances, incur obligations or otherwise give value under any agreement including, without limitation, agreements providing for future advances, open-end, revolving or other lines of credit, or letters of credit, then and in that event only this conservatorship and the security interest herein granted shall be and become null and void (except the agreements of indemnity made in paragraph 12, above, which shall survive termination of this mortgage); but should default be made in the payment when due (whether as originally scheduled or upon acceleration of maturity) of the secured indebtedness or any part thereof or any renewals, extensions or increases thereof or any interest thereon or should default be made in the repayment of any sum expended by Mortgagee under the authority of any provision of this mortgage, or should the interest of Mortgagee in the mortgaged property or any of the personal property described above become endangered by reason of the enforcement of any lien or encumbrance thereon, or should a petition to condemn all or any part of the mortgaged property be filed by any authority, person or entity having power of eminent domain, or should any law, either state or federal, be passed imposing or authorizing the imposition of a specific tax upon this mortgage or the secured indebtedness or permitting or authorizing the deduction of any such tax from the principal or interest secured by this mortgage or by virtue of which any tax or assessment upon the mortgaged property shall be charged against the owner of this mortgage, or should at any time any of the covenants contained in this mortgage or in any note or other evidence of secured indebtedness be declared invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, or if any of the Mortgagors is a corporation and should any owner of the voting stock of such corporation sell or otherwise transfer 5% or more of the outstanding voting stock of such corporation to any other person or entity, or if any of the Mortgagors is a partnership (general or limited) and should the partnership dissolve or should any general partner of such partnership withdraw, be replaced by the limited partners, die or become incompetent, or should Mortgagors fail to do and perform any other act or thing herein required or agreed to be done, then in any of said events the whole of the secured indebtedness, or any portion or part thereof which may at said date not have been paid, with interest thereon, shall at once become due and payable and this mortgage subject to foreclosure at the option of Mortgagee, notice of the exercise of such option being hereby expressly waived by Mortgagors, and Mortgagee shall have the right to enter upon and take possession of the mortgaged property and after or without taking such possession to sell the same (or such part or parts thereof as Mortgagee may from time to time elect to sell) at the front or main door to the courthouse of the County (or the division thereof) where said property, or any substantial and material part of said property, is located, at public outcry for cash, after first giving notice of the description of the property to be sold and the time and place and terms of such sale by publication once a week for three consecutive weeks prior to said sale in some newspaper published in the county or counties in which the property to be sold is located (or if no newspaper is published in any such county, then in a newspaper published in an adjoining county) and upon the payment of the purchase price, Mortgagee or the auctioneer at said sale is authorized to execute to the purchaser for and in the name of Mortgagors a good and sufficient deed to the property sold. Mortgagee shall apply the proceeds of any sale or sales under this mortgage as follows: First, to the expenses of advertising, selling, preparing the property for sale, and conveying, including reasonable attorneys' fees (including attorneys' fees incurred by Mortgagee in connection with any proceeding seeking to enjoin the foreclosure of this mortgage or otherwise challenging the right of Mortgagee to foreclose this mortgage or sell any of the mortgaged property under this mortgage and attorneys' fees incurred in connection with any appeal); second, to the payment of any amounts that may have been expended or that may then be necessary to expend in paying insurance, taxes, assessments and other rents and mortgages and in making repairs, with interest thereon; third, to the payment of the secured indebtedness and interest thereon in such order as Mortgagee may elect whether such debt shall or shall not have fully matured at the date of said sale; and fourth, the balance, if any, to be paid over to Mortgagors or to whomsoever then appears of record to be the owner of Mortgagors' interest in said property. Mortgagee may bid and become the purchaser of the mortgaged property at any sale hereunder. Mortgagors hereby waive any requirement that the mortgaged property be sold in separate tracts and agree that Mortgagee may, at its election, sell said property en masse regardless of the number of parcels hereby conveyed. The power of sale granted herein is a continuing power and shall not be fully exercised until all of the mortgaged property not previously sold shall have been sold or all of the indebtedness and other obligations secured hereby have been satisfied in full. And upon the occurrence of any such event described above, with respect to all of the mortgaged property which is personal property, Mortgagee shall have the rights and remedies of a secured party after default by its debtor under the Alabama Uniform Commercial Code, and shall have, without limitation, the right to take possession of any of the property herein transferred which is personal property and, with or without taking possession thereof, to sell the same at one or more public or private sales, or to proceed as to both the real property and personal property in accordance with Mortgagee's rights and remedies in respect of the real property, at the election of Mortgagee. At Mortgagee's request, Mortgagors agree to assemble such property and to make the same available to Mortgagee at such place as Mortgagee shall reasonably designate. Mortgagors hereby waive, to the extent permitted by law, any requirement of a judicial hearing and notice of the time and place of any public sale or of the time after which any private sale is delivered to Mortgagors or mailed to Mortgagors at the address set forth above, or such other address as Mortgagors shall have furnished to Mortgagee in writing for that purpose, not less than five days before the date of such sale or other intended disposition of said property.

Construction mortgage. If this box is marked, this mortgage is a construction mortgage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has hereunto set his or her signature and seal or has caused this instrument to be executed and its seal to be affixed thereto by its officer(s) or partner(s) thereto duly authorized, this 19 day of December, 1998.

ATTEST:


By John E. Scott
(Corporate Seal)

EXPRESS PARTNERS, INC.

By Karen Knott
President

(If recording privilege tax is not being paid at time of recording on the maximum sum which might be drawn under the secured indebtedness, complete the following pursuant to Ala. Code § 40-22-2(2)(b).)

I certify the amount of indebtedness presently incurred is \$

Authorized agent for Mortgagee

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

COUNTY

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that
whose name _____ signed to the foregoing conveyance and who _____ known to me, acknowledged before me on this day
that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, _____ he _____ executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date
Given under my hand and official seal this _____ day of _____ 19_____

(Notarial Seal)

Notary Public

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

COUNTY

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that
whose name _____ signed to the foregoing conveyance and who _____ known to me, acknowledged before me on this day
that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, _____ he _____ executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date
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(Notarial Seal)

Notary Public

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

CORPORATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

JEFFERSON COUNTY

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that _____ whose name as _____
of the _____ Express Partners, Inc., a corporation, is signed to the foregoing
conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, _____ he, as
such officer and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said corporation
Given under my hand and official seal this _____ 11th day of December 1998

(Notarial Seal)

Richard A. Banks
President
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF ALABAMA AT Large
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES DEC. 1999.
BORED TIME NOTARY PUBLIC UNDERSTATED.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

PARTNERSHIP ACKNOWLEDGMENT

COUNTY

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that _____ whose name as general partner of _____
(general) (limited) partnership, is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being
informed of the contents of the conveyance, _____ he, as such general partner and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the
act of said partnership
Given under my hand and official seal this _____ day of _____ 19_____

(Notarial Seal)

Notary Public

AFTER RECORDING
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TO

REAL ESTATE
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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY

Office of the Judge of Probate

I hereby certify that the within mortgage was filed in this

office for record on the

day of

Month _____ Year _____
Judge of Probate

Month _____ Year _____
Judge of Probate

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SHELBY COUNTY

EXHIBIT "A"

Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and the south ½ of Lot 8, Block 2, according to Nickerson-Scott Survey, as recorded in Map Book 3, page 34, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama.

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