

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF SHELBY)

ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND LEASES

THIS ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND LEASES is made this day of March 1999 , by John L. Bearden and Cathy N. Bearden (The "Borrower") in favor of SOUTHTRUST BANK OF ALABAMA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association (the "Lender").

R E C I T A L S:

This Assignment is made as additional security for the payment of indebtedness due by Borrower to Lender in the principal amount of and 00/100 (\$) (the "Loan"), a Promissory Note of even date herewith in said amount (the "Note") executed and delivered by Borrower to Lender, and as additional security for the full and faithful performance by Borrower of all the terms and conditions of the Note and of a certain Real Estate Mortgage, Security Agreement and Financing Statement of even date herewith (the "Mortgage") executed and delivered by Borrower to Lender on the property described in below to secure the payment of the Note.

see attached Exhibit "A" for legal description

AGREEMENT

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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, and as an inducement to the Lender to make the Loan to the Borrower does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto Lender, its successors and assigns, all of the Borrower's interest in and to all leases presently existing or hereafter made, whether written or verbal, or any letting of, or agreement for the use or occupancy of, any part of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and the improvements located or to be located thereon, including, without limitation, all the rents, issues, and profits now due and which may hereafter become due under or by virtue of said leases and agreements.

Borrower agrees to duly operate and maintain the aforesaid property and perform all requisites on their part to keep any and all leases of said property in full force and effect.

Borrower agrees that this Assignment shall cover all future leases, whether written or verbal, or any letting of, or any agreement for the use or occupancy of, any part of said property.

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Borrower further agrees that he will not assign the rent or any part of the rent of said property, nor collect rents under any leases or other agreements relating to use of any part of the property, for a period further in advance than one (1) month without the written consent of the Lender, nor do any other act whereby the lien of the Mortgage and this Assignment may, in the opinion of the Lender, be impaired in value or quality.

Borrower agrees that he has not and will not enter into any fictitious lease or any lease for the purpose of avoiding creditors, and any attempt to do so will be void. Borrower represents and warrants that all leases, if any, presently in effect are, and all leases hereafter entered into will be, arm-length leases for a rental rate, which, in Borrower's best judgement, represents a fair market rental.

Borrower further agrees that this Assignment is to remain in full force and effect so long as the Note remains unpaid and that it may be enforced by Lender.

It is expressly understood and agreed by Borrower and Lender that said Borrower reserve, and are entitled to collect, said rents, income and profits upon, but not prior to, their accrual under aforesaid leases, and to retain, use and enjoy the same unless and until the occurrence of an Event of Default pursuant to (and as defined in) the Note, or the Mortgage, or until the violation of any term, condition or agreement of this Assignment, each of which shall constitute an "Event of Default" hereunder.

Borrower does hereby authorize and empower Lender to collect, upon demand, after any Event of Default hereunder, all of the rents, issues and profits now due or which may hereafter become due under or by virtue of any lease, whether written or verbal, or any letting of, or agreement for the use or occupancy of, any part of said property, and to take such action, legal or equitable, as may be deemed necessary to enforce payment of such rents, issues and profits. Any lessee making such payment to Lender shall be under no obligation to inquire into or determine the actual existence of any Event of Default claimed by Lender.

Any amount received or collected by Lender by virtue of this Assignment shall be applied for the following purposes, but not necessarily in the order named, priority and application of such funds being within the sole discretion of Lender:

- (1) to the payment of all necessary expenses for the operation, protection and preservation of the property, including the usual and customary fees for management services;

(2) to the payment of taxes and assessments levied and assessed against the property as said taxes and assessments become due and payable;

(3) to the payment of premiums due and payable on any insurance policy related to the property;

(4) to the payment of installments of principal and interest on the Note as and when they become due and payable pursuant to the terms of the Note, whether by acceleration or otherwise;

(5) to the payment of any other sums due to Lender, including those due under the Mortgage; and

(6) the balance remaining after payment of the above shall be paid to the then owner of record of said property.

Borrower hereby agrees to indemnify Lender for, and to save it harmless from, any and all liability, loss or damage which Lender might incur under said leases or by virtue of this Assignment, and from any and all claims and demands whatsoever which may be assessed against Lender thereunder or hereunder, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, covenants that this Assignment, prior to any such default by said Borrower and entry upon the property by said Lender by reason thereof, shall not operate to place responsibility for the control, care, management or repair of said property upon Lender, nor the carrying out of any of the terms and conditions of said leases; nor shall it operate to make Lender responsible or liable for any waste committed on the property by the tenants or any other party, or for any negligence in the management, upkeep, repair or control of said property resulting in loss or injury or death to any tenant, licensee, invitee, employee, stranger or other person.

The terms "Note" and "Mortgage" shall refer to such instruments as they may hereafter be amended by Borrower and Lender. This agreement shall be binding upon the Borrower, his successors and assigns and subsequent owners of the property, or any part thereof, and shall inure to the benefit of Lender, its successors and assigns and any holder of the Note.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Borrower has caused these presents to be properly executed as of the day and year first above written.

BORROWER: John L. Bearden and Cathy N. Bearden

BY: 

John L. Bearden

BY: 

Cathy N. Bearden

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF Shelby)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that **John L. Bearden and Cathy N. Bearden** whose names are signed to the foregoing Assignment is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, being informed of the contents of the said Assignment, they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand an official seal, this the 17 day of MARCH, 1999.

Mary D. Nagel
Notary Public
My commission expires: 12-5-2001

This instrument was prepared by:
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SouthTrust Bank, National Association
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Birmingham, Alabama 35290
(205) 254-4281

EXHIBIT "A"

A parcel of land situated in the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 25, Township 19 South, Range 3 West, Shelby County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the SW corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 25, said point being the point of beginning; thence North 89 deg. 32 min. 43 sec. East along the South line of said Section line a distance of 389.03 feet; thence leaving said Section line North 0 deg. 32 min. 59 sec. West for 98.74 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 16, Owens Industrial Park, First Addition, as recorded in Map Book 11 page 2 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama; thence South 89 deg. 27 min. 01 sec. West along the South line of Lots 15 & 16 of said Owens Industrial Park, First Addition, a distance of 389.00 feet (Map) to the SW corner of said Lot 15, said point also lying on the West line of said 1/4 1/4 Section; thence South 0 deg. 31 min. 50 sec. East along said 1/4 1/4 line a distance of 98.09 feet meas. (99.0 feet Map) to the point of beginning; being situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

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