

Bond No. 93-EE-6505-4

OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH



STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, GARY L. ROSS of 3205 LORNA RD STE 101  
BIRMINGHAM AL 35216  
as Principal, and STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY of Bloomington, Illinois, as Surety, are held and firmly  
bound unto STATE OF ALABAMA Dollars  
in the penal sum of TEN THOUSAND AND NO CENTS  
(\$ 10,000.00 ), for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we do hereby severally bind ourselves, our  
heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our Seals, and dated this 1ST day of SEPTEMBER, 1999.

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATION ARE SUCH, that, Whereas, the said Principal has been elected or appointed  
to the office of NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE STATE AT LARGE  
for a term of 4 YRS FROM DATE OF NOTARY

COMMISSION beginning on September 21, 1999 and ending on  
September 21, 2003

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall well, truly and faithfully perform all official duties required by law of such  
official during the term aforesaid, the principal and the Surety hereby agreeing that if said bond is required by any statute,  
all the provisions of such statute are hereby made a part of this bond, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to  
remain in full force and effect.

Inst # 1999-39395  
09/21/1999-39395  
09:53 AM CERTIFIED  
SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE  
D02 NMS 17.00

Gary L. Ross  
Principal

STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY

By Pamela Chubb  
Attorney-in-fact

The within bond and the Surety thereon are hereby approved this 21st day of Sept., 1999

Patricia Lynn Schmitt

OATH OF OFFICE

STATE OF ALABAMA

SS

COUNTY OF SHELBY

GARY L. ROSS being  
Principal (print name)

duly sworn, says that he/she will support the constitution of the United States and of the State of Alabama  
and that he/she will faithfully, honestly and impartially perform and discharge the duties of the office/position to which  
he/she has been appointed while he/she shall hold said office.

Gary L. Ross  
Signature of Principal  
Sworn to by said GARY L. ROSS  
Principal (print name)

before me, and subscribed in my presence this \_\_\_\_\_

15<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ day of

September A.D. 1999

Patricia Ambrose  
Notary Public

April 25. 99-002  
Commission Date

Notary Seal

**Power of Attorney**  
**STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned, **STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY**, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify and authorize **W. Donald Sullivan**, Vice-President, to execute, on behalf of the Company, any and all bonds, undertakings, policies, contracts of indemnity or other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, which the Company might execute through its duly elected officers, and affix the seal of the Company thereto. Any said execution of such documents by an Attorney-in-Fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company. Any Attorney-in-Fact, so appointed, may be removed for good cause and the authority so granted may be revoked as specified in the Power of Attorney.

Any such obligation in any amount.  
This appointment is made under and by the authority of a resolution which was passed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of State Farm Fire and Casualty Company on the 24th day of July, 1974, as is duly authorized by the Board of Directors in Article II, Section of the By-Laws of the Company, which resolution is:

Resolved, that the Executive Vice-President or a Vice-President of the Company is hereby authorized to appoint and empower any representative of the Company or other person or persons as Attorney-in-Fact to execute on behalf of the Company any bonds, undertakings, policies, contracts of indemnity or other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, which the Company might execute through its duly elected officers, and affix the seal of the Company thereto. Any said execution of such documents by an Attorney-in-Fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company. Any Attorney-in-Fact, so appointed, may be removed for good cause and the authority so granted may be revoked as specified in the Power of Attorney.

Resolved, that the signature of the Executive Vice-President or any Vice-President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted, and the signature of the Secretary, Vice-President or Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any such power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY has caused this instrument to be signed by its Vice-President, and its Corporate Seal to be affixed this 22nd day of July 1998.

This APPOINTMENT SHALL CEASE AND TERMINATE AUTOMATICALLY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2001, UNLESS SOONER REVOKED AS PROVIDED.

STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY

*W. Donald Sullivan*

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice-President

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF McLEAN

On this 22nd day of July 1998, before me personally came W. Donald Sullivan to me known, who being duly sworn, did depose and say that he is Vice-President of STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such Corporate Seal; and that he executed said instrument on behalf of the corporation by authority of his office under the By-Laws of said corporation.

"OFFICIAL SEAL"  
Ruth Davis  
Notary Public, State of Illinois  
My Commission Expires 4/13/02

*Ruth Davis*

Notary Public  
My commission expires April 13, 2002

**CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned Vice-President of STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY, do hereby certify that the original Power of Attorney of which the foregoing is a true and correct copy, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked and the resolutions as set forth are now in force.

Signed and sealed at Bloomington, Illinois. Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1999.



*Guan M. Watkins*

Vice-President

If you have a question concerning the validity of this Power of Attorney, call (309) 766-1161.

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