

Bond No. _____

OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH



STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY
BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

Inst # 2000-08457

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SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE
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KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS

That we, Sharron M gaut of _____
principal
112 2nd Ave SW Alabaster AL 35007
street address, city, state, zip
as principal, and STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY of Bloomington, Illinois, as surety, are held and
firmly bound unto State of Alabama

in the penal sum of Ten thousand dollars and no/100***** Dollars
(\$ 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 16 day of March 19 2000

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATION ARE SUCH, that, Whereas, the said Principal has been elected or appointed
to the office of Notary Public

for a term of 4 years
beginning on 3/16/2000 and ending on 3/16/2004

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.

Sharron M. Gaut
Principal

STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY

By [Signature]
Attorney-in-fact

The within bond and the Surety thereon are hereby approved this 16th
day of March 19 2000

Patricia Gager Schmidt

OATH OF OFFICE

STATE OF Alabama

SS

COUNTY OF Shelby

Sharon M. Gant 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.

Sharon M. Gant
Signature of Principal

Sworn to by said Sharon M. Gant
Principal (print name)

before me, and subscribed in my presence this _____

_____ 16 day of

March A.D. 192000

Cynthia A. Gant
Notary Public

Commission Date 3/1/2003

Notary Seal

Power of Attorney
STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY, an Illinois corporation, with its principal office in Bloomington, Illinois, does hereby constitute and appoint:

of **Columbiana, Alabama**

Jeff Falkner

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for, and on its behalf as surety, any and all bonds, undertakings or other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond as follows:

\$1,500 - License, Permit and Indemnity Bonds which guarantee payment.

\$50,000 - Administrator, Executor, Trustee of a decedent's estate

\$10,000 - License & Permit which do not guarantee payment - (Code Compliance only)

\$25,000 - Guardian, Conservator, Committee

\$10,000 - Trustee in Bankruptcy or Receiver Court Bond

\$15,000 - Public Official

\$2,000 - Plaintiff's Court Bond

THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IS NOT VALID FOR THE EXECUTION OF ANY CONTRACT (CONSTRUCTION OR SUPPLY) BOND - BID, PERFORMANCE OR PAYMENT.

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 6 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

By: 

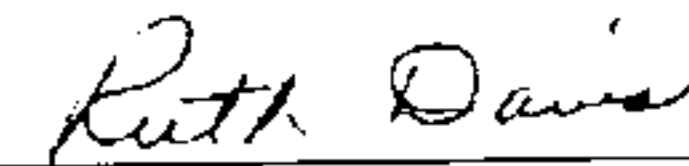
Vice-President

THIS POWER INVALID IF GREEN IMPRINTS ARE NOT PRESENT IN THEIR ENTIRETY

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


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 _____ day of _____





Vice-President

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