# STATE OF ALABAMA — UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE — FINANCING STATEMENT FORM UCC-1 ALA.

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#### EXHIBIT B

\$265,000.00 August 31, 1996

#### SECURED PROMISSORY NOTE

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, D. F. STAFFORD and CHARLES N. GAULT (hereinafter jointly and severally "Maker") promise to pay to the order of THOMAS G. GROOVER (hereinafter referred to as "Payee"), the sum of two hundred sixty-five thousand dollars and 00/100 Dollars (\$265,000). Said principal sum shall accrue interest at the simple rate of nine percent (9%).

Payments on this Note shall be due and payable on the date(s) and in the amount(s) specified on the amortization schedule which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference until all amounts due under this Note have been paid in full. All amounts paid pursuant to this Note shall be paid in legal tender for the payment of public and private debts in the United States of America.

This Note may be prepaid in part or in full at any time without penalty. Any prepayment shall be applied first to the discharge of accrued interest and then to the reduction of the principal portion of the installment or installments last maturing hereunder.

The indebtedness evidenced by this Note is secured by a pledge of certain stock purchased by Maker from Payee as provided in a Stock Purchase Agreement by and among Maker and Payee and entered into on even date with this Note.

As an inducement to enter into the Stock Purchase Agreement and to execute the Secured Promissory Note, the Maker has relied upon the Seller agreeing to a Covenant not to Compete in the form of Exhibit "C" attached to the Stock Purchase Agreement. Maker's performance under this Secured Promissory Note is conditioned upon Seller not breaching the Covenant not to Compete. In the event Seller breaches his obligations under the Covenant not to Compete, then Maker's performance under this Note shall be suspended so long as Seller is in breach under the Covenant not to Compete in the Stock Purchase Agreement, regardless of whether the Covenant not to Compete is enforceable. If Seller's breach under the Covenant not to Compete extends beyond one hundred twenty (120) days, not consecutively, then Maker's obligations under this Secured Promissory Note are discharged.

In the event Maker transfers the stock Maker purchases from Payce pursuant to the Stock Purchase Agreement, or in the event Custom Finishing, Inc. sells substantially all of its assets, then payments due Payee under this Note shall be accelerated and all principal and accrued interest due and payable at the time of such transfer.

If any portion of the indebtedness evidenced by this Note is collected by or through an attorney at law, Maker promises to pay to Holder, upon demand, (i) reasonable attorneys' fees, (ii) court costs, and (iii) reasonable legal expenses.

In the event Maker fails to make a payment when due and payable, the Payee shall have the right to declare the entire principal and accrued interest balance due and payable. Failure to exercise the right to accelerate payment when due following default shall not be deemed a waiver of such default nor a consent to a continuation thereof nor a waiver of the same default at any subsequent date. Any waiver of rights by Payee must be in writing and shall only apply to that written waiver and shall not have general or prospective application.

This Note is executed and delivered in the State of Alabama and shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama, which laws shall prevail in the event of any conflict of law. All claims, causes of action, liabilities, controversies, and disputes relating to the negotiation, formation, construction, interpretation, performance, or enforcement of this Note shall be governed by and construed in accordance with Alabama law.

If any provision of this Note is, for any reason, declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision or determination shall not affect the validity of any remaining portion and such remaining portion shall remain in full force and effect as if this Note had been executed with the invalid provision eliminated; provided, however, that in the event of a declaration of invalidity, the provision declared invalid shall not be invalidated in its entirety, but shall be observed and performed by the parties to the extent such provision is valid and enforceable.

This Note may not be changed orally, but only by an agreement in writing signed by the party against whom enforcement of any waiver, change, or modification is sought. This Note may be assigned by Holder and Maker expressly agrees that the rights of any assignee of Holder shall be those of a holder in due course.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Maker, intending to be legally bound, has caused its duly authorized officers to execute this Note under seal, as of the day, month, and year first written above.

MAKER:

D. F. Stafford

Charles N. Gault

PAYEE:

Thomas G. Groover

# CUSTOM FINISHING INC.

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		Powder Guns						
143	_	Air Compressor 2HP	Sears		မ	<b>⇔</b>	321.00	1987
144	-	Five-Drawer File Cabinet			မ	4	410.00	
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146	_	PH Meter	Analytical Meas.	707	9	₩	300.00	
147	2	Hand-Held PH Meters	Omega PHH		9	₩	88.00	1991
148		Calculator	Unisonic	XL-129	တ	₩	30.00	
149	<b>_</b>	Meg OHM Meter	Yokogawa	3213-24	ဖ	44	227.00	1985
150		Digital Coating Thickness Gauge	Elcometer	345 FT	မွ	€7	1,011.00	1993
151		Meter	Erichsen Gloss Master		8	₩	1,471.00	1993
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153	_	Tachometer		V-R #8611	မ	€Ð	197.00	1989
154	· 	Manual Powder Gun/Hopper	Thorid	6140/EPU-90	>	₩	3,600.00	1986
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155		Digital Thickness Gauge 345NT	Elcometer		9	65	1,049.00	1993
158	2	Fire Extinguisher 5" x 15" 10#	Halon		ဂ	↔	262.00	
157	<b>-</b>	Manual Powder Gun/Hopper	GEMA	708-709-2-930	ი	₩	1,000.00	1986
		with Control				•		
158		Manual Powder Gun/Hopper	GEMA	HP 175180-2-515	➤	₩	1,000.00	1986
		with Control						
159	2		Amerex	5x515x10#	>	€9	138.00	
160		Fire Extinguisher	Amerex	3x15x2.5#	ဂ	₩	30.00	
161		Wood Storage Cabinet			9	₩	250.00	
					TOTAL	\$ 6	642,673.03	

Revised: 7/02/96

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#### EXHIBIT C

## STOCK PLEDGE AGREEMENT

This Stock Pledge Agreement ("Agreement") is made effective as of the 31st day of August, 1996, by and between THOMAS G. GROOVER, (hereinafter referred to as the "Secured Party") and D. F. STAFFORD and CHARLES N. GAULT (hereinafter jointly and severally referred to as "Debtor").

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual agreements, warranties, and representations made in this agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties, the parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Certain Definitions</u>. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- (a) "Stock Purchase Agreement" means the Stock Purchase Agreement by and between Secured Party and Debtor.
- (b) "Collateral" means the 525 shares owned by Secured Party (hereinaster collectively the "Stock");
- (c) "Liabilities" mean: the secured promissory note attached as Exhibit B to the Stock Purchase Agreement of which this Agreement is Exhibit C; and,
- 2. Security. To secure the payment of the Liabilities, Debtor does hereby grant to Secured Party a security interest in the Collateral. Debtor and Secured Party agree to execute such instruments, documents, and statements including, but not limited to, UCC financing statements and stock certificates as Secured Party may required to make and keep said security interest in the Collateral enforceable and perfected and Debtor shall take such other action as may be required to perfect Secured Party's security interest in the Collateral and, unless prohibited by law, Debtor hereby authorizes Secured Party to execute in the name and on behalf of the Debtor and to file any such instruments, documents, and statements on Debtor's behalf. The Debtor specifically agrees that a photographic copy of this Agreement may be filed as a financing statement.
- 3. Ownership of Collateral. Except as otherwise permitted by this Agreement, Debtor represents, warrants, and covenants to Secured Party that the Collateral is now and, so long as any Debtor is obligated to Secured Party for any of the Liabilities, will be owned by Debtor and that no other person, entity, or government has any right, title, interest, claim, or lien thereon or thereto and that said Collateral is and will remain free and clear of all encumbrances, liens, and security interests other than the security interest granted hereunder to Secured Party. Debtor shall pay and discharge when due all taxes, levies, and other charges upon it and upon the Collateral and shall defend the Collateral against all claims of any person, entity, or government.
- 4. <u>Debtor's Representations, Warranties, and Covenants</u>. Debtor will not, except as otherwise permitted by this Agreement, sell, assign, lease, transfer, mortgage, pledge, encumber, or otherwise dispose of the Collateral or any part thereof or any interest therein or attempt to do so without the prior written consent of Secured Party; and, Debtor will not in any manner do any act or omit to do any act which shall in any manner impair or invalidate the security interest of Secured Party in the Collateral.
- 5. Events of Default. Provided Secured Party is not in breach of this Agreement or the Asset Purchase Agreement, the occurrence of any one or more of the following events will constitute a default by Debtor under this Agreement ("Event of Default"):
- (a) Failure of any Debtor to punctually make payment of any amount payable on any of the Liabilities when and as the same becomes due and payable, whether at maturity, or at a date fixed for partial payment, or by acceleration or otherwise;

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- (b) If Debtor becomes insolvent or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or if any action is brought by Debtor seeking its dissolution or liquidation of its assets or seeking the appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property or if Debtor commences a voluntary case under the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978, as amended from time to time, or if any reorganization or arrangement proceeding is instituted by Debtor for the settlement, readjustment, composition or extension of any of its debts upon any terms, or if the action or petition is otherwise brought by Debtor seeking similar relief or alleging that it is insolvent or unable to pay its debts as they mature;
- (c) If any action is brought against Debtor seeking its dissolution or liquidation of any of its assets, or seeking the appointment of a trustee, interim trustee, receiver or other custodian for any of its property, and such action is consented to or acquiesced in by Debtor or is not dismissed within forty-five (45) days of the date upon which it was instituted; or if any reorganization or arrangement proceeding is instituted against Debtor for the settlement, readjustment, composition or extension of any of its debts upon any terms, and such proceeding is consented to or acquiesced in by Debtor or is not dismissed within forty-five (45) days of the date upon which it is brought; and
- (d) If the Collateral is seized or levied upon or a receiver or other custodian is appointed for it.
- 6. Remedies. Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the Secured Party shall forward a notice to cure to Debtor to cure said default. In the event the default is not cured within fifteen (15) days, Secured Party may, at its option, take possession of the Collateral by giving notice to the Debtor. In the event Secured Party does take possession of the Collateral, Debtor hereby appoints Secured Party as Debtor's attorney-in-fact and agent for either the purpose of transferring the Collateral into Secured Party's name so Secured Party becomes the owner of the Collateral or for the purpose of Secured Party selling the Collateral and retaining the proceeds of the sale. If the fair market value of the Collateral or the amount of the proceeds exceed the amount of Debtor's obligations to the Secured Party, Secured Party shall refund the excess to Debtor less reasonable costs associated with the execution of the transaction.
- 7. <u>Notices</u>. Any notice required to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be mailed by registered or certified mail.

# 8. Severability and Construction.

- (a) If any part of this Agreement is, for any reason, declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision or determination shall not affect the validity of any remaining portion and such remaining portion shall remain in full force and effect as if this Agreement had been executed with the invalid portion eliminated; provided, however, that in the event of a declaration of invalidity, the provision declared invalid shall not be invalidated in its entirety, but shall be observed and performed by the parties to the extent such provision is valid and enforceable.
- (b) The headings and captions contained in this Agreement are for the purpose of convenience and reference only and are not to be construed as a part of this Agreement. All terms and words used in this Agreement shall be construed to include the number and gender as the context of this Agreement may require.
- 9. Governing Law and Enforcement. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama, which laws shall prevail in the event of any conflict of law. If any provision of this Agreement is enforced at any time by any party, by or through an attorney at law, the prevailing party shall be reimbursed by the other party, upon demand, for all of the prevailing party's cost and expenses of enforcement including, but not limited to, court costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and legal expenses.

- 10. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed an original, but such counterparts together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.
- 11. <u>Waiver, Modification, and Termination</u>. The failure of any part to insist upon strict compliance by any other party with any obligations or duty under this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any party's right to demand exact compliance with any provision of this Agreement. Any waiver, modification, cancellation, termination, or rescission of this Agreement shall not be valid unless the same be in writing and signed by all parties.
- 12. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. The parties acknowledge that this Agreement and the Asset Purchase Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and that there are no agreements, understandings, restrictions, warranties, representations, or covenants between the parties concerning the subject matter of this Agreement other than those set forth herein or set forth in documents referenced herein. This Agreement terminates and supersedes any prior agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date first written above.

**DEBTOR:** 

D. F. Stafford

Charles N. Gault

**SECURED PARTY:** 

Thomas G. Groover

# STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT

This Stock Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") effective as of the 31st day of August, 1996 by and between THOMAS G. GROOVER, ("Seller") a resident of Birmingham, Alabama, and D. F. STAFFORD and CHARLES N. GAULT (jointly and severally "Buyer") residents of the state of Alabama.

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Seller owns 525 shares of the issued and outstanding common stock of Custom Finishing, Inc. (the "Corporation"); and,

WHEREAS, the Seller desires to sell to the Buyer and the Buyer desires to purchase from Seller all right title and interest in all of Seller's shares of stock in the Corporation (the "Purchased Stock") for the purchase price provided herein and subject to the terms, covenants, and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of ten dollars (\$10.00) in hand paid, and the mutual representations, warranties, covenants, and agreements herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Stock Transfer and Other Rights. Seller hereby delivers to the Buyer any and all stock certificates representing his ownership in the Corporation. Said stock certificates are attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

# 2. Purchase and Price.

- (a) Seller hereby sells the Purchased Stock to the Buyer free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, and claims, and the Buyer purchases the Purchased Stock from the Seller. The total purchase price which the Buyer shall pay for the Purchased Stock is two hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$265,000.00). No payment shall be made in cash at closing. At closing a promissory note with a principal amount of two hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$265,000.00) substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B" shall be executed by the Buyer. The Purchased Stock will be pledged to secure the obligations under the promissory note, and the parties will execute a Pledge Agreement substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "C". The Seller will enter into a Covenant not to Compete as set forth in paragraph 9.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, in the event that Buyer sells the purchased stock or if the Corporation shall sell all of its assets, or a substantial part of all of its assets, outside of the ordinary course of business, then the Buyer shall use any sale proceeds to pay toward any outstanding obligation to Seller. If the Corporation, at any time, ceases, for a period in excess of six (6) months, to operate any kind of business or if the Corporation distributes all of its assets, then Seller shall receive as payment in full satisfaction of Buyer's obligation hereunder, an amount equal to the Buyer's obligations hereunder.

# 3. Representations and Warranties by the Seller. The Seller warrants and represents:

- (a) that the Purchased Stock is owned legally and beneficially by Seller free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, claims, charges, and assessments, and, except for the rights contained herein, such Purchased Stock constitutes Seller's entire interest as either an owner or creditor in the Corporation. Upon transfer of the Purchased Stock to the Buyer, the Buyer will, as a result, receive good and marketable title to the Purchased Stock, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, claims, charges, and assessments.
- (b) that the Corporation has clear and marketable title to the assets listed on Exhibit "D" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

- (c) that the only liabilities of the Corporation are those listed on Exhibit "E" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- (d) that the financial statements attached hereto as Exhibit "F" and incorporated herein by reference are a true and correct statement of financial condition of the Corporation.
- (e) that there has been no material adverse change in the Seller's business or the Corporation's financial statements since the date of the financial statements attached hereto as Exhibit "F".
- (f) that the Seller acknowledges and agrees that the covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement are ancillary to the sale of the Stock of the Corporation in exchange for payment of valuable and substantial consideration to the Seller.
- 4. <u>Closing</u>. The Closing of this purchase and sale of the Purchased Stock shall occur immediately after this Agreement is signed by all parties hereto, and shall be effective as of August 31, 1996.
- 5. Resignation. At Closing Seller shall resign as an employee, officer, and member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation and shall deliver notice of the same to the Corporation. Said notice shall be in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "G".
- 6. <u>Corporate Action</u>. The Buyer agrees to cause the Corporation to take the corporate actions set forth below:
- (a) To enter into a consulting agreement with Seller for a period ninety (90) days. During that 90-day period, the Corporation shall pay to Seller the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) per month. In addition, the during 90-day period, the Corporation shall provide the Seller with an automobile and with health insurance. In return for the compensation set forth above, Seller shall render such services as required from time to time by the Corporation. At the end of the 90-day period, so long as the Corporation maintains a group health insurance plan, and so long as the Corporation's group health insurance permits the practice, the Corporation shall continue to pay the premiums under the group insurance policy attributable to individual coverage for Seller until the earlier of the Seller's death or August 4, 1997.
- (b) As further compensation due Seller, at the end of the term of the Consulting Agreement the Corporation shall transfer to the Seller free and clear of all liens and encumbrances following automobile owned by the Corporation, a 1993 Cadillae DeVille VIN 1G6CD53B0P424572.
- (c) To pay one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in cash at Closing in partial repayment of that certain obligation of the Corporation to the Seller currently in the amount of approximately one hundred thirty-four thousand dollars (\$134,000). That note from the Corporation to the Seller shall then be reamortized over eight (8) years accruing simple interest at the rate of nine percent (9%).
- 7. <u>Indemnification of Buyer by Seller</u>. Seller shall jointly and severally indemnify, defend, and hold Buyer harmless from and against any and all actions, suits, proceedings, claims, losses, liabilities, damages, expenses, court costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, incurred, incident to, arising out of, or in any other way connected with any liability not disclosed on Exhibit "E".
- 8. <u>Indemnification of Seller by Buyer</u>. Buyer shall indemnify, defend, and hold Seller harmless from and against any and all actions, suits, proceedings, claims, losses, liabilities, damages, expenses, court costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, incurred, incident to, arising out of, or in any other way connected with:

- (a) any misrepresentation, breach of warranty or representation, or nonfulfillment of any covenant or agreement on Buyer's part made or given in or with respect to this Agreement;
- (b) any tax lien, levy assessment, payment, liability, penalty, or other tax deficiency, whether disputed or not, suffered or incurred by the Seller relating to the Corporation for any period from the date of closing forward;
- (c) any judgment, award, payment, settlement, cost, or expense rendered against, suffered or incurred by the Seller relating to the Corporation as a result of or with respect to any lawsuits or causes of action against or involving Buyer including, but not limited to, any injury to or death of any person, and any property damage or property loss which is solely attributable to Buyer's negligence, intentional act, strict liability, or otherwise; and
- (d) any loss, claim, or damage suffered by or asserted against the Seller by reason of any alleged incapacity of Buyer to make and perform this Agreement.

#### 9. Covenants.

- (a) Covenant not to compete. The Seller (and his respective heirs, successors, assigns, principals, officers, directors, shareholders, and affiliated or controlled entities) covenants and agrees not to open a business engaged in the business of custom finishing for five years following the date hereof in the states of Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee and Florida. The term of this covenant not to compete shall be extended by the number of days during the term of this Agreement that Seller is in breach of this Agreement or any other agreement with the Buyer. This Agreement shall terminate earlier than five years if Buyer sells all of Buyer's stock in the Corporation or if the Corporation sells substantially all of its assets.
- (b) Covenant not to solicit. The Seller (and his, her or its respective heirs, successors, assigns, principals, officers, directors, shareholders, and affiliated or controlled entities) covenants and agrees not to solicit any existing employees or clients of the Corporation to become an employee or client for a period of five years.
- 10. Other Documents. The parties shall execute all documents reasonably necessary and take all actions required to convey interests in the property described herein, including the Acknowledgment of Receipt attached hereto as Exhibit "H".
- 11. <u>Notices</u>. All notices under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given or served and effective for all purposes when presented personally, or transmitted by telex, or upon receipt by registered or certified mail addressed, return receipt requested, at the address shown beneath each party's signature below. Either party may change its address by delivering notice of such change to the other party pursuant to the terms of this paragraph.
- 12. Alabama Law to Govern; Jurisdiction. This Agreement is executed within the State of Alabama, although it is contemplated that performance hereunder may be either within or without the State of Alabama, and the parties covenant that Alabama law shall govern the execution and interpretation of this Agreement, as well as the rights of the parties hereunder.
- 13. <u>Representation</u>. The law firm of Feld, Hyde, Lyle & Wertheimer, P.C. has represented the Buyer and only the Buyer in this matter.
- 14. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement is being executed in several original counterparts, each of which shall for all purposes be deemed an original and all of such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same agreement.
- 15. <u>Independence and Severability of Subparagraphs</u>. Each and every paragraph or subparagraph of this Agreement is supported by good and adequate consideration, and every agreement made in each paragraph or subparagraph shall be severable from the other agreements

in each such paragraph or subparagraph. To the extent that any such agreement is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining agreements shall survive and shall not be deemed invalid or unenforceable on account of such (partial) invalidity or unenforceability.

- Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit 16. of the parties hereto as well as each respective party's heirs, administrators, successors, legal representatives, executors and assigns.
- Interpretation. No provision of this Agreement shall be construed against or interpreted to the disadvantage of any party by any court, or other governmental or judicial authority by reason of such party having, or being deemed to have prepared or imposed such provision. The recitals of this Agreement are incorporated herein as substantive provisions.
- Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Exhibits hereto contains the entire 18. understanding and agreement between the parties regarding its subject matter. All promises, representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements made by either party to the other, not contained in writing herein or made a part hereof by reference, are expressly superseded and shall have no force or effect whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement under seal effective as of the date first above written.

Thomas G. Groover

Charles N. Gault

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