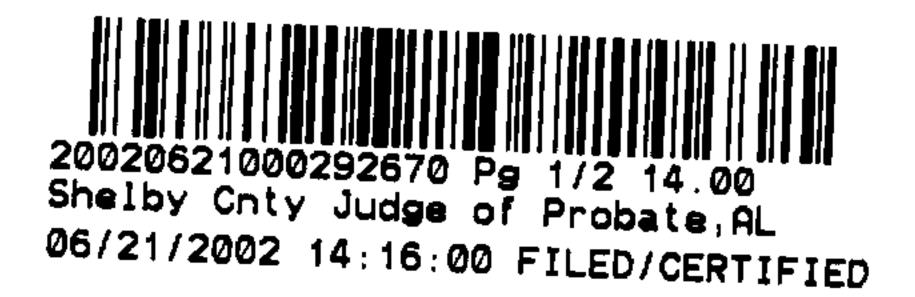
PARTIAL RELEASE



KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That:

In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned does hereby release any and all interest Grantor may have in and to the real property described on Exhibit A, annexed hereto and incorporated herein by reference, from that certain Fiber Supply Agreement dated as of February 10, 2000, by John Hancock Life Insurance Company, Great Eastern Timber Company LLC, Cahaba Forests, LLC and Hawaii ERS Timberland LLC, as Sellers, to Alliance Forest Products U.S. Corp. formerly known as U.S. Alliance Coosa Pines Corporation, as Purchaser (the "Agreement"), as evidenced on record by that certain Memorandum of Supply Agreement and Right of First Offer dated February 10, 2000 recorded with the Office of the Judge of Probate in Shelby County, Alabama, as Document No. 2000-04450.

It is expressly understood and agreed that this release shall not in any manner affect the Agreement as to the remainder of the Property described in and covered by same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused these presents to be executed for and in its corporate name by its duly authorized officer on the 234 day of May, 2002.

> BOWATER ALABAMA INC. formerly known as Alliance Forest Products U.S. Corp.

Name: William G. Harve

Vice President-Treasurer Its:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF GREENVILLE

I, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said county in said state, hereby certify William G. Harvey whose name as Vice President-Treasurer of Bowater Alabama Inc., who signed the foregoing instrument and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument 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 seal this <u>23</u> day of <u>May</u>, 2002.

Notary Public Anta L. Culbusan

My Commission Expires: August 20, 2009

This instrument prepared by: Susan Bury, Legal Assistant John Hancock Life Insurance Company Real Estate Law Department/T-30 John Hancock Place Boston, MA 02116

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EXHIBIT A

From a 1" pipe accepted as the N.E. corner of the SW1/4-NW1/4 of Section 15, T19S-R1E, being the point of beginning of herein described parcel of land, sighting West 1382.00 feet on a 2" pipe accepted as the N.W. corner of said SW1/4-NW1/4, turn thence 182°58′37" left and run 663.50 feet along the accepted North boundary of the SE1/4-NW1/4 of said Section 15 to a 1/2" pipe that is 590.64 feet West of a fence post accepted as the N.E. corner of said SE1/4-NW1/4; thence turn 95°41′15" right and run 1334.24 feet to a 1/2" rebar on an accepted property line; thence turn 86°50′17" right and run 661.24 feet along an accepted property line to a 1/2" pipe; thence turn 93°09′43" right and run 1304.96 feet to the point of beginning of herein described parcel of land, containing 20.00 acres, situated in the SE1/4-NW1/4 of Section 15, T19S-R1E, Shelby County, Alabama.

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a portion of the premises conveyed to Grantor by deed dated February 10, 2000, recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama as Document No. 2000-04450.

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