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ALABAMA

UNIVERSAL SURETY OF AMER.
BOND OF NOTARY PUBLIC STATE-AT-LARGE

SHELBY County

Know All Men By These Presents THAT WE, DAVID N. HIGDON AS
PRINCIPAL and UNIVERSAL SURETY OF AMERICA AS SURETY are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama
in the sum of TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 (10,000.00) Dollars, for the payment of which well and truly to be made and
done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that whereas, the above bound PRINCIPAL was,
on the 23rd day of January A.D. 2003 appointed Notary Public, State-At-Large
to hold office during the term of four years from the date of the notary commission.

NOW IF THE SAID PRINCIPAL shall faithfully perform and discharge all the duties of said office during the time he/she con-
tinues therein then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Approved and ordered of

Record this 10th day

of February 2003

Patricia Yeager Fehrmeister
Judge of Probate

Court Probate

County Shelby

Sealed with our seals and dated this

7th day of February A.D. 2003

PRINCIPAL

BY X [Signature]
(Legal signature of applicant)

UNIVERSAL SURETY OF AMERICA

BY David a. D... [Signature]
Attorney-in-fact and Alabama Resident Agent

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Oath of Office

SHELBY County Probate Court

I, DAVID N. HIGDON, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of
the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Alabama, so long as I remain a citizen thereof; and that I will honestly and faith-
fully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th

day of February 2003

Renita Stuckey
NOTARY PUBLIC

X [Signature]
(Legal signature of applicant)

My Commission Expires 3-3-06

Form AL-05 SEBP 7/02

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Filed in the office of the Judge of Probate Court, this 10th day of February, 2003

Patricia Yeager Fehrmeister
Judge of Probate

Court Probate Shelby County

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For verification of the authority of this power you may telephone (713) 863-7788.

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY — CERTIFIED COPY

Know All Men by These Presents, That UNIVERSAL SURETY OF AMERICA, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, and having its principal office in Houston, Texas, does by these presents make, constitute and appoint

David Diestelhorst

of Pike Road and State of Alabama its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to execute, acknowledge and deliver Surety bonds not to exceed \$25,000; however, no authority is given for the issuance of Payment, Performance or Bid bonds.

and to bind the Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds were signed by the President, sealed with the corporate seal of the Company and duly attested by its Secretary, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said Attorney(s)-in-Fact may do within the above stated limitations, and such authority is to continue in force indefinitely.

Said appointment is made under and by authority of the following resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Universal Surety of America at a meeting held on the 11th day of July, 1984.

"Be It Resolved, that the President, any Vice President, Secretary or any Assistant Secretary shall be and is hereby vested with full power and authority to appoint any one or more suitable persons as Attorney(s)-in-Fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Company."

"RESOLVED that the signature of any officer of the corporation, and the seal of the corporation may be affixed or printed by facsimile to any power of attorney of the corporation, and that such printed facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding upon the corporation."

In Witness Whereof, Universal Surety of America has caused these presents to be signed by its President, John Knox, Jr. and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 1st day of March, A.D., 19 90.

State of Texas
County of Harris

ss:



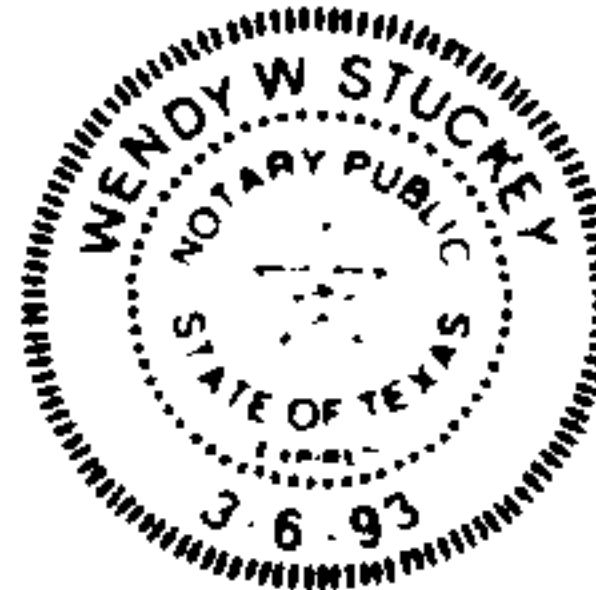
UNIVERSAL SURETY OF AMERICA

By: _____

John Knox, Jr.

President

On this 1st day of March, in the year 90, before me Wendy W. Stuckey a notary public, personally appeared John Knox, Jr., personally known to me to be the person who executed the within instrument as President, on behalf of the corporation therein named and acknowledged to me that the corporation executed it.



Wendy W. Stuckey

Notary Public

I, the undersigned Secretary of Universal Surety of America, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original Power of Attorney issued by said Company, and do hereby further certify that the said Power of Attorney is still in force and effect.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said Company, at Houston, Texas, this 7th day of February, 192003



Secretary