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S MOTA HomeSide Lending P.O. Box 47524 San Antonio, TX 78265-7524 20030224000113780 Pg 1/1 11.00 Shelby Cnty Judge of Probate, AL 02/24/2003 15:22:00 FILED/CERTIFIED

RECORD AND RETURN TO:

STEVEN B GUTHRIE 258 KINGS CREST LN PELHAM AL 35124-2846

RELEASE OF LIEN

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF SHELBY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT THE UNDERSIGNED, of the County of Bexar, State of Texas, the present legal and equitable Owner and Holder of that one certain Promissory Note in the original principal sum of \$178000.00, dated OCTOBER 28TH, 1998, and executed by STEVEN BRUCE GUTHRIE AND WIFE, REBECCA LEA GUTHRIE

payable to STANDARD MORTGAGE CORPORATION OF GEORGIA

more fully described in a Mortgage, duly recorded in Instrument No. 1998-43366, Mortgage Book, Page, of the Mortgage records of SHELBY County, ALABAMA; said Note being secured by the therein described lien.

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the full and final payment of said Note, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have released and discharged, and by these presents do hereby release and discharge, the above described property from all liens held by the undersigned securing said Note.

Executed this February 14, 2003

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) as nominee for Washington Mutual Bank, FA, successor in interest to HomeSide Lending, Inc. by operation of law.

Attest:

G HARKLESS

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

B. SANTELLAN VICE PRESIDENT

STATE OF Texas

COUNTY OF Bexar

SS.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared B. SANTELLAN, VICE PRESIDENT, and G HARKLESS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY of

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems,

Inc. (MERS) known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed on the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purpose and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity therein stated and as the act and deed of said Corporation.

Given under my hand and seal of office on February 14, 2003.

C. Guel Notary Public, State of Texas My Commission Expires JUNE 23, 2004

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Notary Public

Inv. Number: 208342494

PFDT: 03-01-30 100010980004902416 MIN No.:

PIF - PFAL

Loan Number:

Inv. Pool:

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