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S MOTA Washington Mutual P.O. Box 47524 San Antonio, TX 78265-7524 Shelby Cnty Judge of Probate, AL 03/24/2003 12:42:00 FILED/CERTIFIED

RECORD AND RETURN TO:

GREGORY MINARD DEANNA M MINARD 1029 COUNTRY CLUB CIR BIRMINGHAM AL 35244-1483

RELEASE OF LIEN

STATE OF ALABAMA

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:

COUNTY OF SHELBY

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 \$359000.00, dated MAY 26TH, 1999, and executed by GREGORY MINARD AND DEANNA N. MINARD, HUSBAND AND WIFE

payable to SOUTHTRUST MORTGAGE CORPORATION

more fully described in a Mortgage, duly recorded in Instrument No. 1999-22776, 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 March 17, 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

NANCY STATON

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT

STATE OF Texas

COUNTY OF Bexar

SS.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared NANCY STATON, ASSISTANT 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 March 17, 2003.

PATRICIA BELTRAN Notary Public, State of Texas My Commission Expires WAS OF TENEN MAY 1, 2006

Notary Public

Inv. Pool: 176-717 Loan Number: 19696122 PIF - PFAL

PFDT:

Inv. Number: 2863968 03-02-27

MIN No.:

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