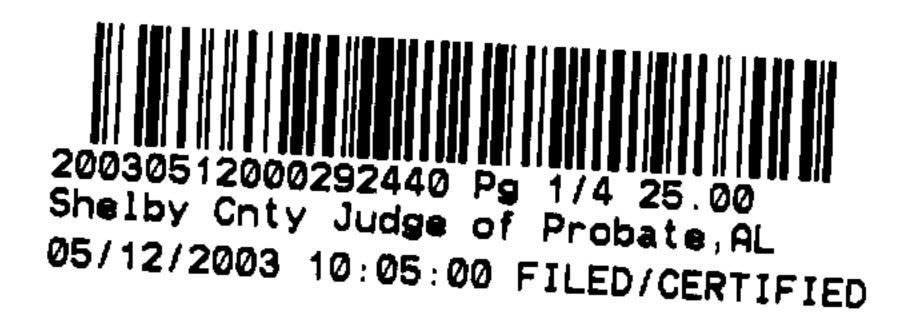
OPERATIONS SOUTH AGREEMENT SALE AND PURCHASE REAL ESTATE Doc. 219999



Mail tax notice to:

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SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF SHELBY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that, for and in consideration of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) and other valuable considerations paid to UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation, successor (by conversion) to United States Steel LLC and remote successor to USX Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Grantor"), by AMERICAN LAND DEVELOPMENT, INC., an Alabama corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Grantee"), the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, Grantor does hereby grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto Grantee two (2) parcels of land, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS OWNED BY GRANTOR EXCEPTED, situated in the NE-1/4 of the SE-1/4 and in the SW-1/4 of the SE-1/4 of Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 3 West of the Huntsville Principal Meridian, Shelby County, Alabama, the location of said land being shown on "EXHIBIT A" and more particularly described on "EXHIBIT B", attached hereto and made a part hereof.

RESERVING AND EXCEPTING to the extent of Grantor's ownership, however, from this conveyance all of the coal, iron ore, gas, oil, methane, hydrocarbons, occluded natural gas, coalbed methane gas, gob gas, limestone, and all other minerals and non-mineral substances in and under said land, including water associated with the production of coalbed methane gas, together with the right to explore for, to drill for, to mine, to produce and to remove said coal, iron ore, gas, oil, methane, hydrocarbons, occluded natural gas, coalbed methane gas, gob gas, limestone, and all other minerals and non-mineral substances in and under said land, including water associated with the production of coalbed methane gas, without using or disturbing the surface of said land and also the right to transport through said land coal, iron ore, gas, oil, methane, hydrocarbons, occluded natural gas, coalbed methane gas, gob gas, limestone, and all other minerals and non-mineral substances from adjoining or other land without using or disturbing the surface of the land hereby conveyed.

This conveyance is made upon the covenant and condition that no right of action for damages on account of injuries to the land herein conveyed or to any buildings, improvements, structures, pipelines, or other sources of water supply now or hereafter located upon said land, or to any owners or occupants or other persons in or upon said land, resulting from sinkholes or other defects of the surface or subsurface of any nature affecting said land or resulting from past mining and/or gas or oil producing operations of Grantor, or its assigns, licensees, lessees, or contractors, or resulting from past blasting, dewatering, or the past removal of coal, iron ore, gas, oil, methane, hydrocarbons, occluded natural gas, coalbed methane gas, gob gas, limestone and all other minerals and non-mineral substances, including water associated with the production of coalbed methane gas, or coal seam or other roof supports by Grantor, or its assigns, licensees, lessees, or contractors, whether said past mining and/or gas or oil producing operations be in said lands or other lands, shall ever accrue to or be asserted by Grantee or by Grantee's successors in title, this conveyance being made expressly subject to all such injuries, either past or future, and this condition shall constitute a covenant running with the land as against Grantee and all successors in title.

By acceptance of this deed and as a condition of the conveyance hereunder, Grantee acknowledges and agrees that the physical and environmental condition of said land conveyed hereunder has been inspected by Grantee or its duly authorized agent and that said land is purchased by Grantee as a result of such inspection and not upon any agreement, representation, or warranty made by Grantor. Furthermore Grantee, and on behalf of its successors and assigns, agrees to accept said land in its "AS IS, WHERE IS, WITH ALL FAULTS" condition, including any physical and environmental conditions; to release Grantor from any and all liabilities under CERCLA, RCRA, or the HMTA, or any other local, state, or federal laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances; and to *indemnify*, *defend*, *and hold Grantor harmless from and against* any cost, fine, penalty, or other liability relating to the physical and environmental condition of said land. It is the express intention of the parties that this assumption, release, and indemnity run with said land and shall be binding upon Grantee, its successors and assigns and all successors in title. (For the purpose of this provision, "CERCLA" shall mean and refer to the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. § 9601, *et seq.*, as amended; "RCRA" shall mean and refer to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6901, *et seq.*, as amended; and "HMTA" shall mean and refer to the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, 49 U.S.C. § 5102, *et seq.*, as amended.)

No private right of action shall accrue with respect to the physical or environmental condition of said land to any subsequent purchaser of said land, whether by foreclosure or otherwise, due solely to the taking of title to said land and, by taking such title, any such purchaser does thereby waive any and all right or claim against Grantor, Grantee, or their successors and assigns or any of them, for any costs, loss, damage, or liability such purchaser or its successors and assigns may incur as a result of the physical or environmental condition of said land or the need or desirability to do any removal, corrective, or remediation work including, but not limited to, in connection with hazardous materials or waste pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended, the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, and all regulations thereunder or any similar laws or regulations enacted by the United States of America or the State of Alabama, or any agency or instrumentality of either.

Grantor does hereby covenant that the Grantor is lawfully seized and possessed of said land and has the right and lawful authority to sell and convey said land. The Grantor does hereby warrant the title to said land, and will defend the same against the lawful claims of all persons claiming by, through, or under Grantor and that said land is free and clear of all encumbrances except for the Permitted Encumbrances set forth in "EXHIBIT C" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, against which Grantor shall not defend.

Grantor covenants that it is lawfully seized and possessed of said land and has the right to convey it, and it warrants the title against all persons claiming by, through, or under Grantor.

behalf and its seal to	SS WHEREOF, Grantor has be hereunto affixed and at 2.3 day of 1900	tested by its officers or re		
ATTEST: By:		Byz Byz Title: USS Re	eal Estate, a division of States Steel Corporation	APPRO AS TO LAW
STATE OF HOLDS COUNTY OF H)		
said County, in said whose name as of United States Steet is known to me, acknown to me, acknown to capacity corporation. GIVEN U	State, hereby certify that PRESIDENT el Corporation, a Delaware nowledged before me on this and with full authority, executive to the state of the	corporation, is signed to is day that being informe cuted the same voluntaria	ed of the contents of said is ly for and as the act of sai	division and who nstrument,
[SEAL]		Expires:	Notarial Seal Elizabeth M. Burkhart, Notary Public City Of Pittsburgh, Allegheny Count by Commission Expires May 20, 200 wher, Pennsylvenia Association Of Not	y 06

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PARCEL 2

Description - U.S. Steel to American Homes & Land:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 3 West, Shelby County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Northeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of said Section 20, run in an easterly direction along the north line of said 1/4-1/4 section for a distance of 671.44 feet; thence turn an angle to the right of 132 degrees 50 minutes 50 seconds and run in a southwesterly direction for a distance of 965.10 feet to a point on the west line of said Northeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of said Section 20; thence turn an angle to the right of 135 degrees 55 minutes 40 seconds and run in a northerly direction along the west line of said 1/4-1/4 section for a distance of 707.74 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

PARCEL 4

Description - U.S. Steel to American Homes & Land:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 3 West, Shelby County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Southwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of said Section 20, run in an easterly direction along the north line of said 1/4-1/4 section for a distance of 730.90 feet; thence turn an angle to the right of 131 degrees 15 minutes 31 seconds and run in a southwesterly direction for a distance of 374.02 feet; thence turn an angle to the right of 3 degrees 22 minutes 51 seconds and run in a southwesterly direction for a distance of 315.0 feet; thence turn an angle to the left of 12 degrees 58 minutes 13 seconds and run in a southwesterly direction for a distance of 457.39 feet to a point on the west line of said 1/4-1/4 section; thence turn an angle to the right of 146 degrees 52 minutes 20 seconds and run in a northerly direction along the west line of said 1/4-1/4 section for distance of 894.87 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.