



# Western Surety Company

## NOTARY PUBLIC BOND

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Shelby County

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

Bond No. 69570014N

That we, Dixie B. Knox,  
as Principal, and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Alabama, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama, in the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$ \$10,000.00), 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, and we hereby waive our right to claim personal property exempt under the laws of Alabama.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this 16th day of October, 2003.

The condition of the above obligation, That whereas the above bound Principal was duly appointed to the office of Notary Public on the 14th day of October, 2003; for the term of 04 years from the date of Notary Commission in Precinct No. State of Alabama at Large in and for said County.

Now, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform and discharge all the duties of said office during his continuance therein then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

SEE ENDORSEMENT ATTACHED

Countersigned by Alabama Resident Agent

**HILB, ROGAL & HAMILTON COMPANY  
OF ALABAMA, INC.**

Name of Agent or Agency

**2101 6TH AVE. NORTH, STE. 1200  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203**

Street

City

State

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By

Paul T. Bruff

Senior Vice President

Taken and approved this

16th day of October, 2003.

Patricia Yeager Frohmeister

Judge of Probate

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

State at Large County }

### OATH OF OFFICE

I, Dixie B. Knox 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 continue a citizen thereof; and that I will faithfully and honestly 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 3rd day of September, 2003.

Donna J. Wilson

Notary Public

Dixie B. Knox

Principal

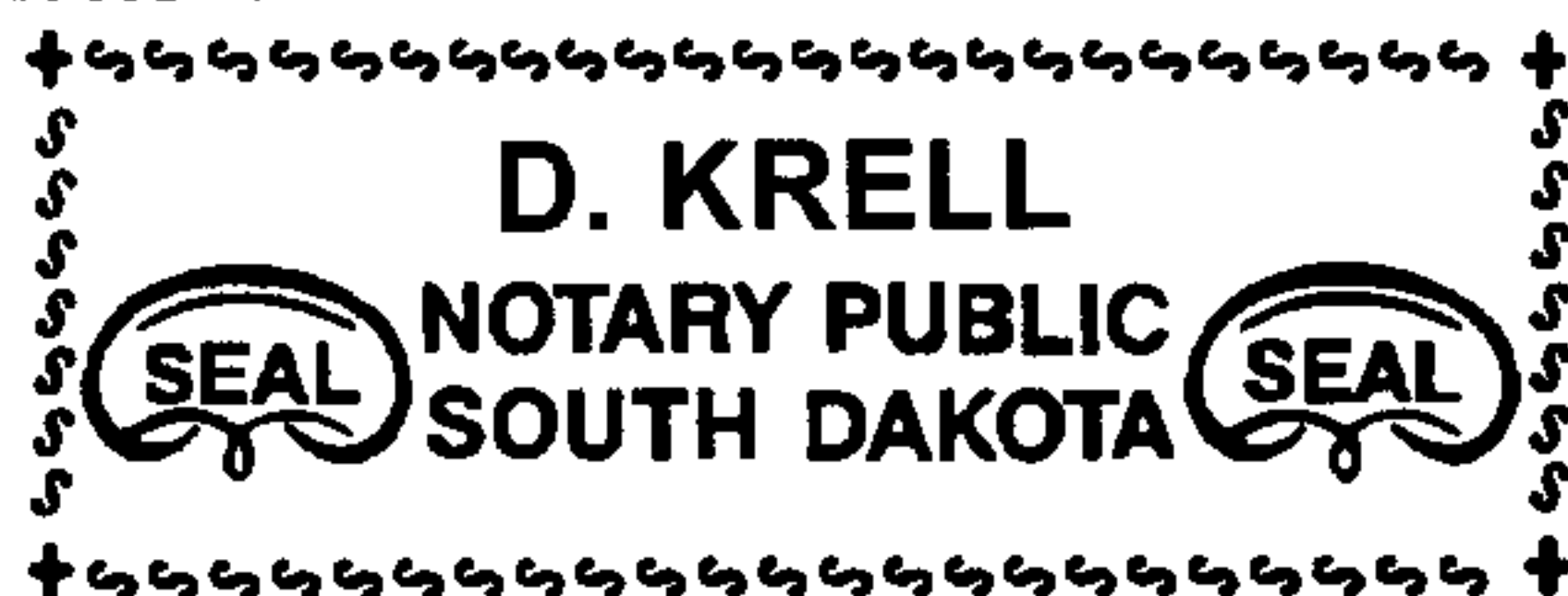
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY  
(Corporate Officer)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
County of Minnehaha } ss

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, before me, a Notary Public in and

for said County, personally appeared Paul T. Bruflat personally known to me, who being by me duly sworn, did say that he is the aforesaid officer of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, that the said instrument was signed, sealed and executed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and further acknowledge that the said instrument and the execution thereof to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, the day and year last above written.



My Commission Expires November 30, 2006

D. Krell  
Notary Public

**DK**

Attach to bond  
COUNTERSIGNING ENDORSEMENT

**No 645793**

Inasmuch as the Bond to which this endorsement is attached applies to operations in the State of Alabama, the signature of a duly authorized representative of the WESTERN SURETY COMPANY in that State is hereby appended in conformity with the Laws so requiring.

Attached to and forming a part of Bond No. 69570014N on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_

Dixie B. Knox

Countersigned in Mobile, Alabama this 30th day of August, ~~10~~ 2003

By James R. Dumas  
Resident Licensed Agent  
**HILB, ROGAL & HAMILTON**  
City of P. O. BOX 91363  
State of MOBILE, ALABAMA 36691-1363

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