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Send Tax Notice To:
Hester Development, Inc.
Lot 36 Ashton Woods
Shelby County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF SHELBY)

GENERAL WARRANTY DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That, for and in consideration of **Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$22,500.00)**, and other good and valuable consideration, this day in hand paid to the undersigned **Louis Douglas Joseph** (hereinafter referred to as GRANTOR), in hand paid by the GRANTEE herein, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the GRANTOR does hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the GRANTEE, **Hester Development, Inc.**, (hereinafter referred to as GRANTEE), his heirs and assigns, the following described Real Estate, lying and being in the County of **Shelby**, State of Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 36, according to the Survey of Ashton Woods, 1st Phase, as recorded in Map Book 23 Page 160 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama; being situated in Shelby County, Alabama.

Subject To:

Ad valorem taxes for 2004 and subsequent years not yet due and payable until October 1, 2004. Existing covenants and restrictions, easements, building lines and limitations of record.

\$22,000.00 of the consideration was paid from the proceeds of a mortgage loan closed simultaneously herewith.

Louis Douglas Joseph and Doug Joseph are one and the same person.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the tract or parcel of land above described together with all and singular the rights, privileges, tenements, appurtenances, and improvements unto the said GRANTEE, his heirs and assigns forever.

AND SAID GRANTOR, for said GRANTOR, GRANTOR'S heirs, successors, executors and administrators, covenants with GRANTEE, and with GRANTEE'S heirs and assigns, that GRANTOR is lawfully seized in fee simple of the said Real Estate; that said Real Estate is free and clear from all Liens and Encumbrances, except as hereinabove set forth, and except for taxes due for the current and subsequent years, and except for any Restrictions pertaining to the Real Estate of record in the Probate Office of said County; and that GRANTOR will, and GRANTOR'S heirs, executors and administrators shall, warrant and defend the same to said GRANTEE, and GRANTEE'S heirs and assigns, forever against the lawful claims of all persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said GRANTOR has hereunto set his hand and seal this the **11th** day of **December**, **2003**.

Louis Douglas Joseph

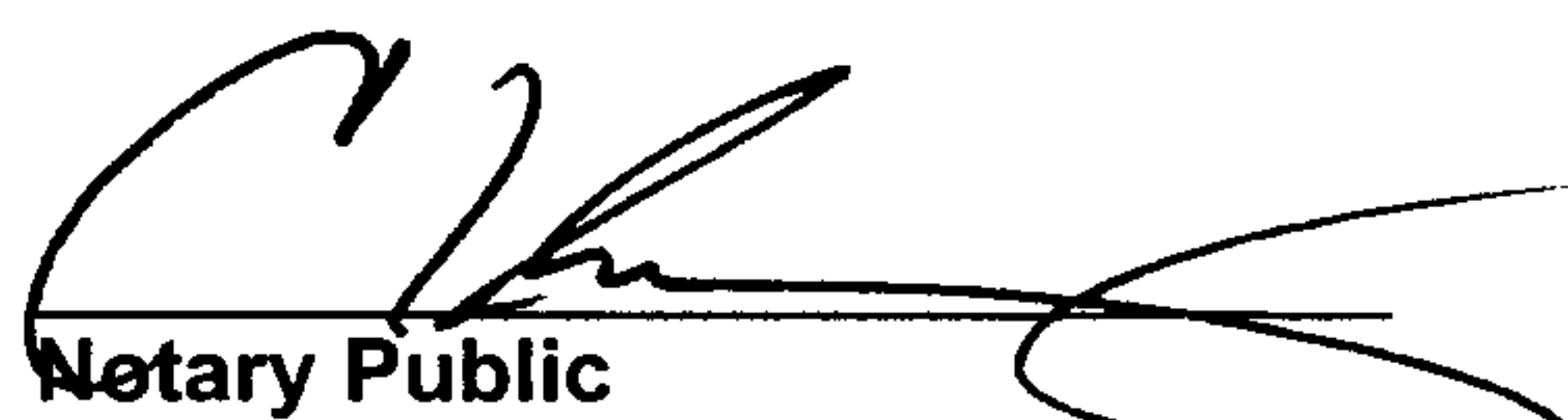
By: Kathy L. Joseph

Louis Douglas Joseph
By: Kathy L. Joseph
As Attorney in Fact

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for said county and in said state, hereby certify that Kathy L. Joseph, whose name as Attorney in Fact for Louis Douglas Joseph, under that certain Durable Power of Attorney recorded on 1/24/95, in Real/Instrument #1999-01915 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, is signed to the foregoing conveyance/instrument and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance/instrument, she in her capacity as such Attorney in Fact, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 11th day of December 2003.


Notary Public

My Commission expires: 6-5-2007

CLAYTON T. SWEENEY, ATTORNEY AT LAW