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Western Surety Company

NOTARY PUBLIC BOND

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Shelby County

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

Bond No. 14547927N

That we, Deborah A. Higgins,
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 and 00/100 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 January, 2004.

The condition of the above obligation, That whereas the above bound Principal was duly appointed to the office of
Notary Public on the 16th day of January, 2004; for the term of 4
years from the date of Notary Commission in Precinct No. State of Alabama at Large in and said County.

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

Kathy R. Blake
Countersigned by Alabama Resident Agent

Deborah A. Higgins (L.S.)
Principal

Hilb, Rogal & Hamilton Company of
Name of Agent or Agency

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

2101 6th Ave. North, Ste. 1200
Birmingham, AL 35203

By Paul T. Brufft (L.S.)
Senior Vice President

Street City State

Taken and approved this 16th day of January, 2004.

Patricia Yeager Brumister
Judge of Probate

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Jefferson County

OATH OF OFFICE

I, DEBORAH A. HIGGINS 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 13th
day of January, 2004.

Daniel W. Horsley
Notary Public

Deborah A. Higgins
Principal

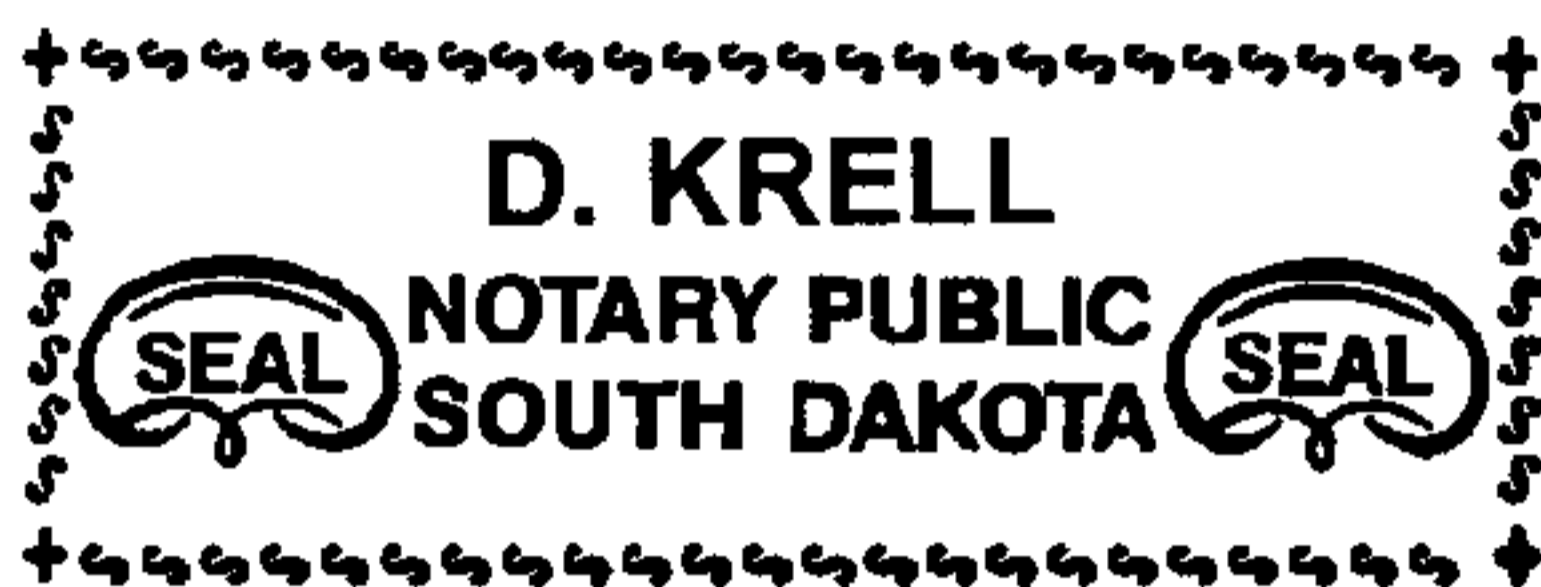
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY
(Corporate Officer)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }
County of Minnehaha } SS

On this 30th day of December, 2003, 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