

MORTGAGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

Mortgagor (first name, last name):

EVER-RIDGE BUILDERS, INC.

An Alabama Corporation

P O BOX 887

Mailing Address

Pell City AL 35125
City State Zip

Mortgagee:

Metro Bank

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Pell City AL 35128
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STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF Saint Clair

THIS MORTGAGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT (herein referred to as the "Mortgage") is made and entered into this day by and between Mortgagor and Mortgagee.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: THAT WHEREAS
EVER-RIDGE BUILDERS, INC.

has become indebted to Mortgagee in the principal sum of
One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand and 00/100
Dollars (\$ 125,000.00) evidenced by ONE promissory note of even date herewith
in favor of Mortgagee.

WHEREAS, Mortgagor desires to secure prompt payment of (a) the indebtedness described above according to its terms and any extensions, modifications or renewals thereof, (b) any additional and future advances with interest thereon that Mortgagee may make to Mortgagor as provided in Paragraph 2, (c) any other indebtedness that Mortgagor may now or hereafter owe to Mortgagee as provided in Paragraph 3, (d) any advances with interest that Mortgagee may make to protect the property herein conveyed as provided in Paragraph 5, 6, 7 and 8, and (e) any advance with interest that Mortgagee may make for attorneys' fees and other expenses as provided in Paragraph 19 (all being referred to herein as the "Indebtedness").

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the Indebtedness,
EVER-RIDGE BUILDERS, INC.

does hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto Mortgagee all of Mortgagor's right, title, and interest in and to and the real property described below situated in the County of Shelby, State of Alabama.

LOTS 703, 705, 706, 707, AND 718 ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF WATERFORD COVE-SECTOR 3, AS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 31, PAGE 146, IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA.

MORTGAGE FILED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH DEED.

Together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements and fixtures; all easements, rights of way, and appurtenances; and all water, water rights, watercourses and ditch rights relating to the real property (all being herein referred to as the "Property"). Notwithstanding any provision in this Mortgage or in any other agreement with Mortgagee, Mortgagee shall not have a nonpossessory security interest in, and the Property shall not include, any household goods (as defined in Federal Reserve Board Regulation AA, Subpart B), unless the household goods are identified in a security instrument and are acquired as a result of a purchase money obligation. Such household goods shall only secure said purchase money obligation (including any renewal or refinancing thereof).

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same and every part thereof unto Mortgagee, its successors and assigns forever.

If Mortgagor shall pay all Indebtedness promptly when due and shall perform all covenants made by Mortgagor, then this Mortgage shall be void and of no effect. If Mortgagor shall be in default as provided in Paragraph 12, then, in that event, the entire Indebtedness, together with all interest accrued thereon, shall, at the option of Mortgagee, be and become at once due and payable without notice to Mortgagor, and Mortgagee, at its option, may exercise any one or more of the following rights and remedies, in addition to any other rights or remedies provided by law:

(a) Mortgagee shall have all rights and remedies of a secured party under the Uniform Commercial Code to the extent any of the Property constitutes fixtures or other personal property.

(b) Mortgagee shall have the right, without notice to Mortgagor, to take possession of the Property and collect all rents as provided in Paragraph 9 and apply the net proceeds, over and above Mortgagee's costs, against the Indebtedness. In furtherance of this right, Mortgagee may require any tenant or other user of the Property to make payments of rent or use fees directly to Mortgagee. If the rents are collected by Mortgagee, then Mortgagor irrevocably designates Mortgagee as Mortgagor's attorney-in-fact to endorse instruments received in payment thereof in the name of Mortgagor and to negotiate the same and collect the proceeds. Payments by tenants or other users to Mortgagee in response to Mortgagee's demand shall satisfy the obligations for which the payments are made, whether or not any proper grounds for the demand existed. Mortgagee may exercise its rights under this subparagraph either in person, by agent, or through a receiver.

(c) Mortgagee shall have the right to have a receiver appointed to take possession of all or any part of the Property, with the power to protect and preserve the Property, to operate the Property preceding foreclosure or sale, and to collect the rents from the Property and apply the proceeds, over and above the cost of the receivership, against the Indebtedness. The receiver may serve without bond if permitted by law. Mortgagee's right to the appointment of a receiver shall exist whether or not the apparent value of the Property exceeds the Indebtedness by a substantial amount. Employment by Mortgagee shall not disqualify a person from serving as a receiver.

12. Mortgagor shall be in default under the provisions of this Mortgage at the option of Mortgagee if (a) Mortgagor shall fail to comply with any of Mortgagor's covenants or obligations contained herein, (b) Mortgagor shall fail to pay any of the Indebtedness, or any installment thereof or interest thereon, as such Indebtedness, installment or interest shall be due by contractual agreement or by acceleration, (c) Mortgagor becomes bankrupt or insolvent or is placed in receivership, (d) Mortgagor shall, if a corporation, a partnership or other legal entity, be dissolved voluntarily or involuntarily, (e) any warranty, representation or statement made or furnished to Mortgagee by or on behalf of Mortgagor under this Mortgage or related documents is false or misleading in any material respect, either now or at the time made or furnished, (f) this Mortgage or any related document(s) ceases to be in full force and effect (including failure of any security instrument to create a valid and perfected security interest or lien) at any time and for any reason, (g) Mortgagor breaches the terms of any other agreement between Mortgagor and Mortgagee, including without limitation, any agreement concerning any indebtedness or other obligation of Mortgagor to Mortgagee, whether existing now or later, and does not remedy the breach within any grace period provided therein, or (h) Mortgagee in good faith deems itself insecure and its prospect of repayment seriously impaired.

13. This instrument shall constitute a security agreement to the extent any of the Property constitutes fixtures, accounts, chattel paper, documents, equipment, farm products, general intangibles, instruments, inventory, minerals, timber, investment property, deposit accounts, commercial tort claims of Borrower, letter-of-credit rights, and proceeds and products of any of the foregoing collateral, and Mortgagee shall have all of the rights of a secured party under the Uniform Commercial Code as amended from time to time. Upon request by Mortgagee, Mortgagor shall execute financing statements and take whatever other action is requested by Mortgagee to perfect and continue Mortgagee's security interest in that part of the Property that constitutes personal property. In addition to recording this Mortgage in the real property records, Mortgagee may, at any time and without further authorization from Mortgagor, file executed counterparts, copies or reproductions of this Mortgage as a financing statement. Mortgagor shall reimburse Mortgagee for all expenses incurred in perfecting or continuing this security interest. Upon default, Mortgagor shall assemble that part of the Property that constitutes personal property in a manner and at a place reasonably convenient to Mortgagee and Mortgagee and make it available to Mortgagee within three (3) days after receipt of written demand from Mortgagor. Notice of the time and place of any public sale or of the time after which any private sale or other intended disposition is to be made shall be deemed reasonable if given at least 10 days before the time of the sale or disposition. The mailing addresses of Mortgagor and Mortgagee, from which information concerning the security interest granted herein may be obtained (each as required by the Uniform Commercial Code), are as stated on the first page of this Mortgage.

14. At any time, and from time to time, upon request of Mortgagee, Mortgagor will make, execute and deliver, or will cause to be made executed and delivered, to Mortgagee or to Mortgagee's designee, and when requested by Mortgagee, caused to be filed, recorded, refiled, or rerecorded, as the case may be, at such times and in such offices and places as Mortgagee may deem appropriate, any and all such mortgages, deeds of trust, security deeds, security agreements, financing statements, continuation statements, instruments of further assurance, certificates, and other documents as may, in the sole opinion of Mortgagee, be necessary or desirable in order to effectuate, complete, perfect, continue, or preserve (a) the obligations of Mortgagor under this Mortgage or the instruments evidencing the Indebtedness, and (b) the liens and security interests created by this Mortgage on the Property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired by Mortgagor. Unless prohibited by law or agreed to the contrary by Mortgagee in writing, Mortgagor shall reimburse Mortgagee for all costs and expenses incurred in connection with the matters referred to in this paragraph. If Mortgagor fails to do any of the things referred to in this paragraph, Mortgagee may do so for and in the name of Mortgagor and at Mortgagor's expense. For such purposes, Mortgagor hereby irrevocably appoints Mortgagee as Mortgagor's attorney-in-fact for the purpose of making, executing, delivering, filing, recording, and doing all other things as may be necessary or desirable, in Mortgagee's sole opinion, to accomplish the matters referred to above.

15. Mortgagor shall notify Mortgagee at least fifteen (15) days before any work is commenced, any services are furnished, or any materials are supplied to the Property, if any mechanic's lien, materialmen's lien, or other lien could be asserted on account of the work, services, or materials. Mortgagor will upon request of Mortgagee furnish to Mortgagee advance assurances satisfactory to Mortgagee that Mortgagor can and will pay the cost of such improvements. Any statement or claim of lien filed under applicable law shall be satisfied by Mortgagor or bonded to the satisfaction of Mortgagee within 14 days after filing.

16. Each privilege, option or remedy provided in this Mortgage to Mortgagee is distinct from every other privilege, option or remedy contained herein or in any related document, provided or afforded by law or equity, and may be exercised independently, concurrently, cumulatively or successively by Mortgagee or by any other owner or holder of the Indebtedness. Mortgagee shall not be deemed to have waived any rights under this Mortgage (or under the related documents) unless such waiver is in writing and signed by Mortgagee. No delay or omission on the part of the Mortgagee in exercising any right shall operate as a waiver of such right or any other right. A waiver by any party of a provision of this Mortgage shall not constitute a waiver or prejudice the party's right otherwise to demand strict compliance with that provision or any other provision. No prior waiver by Mortgagee, nor any course of dealing between Mortgagor and Mortgagee, shall constitute a waiver of any of Mortgagee's rights or any of Mortgagor's obligations as to any future transactions. Whenever consent by Mortgagee is required in this Mortgage, the granting of such consent by Mortgagee in any instance shall not constitute continuing consent to subsequent instances where such consent is required.

17. The words "Mortgagor" or "Mortgagee" shall each embrace one individual, two or more individuals, a corporation, a partnership or an unincorporated association or other legal entity, depending on the recital herein of the parties to this Mortgage. The covenants herein contained shall bind, and the benefits herein provided shall inure to, the respective legal or personal representatives, successors or assigns of the parties hereto subject to the provisions of Paragraph 10. If there be more than one Mortgagor, then Mortgagor's obligation shall be joint and several. Whenever in this Mortgage the context so requires, the singular shall include the plural and the plural the singular. Notices required herein from Mortgagee to Mortgagor shall be sent to the address of Mortgagor shown in this Mortgage.

18. Mortgagor covenants and agrees that the Mortgagor (a) has not stored and shall not store (except in compliance with all federal, state and local statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and common law now or hereafter in effect, and all amendments thereto, relating to the protection of the health of living organisms for the environment (collectively, "Environmental Requirements")) and has not disposed and shall not dispose of any Hazardous Substances (as hereinafter defined) on the Property, (b) has not transported or arranged for the transportation of and shall not transport or arrange for the transportation of any Hazardous Substances, and (c) has not suffered or permitted, and shall not suffer or permit, any owner, lessee, tenant, invitee, occupant or operator of the Property or any other persons to do any of the foregoing.

Mortgagor covenants and agrees to maintain the Property at all times (a) free of any Hazardous Substance (except in compliance with all Environmental Requirements) and (b) in compliance with all Environmental Requirements.

Mortgagor agrees promptly: (a) to notify Mortgagee in writing of any change in the nature or extent of Hazardous Substances maintained on or with respect to the Property, (b) to transmit to Mortgagee copies of any citations, orders, notices or other material governmental communications received with respect to Hazardous Substances upon, about or beneath the Property or the violation or breach of any Environmental Requirements, (c) to observe and comply with any and all Environmental Requirements relating to the use, maintenance and disposal of Hazardous Substances or transportation, generation and disposal of Hazardous Substances, (d) to pay, perform or otherwise satisfy any fine, charge, penalty, fee, damage, order, judgment, decree or imposition related thereto which, if unpaid, would constitute a lien on the Property, unless (i) the validity thereof shall be contested diligently and in good faith by appropriate proceedings and with counsel reasonably satisfactory to Mortgagee and (ii) so long as Mortgagor shall at all times have deposited with Mortgagee, or posted a bond satisfactory to Mortgagee in a sum equal to the amount necessary (in the reasonable discretion of Mortgagee) to comply with such order or directive (including, but not limited to, the amount of any fine, penalty, interest or costs that may become due thereon by reason of or during such contest); provided, however, that payment in full with respect to such fine, charge, penalty, fee, damage, order, judgment, decree or imposition shall be made not less than twenty (20) days before the first date upon which the Property, or any portion thereof, may be seized and sold in satisfaction thereof, and (e) to take all appropriate response actions, including any removal or remedial actions necessary in order for the Property to be or remain in compliance with all Environmental Requirements in the event of a release, emission, discharge or disposal of any Hazardous Substances in, on, under or from the Property, (f) upon the request of Mortgagee, to permit Mortgagee, including its officers, agents, employees, contractors and representatives, to enter and inspect the Property for purposes of conducting an environmental assessment, (g) upon the request of Mortgagee, and at the Mortgagor's expense, to cause to be prepared for the Property such site assessment reports, including, without limitation, engineering studies, historical reviews and testing, as may be reasonably requested from time to time by the Mortgagee.

In addition to all other indemnifications contained herein, Mortgagor agrees to indemnify, defend and reimburse and does hereby hold harmless Mortgagee, and its officers, directors, agents, shareholders, employees, contractors, representatives, successors and assigns, from and against any and all claims, judgments, damages, losses, penalties, fines, liabilities, encumbrances, liens, costs and expenses of investigation and defense of any claim, of whatever kind or nature, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees and consultants' fees, arising from the presence of Hazardous Substances upon, about or beneath the Property or migrating to and from the Property or arising in any manner whatsoever out of the violation of any Environmental Requirements pertaining to the Property and the activities thereon, or arising from the breach of any covenant or representation of Mortgagor contained in this Mortgage. The Mortgagor's obligations under this paragraph shall survive any foreclosure on the Property or repayment or extinguishment of the Indebtedness.

The provisions of this Mortgage are in addition to and supplement any other representations, warranties, covenants and other provisions contained in any other loan documents that Mortgagor has executed for the benefit of Mortgagee.

For purposes of this Mortgage, "Hazardous Substances" shall mean any substance

- (a) The presence of which requires investigation, removal, remediation or any form of clean-up under any federal, state or local statute, regulation, ordinance, order, action, policy or common law now or hereafter in effect, or any amendments thereto; or
- (b) Which is or becomes defined as a "hazardous waste", "hazardous substance", "pollutant" or "contaminant" under any federal, state or local statute, regulation, rule or ordinance or amendments thereto, including, without limitation, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq.) and/or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq.); or

- (c) Which is toxic, explosive, corrosive, flammable, infectious, radioactive, carcinogenic, mutagenic or otherwise hazardous and is regulated presently or in the future by any governmental authority, agency, department, commission, board, agency or instrumentality of the United States, the state where the Property is located or any political subdivision thereof; or
- (d) The presence of which on the Property causes or threatens to cause a nuisance upon the Property or to adjacent properties or poses or threatens to pose a hazard to the health or safety of persons on or about the Property; or
- (e) The presence of which on adjacent properties could constitute a trespass by the Mortgagor; or
- (f) Which contains, without limitation, gasoline, diesel fuel or the constituents thereof, or other petroleum hydrocarbons; or
- (g) Which contains, without limitation, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), asbestos or urea formaldehyde foam insulation; or
- (h) Which contains, without limitation, radon gas; or
- (i) Which contains, without limitation, radioactive materials or isotopes.

19. If Mortgagee institutes any suit or action to enforce any of the terms of this Mortgage, Mortgagee shall be entitled to recover such sum as the court may adjudge reasonable as attorneys' fees at trial and on any appeal. Whether or not any court action is involved, all reasonable expenses incurred by Mortgagee that in the Mortgagee's opinion are necessary at any time for the protection of its interest or the enforcement of its rights shall become a part of the Indebtedness payable on demand and shall bear interest from the date of expenditure until repaid at the rate provided for the primary indebtedness. Expenses covered by this paragraph include, without limitation, however subject to any limits under applicable law, attorneys' fees and legal expenses whether or not there is a lawsuit, including attorneys' fees for bankruptcy proceedings (including efforts to modify or vacate any automatic stay or injunction), appeals and any anticipated post-judgment collection services, the cost of searching records, obtaining title reports (including foreclosure reports), surveyors' reports, and appraisal fees, and title insurance, to the extent permitted by applicable law. Mortgagor also will pay any court costs, in addition to all other sums provided by law. If this Mortgage is subject to Section 5-19-10, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, any attorneys' fees provided for in this Mortgage shall not exceed 15% of the unpaid Indebtedness after default and referral to an attorney who is not a salaried employee of the Mortgagee.

20. This Mortgage, together with any related documents, constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the parties as to the matters set forth in this Mortgage. No alteration of or amendment to this Mortgage shall be effective unless given in writing and signed by the party or parties sought to be charged or bound by the alteration or amendments.

21. This Mortgage has been delivered to Mortgagee and accepted by Mortgagee in the State of Alabama. Subject to the provisions on arbitration, this Mortgage shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama.

22. Mortgagor hereby releases all rights and benefits of the homestead exemption laws of the State of Alabama as to the Property.

23. Time is of the essence in the performance of this Mortgage.

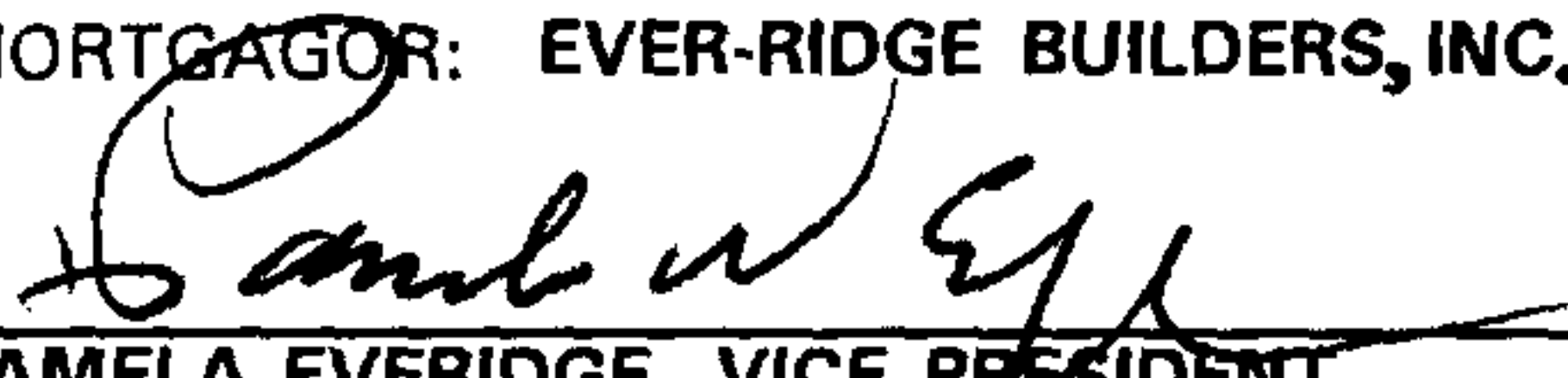
24. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision of this Mortgage to be invalid or unenforceable as to any person or circumstance, such finding shall not render that provision invalid or unenforceable as to any other persons or circumstances. If feasible any such offending provision shall be deemed to be modified to be within the limits of enforceability or validity; however, if the offending provision cannot be so modified, it shall be stricken and all other provisions of this Mortgage in all other respects shall remain valid and enforceable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Mortgagor has executed this Mortgage on the 22nd day of January, 2004

This Instrument prepared by:

MORTGAGOR: EVER-RIDGE BUILDERS, INC.

Metro Bank


PAMELA EVERIDGE, VICE PRESIDENT

800 MARTIN ST SO

Pell City, AL 35128

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CERTIFICATE

State of Alabama
Shelby County

In compliance with Ala. Code § 40-22-2 (1975), the owner of this Mortgage hereby certifies that the amount of indebtedness presently incurred is \$125,000.00 upon which the mortgage tax is paid herewith, and owner agrees that no additional or subsequent advances will be made under this Mortgage unless the Mortgage tax on such advances is paid into the appropriate Judge of Probate office no later than each September hereafter or a document evidencing such advances is filed for record in the above said office and the recording fee and tax applicable thereto paid.

Mortgagor: **EVER-RIDGE BUILDERS, INC.**

Mortgagee: **Metro Bank**

Date, Time and Volume and
Page of recording as shown hereon.

By: *William H. Hardwick*
William H Hardwick
Asst.
Title: **V. P.**

INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that _____, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, _____, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____.

Notary Public
My Commission expires: _____

INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that _____, whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, _____, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____.

Notary Public
My Commission expires: _____

CORPORATE OR OTHER ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF ST CLAIR

I, BRENDA BARROWS, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that PAMELS EVERIDGE, whose name as VICE PRESIDENT of EVER RIDGE BUILDERS, INC., a CORPORATION, is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of said conveyance, SHE, as such officer and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said corporation, on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal, this 22ND day of JANUARY 2004.

Brenda Barrows
Notary Public
My Commission expires: MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUG 23, 2004