

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF SHELBY)

**PETITION FOR ANNEXATION TO THE
CITY OF HELENA, ALABAMA**

Date of Petition: December 1, 2003

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Helena, Alabama:

The undersigned, **UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION**, a Delaware corporation, successor (by conversion) to United States Steel LLC and remote successor to USX Corporation (herein called the "Petitioner"), hereby petitions and requests that the City of Helena, Alabama (herein called the "City"), annex the real property described on **EXHIBIT "A"** and shown on map marked **EXHIBIT "B"** attached hereto and made a part hereof (such real property being herein called the "Property"). In support of such petition and request, the Petitioner hereby makes the following recitals:

- (1) The Property consists entirely of real property owned by the Petitioner; or, in other words, the only owner of any of the Property is the Petitioner.
- (2) The Property is contiguous to the existing corporate limits of the City and is situated wholly within the boundaries of Shelby County, Alabama; but no part of the Property is located within the existing corporate limits of either the City or any other municipality.

This Petition is conditioned upon the following:

- (1) Continuation of natural resources development, extraction, collection, and transportation activities, including, without limitation, the installation, use, and operation of gas wells and pipelines in the area South of Beaver Dam Creek.

The Petitioner also requests that the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City do all things necessary and requisite under the laws of the State of Alabama in connection with the annexation hereby requested.

The relationship of the Property to the corporate limits of the City is shown on **EXHIBIT "B"**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Petitioner, United States Steel Corporation, has caused this Petition for Annexation to be executed and attested in its corporate name and behalf by its duly authorized officers.

PETITIONER:

ATTEST:

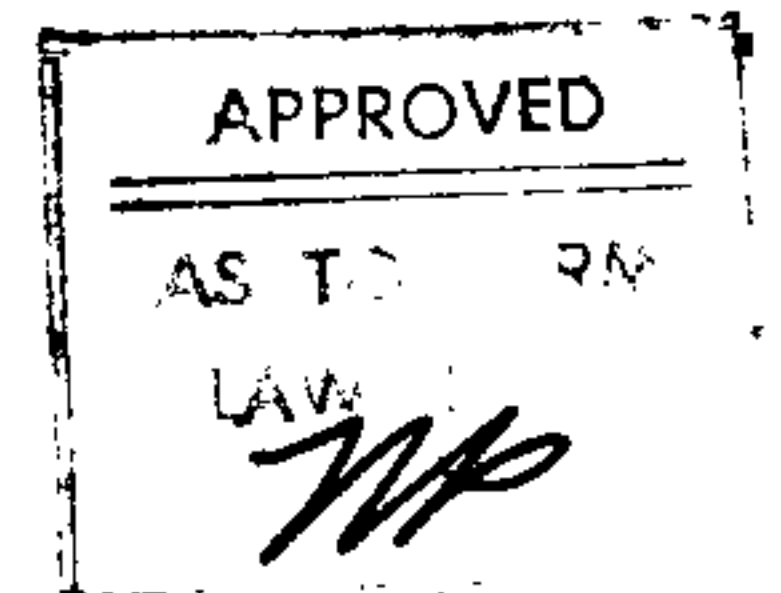
UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

By: Michael W. Porter

Title: Assistant Secretary

By: Thomas H. Howard

Title: General Manager Southeast
USS Real Estate,
a division of United States Steel Corporation



STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

I, Mary Ann H. McCraw, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Thomas H. Howard, whose name as General Manager Southeast of USS Real Estate, a division of United States Steel Corporation, a Delaware corporation, is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that being informed of the contents of said instrument, he, in such capacity and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said corporation.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this, the 1st day of December, 2003.

Mary Ann H. McCraw
Notary Public

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My Commission Expires: 3/14/2006

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
HELENA ANNEXATION

A tract of land situated in Sections 30, 31, and 32 of Township 20 South, Range 3 West of the Huntsville Principal Meridian, Shelby County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows.

SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST

The SE-1/4 of NE-1/4; the E-1/2 of SE-1/4; and the SW-1/4 of SE-1/4.

SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST

The N-1/2 of NE-1/4, and the NE-1/4 of NW-1/4.

A tract of land situated in the S-1/2 of the N-1/2 described as follows:

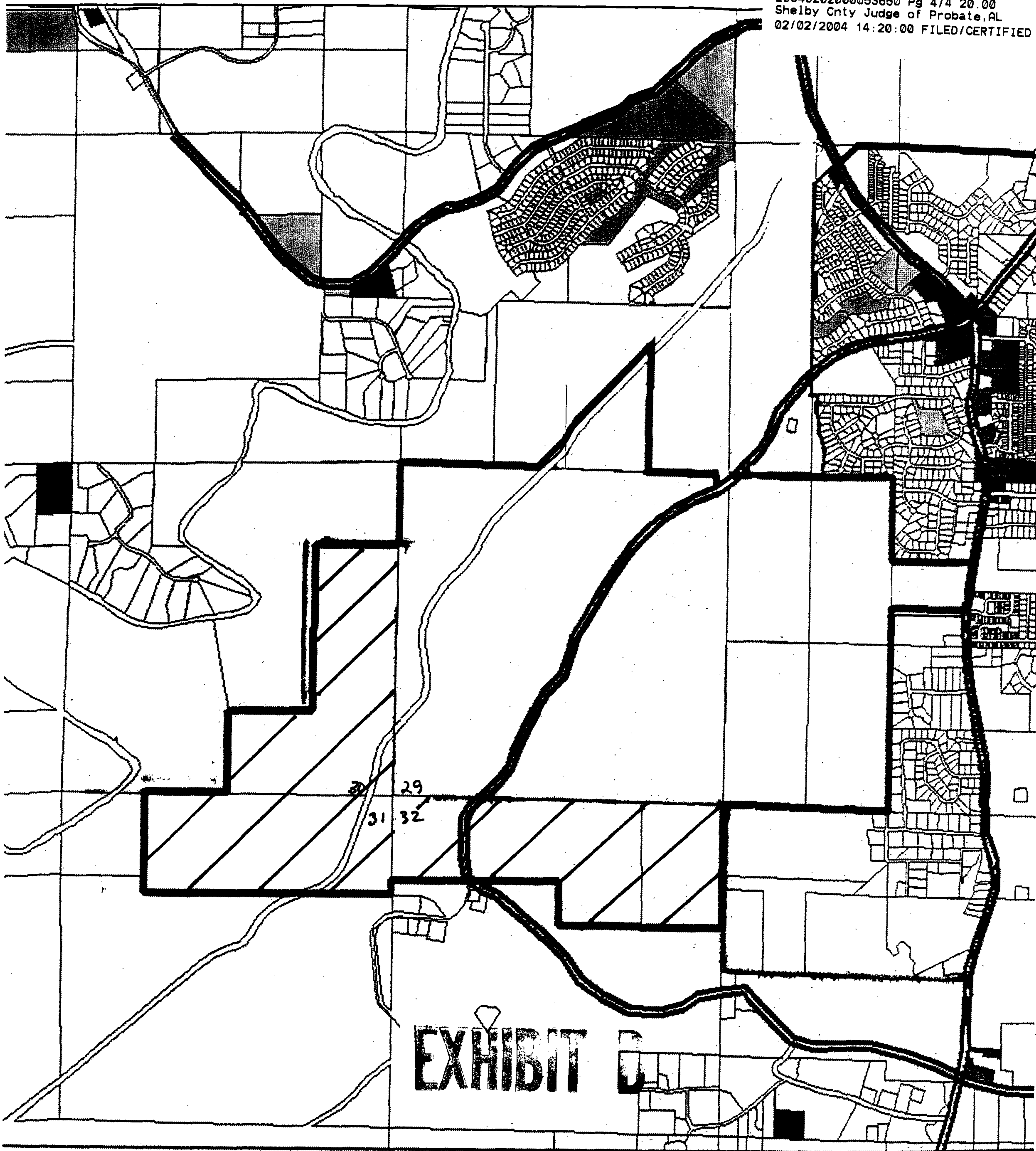
BEGINNING at the NE corner of the S-1/2 of N-1/2 of Section 31; run southerly along the east line of said S-1/2, 245.0 feet, more or less, to the NW corner of a tract of land owned by Nancy Carolyn Minshew; thence right 90°-00'-00", more or less, and run westerly and parallel to the south line of the N-1/2 of the N-1/2 of said Section 31 to a point on the west line of the SE-1/4 of NW-1/4 of Section 31; thence right 90°-00'-00", more or less, and run northerly along said west line 25.0 feet, more or less, to a point on the south line of last said N-1/2 of N-1/2; thence right 90°-00'-00", more or less, and run easterly along said south line of the N-1/2 of N-1/2 to the **POINT OF BEGINNING**.

SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST

The N-1/2 of the N-1/2.

The N-1/2 of the S-1/2 of NE-1/4.

EXHIBIT A



EXISTING CORPORATE LIMITS
CITY OF HELENA



SUBJECT PROPERTIES