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recording should be returned to:  
DHI MORTGAGE COMPANY, LTD.  
12357 RIATA TRACE PARKWAY, SUITE  
C150  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78727  
(Name, Address, & Title of Preparer)

Loan No.: 000304359  
MIN Number: 100020410000366463

**ALABAMA**  
**HOME EQUITY LINE OF CREDIT MORTGAGE**  
**(Securing Future Advances)**

**THIS MORTGAGE** is made on MAY 21, 2004. The mortgagor is Dana G. Deason and Michael S. Deason, wife and husband

This Mortgage is given to DHI MORTGAGE COMPANY, LTD., whose address is 12357 RIATA TRACE PARKWAY, SUITE C150, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78727 ("Lender") or its successors or assignees. In this Mortgage, the terms "you," "your" and "yours" refer to the mortgagor(s). The terms "we," "us" and "our" refer to the Lender.

"MERS" is Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MERS is a separate corporation that is acting solely as a nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns. **MERS is the mortgagee under this Security Instrument.** MERS is organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, and has an address and telephone number of P.O. Box 2026, Flint, MI 48501-2026, tel. (888) 679-MERS.

Pursuant to a Home Equity Line of Credit Agreement dated the same date as this Mortgage ("Agreement"), you may incur maximum unpaid loan indebtedness (exclusive of interest thereon) in amounts fluctuating from time to time up to the maximum principal sum outstanding at any time of **FORTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY AND 00/100ths Dollars (U.S. \$40,750.00).** The Agreement provides for a final scheduled installment due and payable not later than on MAY 21, 2014. You agree that this Mortgage shall continue to secure all sums now or hereafter advanced under the terms of the Agreement including, without limitation, such sums that are advanced by us whether or not at the time the sums are advanced there is any principal sum outstanding under the Agreement. The parties hereto intend that this Mortgage shall secure unpaid balances, and all other amounts due to us hereunder and under the Agreement.

This Mortgage secures to us: (a) the repayment of the debt evidenced by the Agreement, with interest, and all refinancings, renewals, extensions and modifications of the Agreement; (b) the payment of all other sums, with interest, advanced under this Mortgage to protect the security of this Mortgage; and (c) the performance of your covenants and agreements under this Mortgage and the Agreement. For this purpose and in consideration of the debt, you do hereby mortgage, grant and convey to MERS (solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns) and to the successors and assigns of MERS, with power of sale, the following described property located in Shelby County, Alabama:

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**Lot 46, according to the Survey of Fieldstone Park, 4th Sector, as recorded in Map Book page 107, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, being situated in Shelby County, Alabama.**

which has the address of **599 Fieldstone Drive**  
**Helena**, Alabama **35080** ("Property Address");

**TOGETHER WITH** all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, rights, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this Mortgage. All of the foregoing is referred to in this Mortgage as the "Property." Borrower understands and agrees that MERS holds only legal title to the interests granted by Borrower in this Security Instrument, but, if necessary to comply with law or custom, MERS (as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns) has the right to exercise any or all of those interests, including, but not limited to, the right to foreclose and sell the Property; and to take any action required of Lender including, but not limited to, releasing and canceling this Security Instrument.

**YOU COVENANT** that you are lawfully seized of the estate hereby conveyed and have the right to mortgage, grant and convey the Property and that the Property is unencumbered, except for encumbrances of record. You warrant and will defend generally the title to the Property against all claims and demands, subject to any encumbrances of record.

**YOU AND WE** covenant and agree as follows:

**1. Payment of Principal, Interest and Other Charges.** You shall pay when due the principal of and interest owing under the Agreement and all other charges due hereunder and due under the Agreement.

**2. Application of Payments.** Unless applicable law provides otherwise, all payments received by us under the Agreement and Section 1 shall be applied by us as provided in the Agreement.

**3. Prior Mortgages; Charges; Liens.** You shall perform all of your obligations under any mortgage, deed of trust or other security instruments with a lien which has priority over this Mortgage, including your covenants to make payments when due. You shall pay all taxes, assessments, charges, fines and impositions attributable to the Property which may attain priority over this Mortgage, and leasehold payments or ground rents, if any. Upon our request, you shall promptly furnish to us all notices of amounts to be paid under this paragraph and receipts evidencing any such payments you make directly. You shall promptly discharge any lien (other than a lien disclosed to us in your application or in any title report we obtained) which has priority over this Mortgage.

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We specifically reserve to ourself and our successors and assigns the unilateral right to require, upon notice, that you pay to us on the day monthly payments are due an amount equal to one-twelfth (1/12) of the yearly taxes, and assessments (including condominium and planned unit development assessments, if any) which may attain priority over this Mortgage and ground rents on the Property, if any, plus one-twelfth (1/12) of yearly premium installments for hazard and mortgage insurance, all as we reasonably estimate initially and from time to time, as allowed by and in accordance with applicable law.

**4. Hazard Insurance.** You shall keep the Property insured against loss by fire, hazards included within the term "extended coverage" and any other hazards, including floods or flooding, for which we require insurance. This insurance shall be maintained in the amounts and for the periods that we require. You may choose any insurer reasonably acceptable to us. Insurance policies and renewals shall be acceptable to us and shall include a standard mortgagee clause. If we require, you shall promptly give us all receipts of paid premiums and renewal notices. If you fail to maintain coverage as required in this section, you authorize us to obtain such coverage as we in our sole discretion determine appropriate to protect our interest in the Property in accordance with the provisions in Section 6. You understand and agree that any coverage we purchase may cover only our interest in the Property and may not cover your interest in the Property or any personal property therein. You also understand and agree that the premium for any such insurance may be higher than the premium you would pay for such insurance. You shall promptly notify the insurer and us of any loss. We may make proof of loss if you do not promptly do so.

We may also, at our option and on your behalf, adjust and compromise any claims under the insurance, give releases or acquittances to the insurance company in connection with the settlement of any claim and collect and receive insurance proceeds. You appoint us as your attorney-in-fact to do all of the foregoing, which appointment you understand and agree is irrevocable, coupled with an interest with full power of substitution and shall not be affected by your subsequent disability or incompetence.

Insurance proceeds shall be applied to restore or repair the Property damaged, if restoration or repair is economically feasible and our security would not be lessened. Otherwise, insurance proceeds shall be applied to sums secured by this Mortgage, whether or not then due, with any excess paid to you. If you abandon the Property, or do not answer within 30 days our notice to you that the insurer has offered to settle a claim, then we may collect and use the proceeds to repair or restore the Property or to pay sums secured by this Mortgage, whether or not then due. The 30-day period will begin when notice is given. Any application of proceeds to principal shall not require us to extend or postpone the due date of monthly payments or change the amount of monthly payments. If we acquire the Property at a forced sale following your default, your right to any insurance proceeds resulting from damage to the Property prior to the acquisition shall pass to us to the extent of the sums secured by this Mortgage immediately prior to the acquisition.

You shall not permit any condition to exist on the Property which would, in any way, invalidate the insurance coverage on the Property.

**5. Preservation, Maintenance and Protection of the Property; Borrower's Loan Application; Leaseholds.** You shall not destroy, damage or substantially change the Property, allow the Property to deteriorate, or commit waste. You shall be in default if any forfeiture action or proceeding, whether civil or criminal, is begun that in our good faith judgment could result in forfeiture of the Property or otherwise materially impair the lien created by this Mortgage or our security interest. You may cure such a default, as provided in Section 17, by causing the action or proceeding to be dismissed with a ruling that, in our good faith determination, precludes forfeiture of your interest in the Property or other material impairment of the lien created by this Mortgage or our security interest. You shall also be in default if you, during the loan application process, gave materially false or inaccurate information or statements to us (or failed to provide us with any material information) in connection with the loan evidenced by the Agreement, including, but not limited to, representations concerning your occupancy of the Property as a principal residence. If this Mortgage is on a leasehold, you shall comply with the lease. If you acquire fee title to the Property, the leasehold and fee title shall not merge unless we agree to the merger in writing.

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**6. Protection of Our Rights in the Property; Mortgage Insurance.** If you fail to perform the covenants and agreements contained in this Mortgage, or there is a legal proceeding that may significantly affect our rights in the Property (such as a proceeding in bankruptcy, probate, for condemnation or forfeiture or to enforce laws or regulations), then we may do, and pay for, anything necessary to protect the Property's value and our rights in the Property. Our actions may include paying any sums secured by a lien which has priority over this Mortgage or any advance under the Agreement or this Mortgage, appearing in court, paying reasonable attorney's fees, paying any sums which you are required to pay under this Mortgage and entering on the Property to make repairs. We do not have to take any action we are permitted to take under this paragraph. Any amounts we pay under this paragraph shall become additional debts you owe us and shall be secured by this Mortgage. These amounts shall bear interest from the disbursement date at the rate established under the Agreement and shall be payable, with interest, upon our request. If we required mortgage insurance as a condition of making the loan secured by this Mortgage, you shall pay the premiums for such insurance until such time as the requirement for the insurance terminates.

**7. Inspection.** We may enter and inspect the Property at any reasonable time and upon reasonable notice.

**8. Condemnation.** The proceeds of any award for damages, direct or consequential, in connection with any condemnation or other taking of any part of the Property, or for conveyance in lieu of condemnation, are hereby assigned and shall be paid to us. If the Property is abandoned, or if, after notice by us to you that the condemnor offers to make an award or settle a claim for damages, you fail to respond to us within 30 days after the date the notice is given, we are authorized to collect and apply the proceeds, at our option, either to restoration or repair of the Property or to the sums secured by this Mortgage, whether or not then due. Unless we and you otherwise agree in writing, any application of proceeds to principal shall not extend or postpone the due date of the monthly payments payable under the Agreement and Section 1 or change the amount of such payments.

**9. You Are Not Released; Forbearance by Us Not a Waiver.** Extension of time for payment or modification of amortization of the sums secured by this Mortgage granted by us to any of your successors in interest shall not operate to release your liability or the liability of your successors in interest. We shall not be required to commence proceedings against any successor in interest, refuse to extend time for payment or otherwise modify amortization of the sums secured by this Mortgage by reason of any demand made by you or your successors in interest. Our forbearance in exercising any right or remedy shall not waive or preclude the exercise of any right or remedy.

**10. Successors and Assigns Bound; Joint and Several Liability; Co-signers.** The covenants and agreements of this Mortgage shall bind and benefit your successors and permitted assigns. Your covenants and agreements shall be joint and several. Anyone who co-signs this Mortgage but does not execute the Agreement: (a) is co-signing this Mortgage only to mortgage, grant and convey such person's interest in the Property; (b) is not personally obligated to pay the Agreement, but is obligated to pay all other sums secured by this Mortgage; and (c) agrees that we and anyone else who signs this Mortgage may agree to extend, modify, forbear or make any accommodations regarding the terms of this Mortgage or the Agreement without such person's consent.

**11. Loan Charges.** If the loan secured by this Mortgage is subject to a law which sets maximum loan charges, and that law is finally interpreted so that the interest or other loan charges collected or to be collected in connection with the loan exceed the permitted limits, then: (a) any such loan charge shall be reduced by the amount necessary to reduce the charge to the permitted limit; and (b) any sums already collected from you which exceed permitted limits will be refunded to you. We may choose to make this refund by reducing the principal owed under the Agreement or by making a direct payment to you. If a refund reduces principal, the reduction will be treated as a partial prepayment without any prepayment charge under the Agreement.

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**12. Notices.** Unless otherwise required by law, any notice to you provided for in this Mortgage shall be delivered or mailed by first class mail to the Property Address or any other address you designate by notice to us. Unless otherwise required by law, any notice to us shall be given by first class mail to our address stated above or any other address we designate by notice to you. Any notice provided for in this Mortgage shall be deemed to have been given to you or us when given as provided in this paragraph.

**13. Governing Law; Severability.** The interpretation and enforcement of this Mortgage shall be governed by the law of the jurisdiction in which the Property is located, except as preempted by federal law. In the event that any provision or clause of this Mortgage or the Agreement conflicts with applicable law, such conflict shall not affect other provisions of this Mortgage or the Agreement which can be given effect without the conflicting provision. To this end the provisions of this Mortgage and the Agreement are declared to be severable.

**14. Transfer of the Property.** If all or any part of the Property or any interest in it is sold or transferred without our prior written consent, we may, at our option, require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Mortgage. However, this option shall not be exercised by us if exercise is prohibited by federal law as of the date of this Mortgage.

**15. Sale of Agreement; Change of Loan Servicer.** The Agreement or a partial interest in the Agreement (together with this Mortgage) may be sold one or more times without prior notice to you. A sale may result in a change in the entity (known as the "Loan Servicer") that collects monthly payments due under the Agreement and this Mortgage. There also may be one or more changes of the Loan Servicer unrelated to the sale of the Agreement. If there is a change of the Loan Servicer, you will be given written notice of the change as required by applicable law. The notice will state the name and address of the new Loan Servicer and the address to which payments should be made. The notice will also contain any information required by applicable law.

**16. Hazardous Substances.** You shall not cause or permit the presence, use, disposal, storage, or release of any Hazardous Substances on or in the Property. You shall not do, nor allow anyone else to do, anything affecting the Property that is in violation of any Environmental Law. The preceding two sentences shall not apply to the presence, use, or storage on the Property of Hazardous Substances in quantities that are generally recognized to be appropriate to normal residential uses and to maintenance of the Property. You shall promptly give us written notice of any investigation, claim, demand, lawsuit or other action by any governmental or regulatory agency or private party involving the Property and any Hazardous Substance or Environmental Law of which you have actual knowledge. If you learn or are notified by any government or regulatory authority, that any removal or other remediation of any Hazardous Substance affecting the Property is necessary, you shall promptly take all necessary remedial actions in accordance with Environmental Law. As used in this Mortgage, "Hazardous Substances" are those substances defined as toxic or hazardous substances by Environmental Law and the following substances: gasoline, kerosene, other flammable or toxic petroleum products, toxic pesticides and herbicides, volatile solvents, materials containing asbestos or formaldehyde, and radioactive materials. As used in this Mortgage, "Environmental Law" means federal laws and laws of the jurisdiction where the Property is located that relate to health, safety or environmental protection.

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**17. Acceleration; Remedies.** We shall give you notice prior to acceleration following your breach of any covenant or agreement in this Mortgage (but not prior to acceleration under Section 14 unless applicable law provides otherwise). The notice shall specify: (a) the default; (b) the action required to cure the default; (c) a date, not less than 30 days from the date the notice is given to you, by which the default must be cured; and (d) that failure to cure the default on or before the date specified in the notice may result in acceleration of the sums secured by this Mortgage, foreclosure by judicial proceeding and sale of the Property. The notice shall further inform you of the right to reinstate after acceleration and the right to assert in the foreclosure proceeding the non-existence of a default or any other defense you may have to acceleration and foreclosure. If the default is not cured on or before the date specified in the notice, we may, at our option, require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Mortgage without further demand and may invoke the power of sale and any other remedies permitted by applicable law. We shall be entitled to collect all expenses incurred in pursuing the remedies provided in this Section 17, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees as permitted by applicable law, and costs of title evidence.

If we invoke the power of sale, we shall give a copy of a notice to you in the manner provided in Section 12. We shall publish the notice of sale once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in Shelby County, Alabama, and thereupon shall sell the Property to the highest bidder at public auction at the front door of the County Courthouse of this County. We shall deliver to the purchaser Lender's deed conveying the Property. Lender or its designee may purchase the Property at any sale. You covenant and agree that the proceeds of the sale shall be applied in the following order: (a) to all expenses of the sale, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees; (b) to all sums secured by this Mortgage; and (c) any excess to the person or persons legally entitled to it.

**18. Discontinuance of Enforcement.** Notwithstanding our acceleration of the sums secured by this Mortgage under the provisions of Section 17, we may, in our sole discretion and upon such conditions as we in our sole discretion determine, discontinue any proceedings begun to enforce the terms of this Mortgage.

**19. Release.** Upon payment of all sums secured by this Mortgage and receipt of a written request from you, we shall release this Mortgage.

**20. Additional Charges.** You agree to pay reasonable charges as allowed by law in connection with the servicing of this loan including, without limitation, the costs of obtaining tax searches and subordinations. Provided, however, that nothing contained in this section is intended to create and shall not be construed to create any duty or obligation by us to perform any such act, or to execute or consent to any such transaction or matter, except a release of the Mortgage upon full repayment of all sums secured thereby.

**21. Waiver.** You hereby waive all rights of homestead exemption in the Property and relinquish all rights of curtesy and dower in the Property.

**22. Riders to this Mortgage.** If one or more riders are executed by you and recorded together with this Mortgage, the covenants and agreements of each such rider shall be incorporated into and shall amend and supplement the covenants and agreements of this Mortgage as if the rider(s) were part of this Mortgage.

☐ Condominium Rider

☐ 1-4 Family Rider

☐ Planned Unit Development Rider

☐ Other(s) (specify)

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BY SIGNING BELOW, You accept and agree to the terms and covenants contained in this Mortgage and in any rider(s) executed by you and recorded with it.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

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Dana G. Deason (Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael S. Deason (Seal)

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(Seal)

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(Seal)

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(Seal)

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(Seal)

STATE OF ALABAMA, Shelby County ss:

I, the undersigned, a notary public for the aforesaid state and county, hereby certify that, Dana G Deason and Michael S. Deason\* whose name(s) is/are signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is/are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, he/she/they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

\*wife and husband

Given under my hand this 21st day of May, 2004, A. D.

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Name:  
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 3/5/07

COURTNEY H. MASON, JR.  
COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 5, 2007