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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Shelby

County

Know All Men By These Presents

THAT WE CHRISTY HIGGINS

Columbiana, ALABAMA

AS PRINCIPAL and AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY, AS SURETY are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama in the sum of TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$10,000) Dollars, 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.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bound PRINCIPAL was, on the 2 day of July, 2004, A.D., appointed Notary Public, State-at-large.

NOW, IF THE SAID PRINCIPAL shall faithfully perform and discharge all the duties of said office during the time he/she continues therein then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect for term four (4) years from notary commission.

Sealed with our seals and dated this 2nd day of July, A.D., 2004

Christy Higgins
CHRISTY HIGGINS Principal

AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY

BY Rachel Clinkscale
RACHEL CLINKSCALE - Attorney-in-Fact

Approved and ordered of Record this 9th day of July, 2004
Judge of Probate Court Patricia Yeager Johnson County Shelby

OATH OF OFFICE

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Shelby County

Probate Court



I, CHRISTY HIGGINS, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the State of Alabama, so long as I remain a citizen thereof, and that I will honestly and faithfully 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 8 day of July, 2004
[Signature]
Notary Public

Christy Higgins
Principal

Filed in the office of the judge of Probate Court, this 9th day of July, 2004.

Judge of Probate Court Shelby County

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**POWER
OF ATTORNEY**

Bond No. 6293153

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:

That **AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY**, an Indiana corporation, does hereby appoint

***** RACHEL CLINKSCALE *****

Its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact, with full authority to execute on behalf of the company fidelity and surety bonds or undertakings and other documents of a similar character issued by the company in the course of its business, and to bind **AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY** thereby as fully as if such instruments had been duly executed by its regularly elected officers at its home office, in amounts or penalties not exceeding the sum of:

Ten Thousand Dollars And Zero Cents

DOLLARS (\$ 10,000)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY has executed and attested these presents

this 2nd day of July, 2004



C.B. MEAD, SECRETARY



MIKE MCGAVICK, PRESIDENT & CEO

CERTIFICATE

Extract from the By-Laws of **AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY**:

"Article 8. Section 8.1.1. - FIDELITY AND SURETY BONDS . . . the President, any Vice President, the Secretary and any Assistant Vice President appointed for that purpose by the officer in charge of surety operations, shall each have authority to appoint individuals as attorneys-in-fact or under other appropriate titles with authority to execute on behalf of the corporation fidelity and surety bonds and other documents of similar character issued by the corporation in the course of its business . . . On any instrument making or evidencing such appointment, the signatures may be affixed by facsimile. On any instrument conferring such authority or on any bond or undertaking of the corporation, the seal, or a facsimile thereof, may be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced; provided, however, that the seal shall not be necessary to the validity of any such instrument or undertaking."

I, C.B. Mead, Secretary of **AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY**, do hereby certify that the foregoing extracts of the By-Laws of this corporation, and of a Power of Attorney Issued pursuant thereto, are true and correct and that both the By-Laws and the Power of Attorney are still in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the facsimile seal of said corporation

this 2nd day of July, 2004



C.B. MEAD, SECRETARY