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Loan No: 2000707747  
Borrower: JOSEPH A. RODRIGUEZ

Data ID: 152

**MORTGAGE**

MIN: 100014720007077477

THIS MORTGAGE is made this 14th day of June, 2004, between the Grantor, JOSEPH A. RODRIGUEZ and Amy Rodriguez, husband and wife whose address is 2111 SOUTH BRIDGE COURT, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35244

(herein "Borrower"), and

AEGIS FUNDING CORPORATION, a Corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of DELAWARE, whose address is 3250 BRIARPARK DRIVE, SUITE 400, HOUSTON, TX 77042-4204

(herein "Lender").

WHEREAS, this Security Instrument is given to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"). MERS is a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for Lender (as hereinabove defined) 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.

WHEREAS, Borrower is indebted to Lender in the principal sum of **SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED and NO/100-----Dollars (U.S. \$ 61,100.00)**, which indebtedness is evidenced by Borrower's note dated **June 14, 2004** and extensions and renewals thereof (herein "Note"), providing for monthly installments of principal and interest, with the balance of the indebtedness, if not sooner paid, due and payable on **July 1, 2024**;

TO SECURE to Lender the repayment of the indebtedness evidenced by the Note, with interest thereon; the payment of all other sums, with interest thereon, advanced in accordance herewith to protect the security of this Mortgage; and the performance of the covenants and agreements of Borrower herein contained, Borrower irrevocably mortgages, grants and conveys 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 the County of ~~JEFFERSON~~, State of Alabama:

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SEE LEGAL DESCRIPTION ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF



\*\*\*AMY R AND AMY ARE ONE IN SAME\*\*\*

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which has the address of 2111 SOUTH BRIDGE COURT, BIRMINGHAM,  
 Alabama 35244 [Street] [City]  
 (herein "Property Address");

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD such property unto MERS (solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns), forever, together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, rights, appurtenances and rents, all of which shall be deemed to be and remain a part of the property covered by this Mortgage; and all of the foregoing, together with said property (or the leasehold estate if this Mortgage is on a leasehold) are hereinafter referred to 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.

Borrower covenants that Borrower is lawfully seized of the estate hereby conveyed and has the right to mortgage, grant and convey the Property, and that the Property is unencumbered, except for encumbrances of record. Borrower covenants that Borrower warrants and will defend generally the title to the Property against all claims and demands, subject to encumbrances of record.

UNIFORM COVENANTS. Borrower and Lender covenant and agree as follows:

**1. Payment of Principal and Interest.** Borrower shall promptly pay when due the principal and interest indebtedness evidenced by the Note and late charges as provided in the Note.

**2. Funds for Taxes and Insurance.** Subject to applicable law or a written waiver by Lender, Borrower shall pay to Lender on the day monthly payments of principal and interest are payable under the Note, until the Note is paid in full, a sum (herein "Funds") equal to one-twelfth 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 of yearly premium installments for hazard insurance, plus one-twelfth of yearly premium installments for mortgage insurance, if any, all as reasonably estimated initially and from time to time by Lender on the basis of assessments and bills and reasonable estimates thereof. Borrower shall not be obligated to make such payments of Funds to Lender to the extent that Borrower makes such payments to the holder of a prior mortgage or deed of trust if such holder is an institutional lender.

If Borrower pays Funds to Lender, the Funds shall be held in an institution the deposits or accounts of which are insured or guaranteed by a federal or state agency (including Lender if Lender is such an institution). Lender shall apply the Funds to pay said taxes, assessments, insurance premiums and ground rents. Lender may not charge for so holding and applying the Funds, analyzing said account or verifying and compiling said assessments and bills, unless Lender pays Borrower interest on the Funds and applicable law permits Lender to make such a charge. Borrower and Lender may agree in writing at the time of execution of this Mortgage that interest on the Funds shall be paid to Borrower, and unless such agreement is made or applicable law requires such interest to be paid, Lender shall not be required to pay Borrower any interest or earnings on the Funds. Lender shall give to Borrower, without charge, an annual accounting of the Funds showing credits and debits to the Funds and the purpose for which each debit to the Funds was made. The Funds are pledged as additional security for the sums secured by this Mortgage.

If the amount of the Funds held by Lender, together with the future monthly installments of Funds payable prior to the due dates of taxes, assessments, insurance premiums and ground rents, shall exceed the amount required to pay said taxes, assessments, insurance premiums and ground rents as they fall due, such excess shall be, at Borrower's option, either promptly repaid to Borrower or credited to Borrower on monthly installments of Funds. If the amount of the Funds held by Lender shall not be sufficient to pay taxes, assessments, insurance premiums and ground rents as they fall due, Borrower shall pay to Lender any amount necessary to make up the deficiency in one or more payments as Lender may require.

Upon payment in full of all sums secured by this Mortgage, Lender shall promptly refund to Borrower any Funds held by Lender. If under paragraph 17 hereof the Property is sold or the Property is otherwise acquired by Lender, Lender shall apply, no later than immediately prior to the sale of the Property or its acquisition by Lender, any Funds held by Lender at the time of application as a credit against the sums secured by this Mortgage.

**3. Application of Payments.** Unless applicable law provides otherwise, all payments received by Lender under the Note and paragraphs 1 and 2 hereof shall be applied by Lender first in payment of amounts payable to Lender by Borrower under paragraph 2 hereof, then to interest payable on the Note, and then to the principal of the Note.

**4. Prior Mortgages and Deeds of Trust; Charges; Liens.** Borrower shall perform all of Borrower's obligations under any mortgage, deed of trust or other security agreement with a lien which has priority over this Mortgage, including Borrower's covenants to make payments when due. Borrower shall pay or cause to be paid all taxes, assessments and other charges, fines and impositions attributable to the Property which may attain a priority over this Mortgage, and leasehold payments or ground rents, if any.

**5. Hazard Insurance.** Borrower shall keep the improvements now existing or hereafter erected on the Property insured against loss by fire, hazards included in the term "extended coverage" and any other hazards, for which Lender requires insurance, including, but not limited to, floods or flooding, earthquakes or hurricanes (whether or not such hazards are required to be insured against at the time the Loan is made). All insurance required by Lender shall be maintained in the amounts and for the periods that Lender requires. The insurance carrier providing the insurance shall be chosen by Borrower subject to Lender's approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. In the event the Property improvements are now, or at any time during the term of this Security Instrument are determined to be, in a Special Flood Hazard Area, Borrower must obtain and maintain flood insurance.

Borrower acknowledges and agrees that failure to insure the Property, which is the security for this agreement, according to the terms and conditions of this paragraph 5 is an event of default subject to the remedies available to Lender under this agreement. If Borrower fails to obtain or maintain any coverage described herein, Lender may, but shall have no duty to, obtain such coverage or substantially equivalent coverage with an insurance carrier of Lender's choice, protecting only Lender's interest in the Property in accordance with paragraph 7, all at Borrower's expense. Lender shall have no duty or obligation to obtain any insurance protecting Borrower's interest in the Property, or covering risks for which Lender has not required insurance, as described in the first paragraph of this paragraph 5, even if Borrower has previously obtained or maintained such insurance coverage, including, without limitation, a homeowners policy. Lender may, in its sole discretion, obtain insurance in whatever amounts and types Lender deems adequate to protect Lender's interest in the Property, regardless of the unpaid balance remaining under the Note or the amounts remaining due under this Security Instrument. For this purpose, Lender will deem its interests to be adequately protected by an insurance policy with coverage equal to the value of the improvements located on the Property securing Borrower's loan. Lender may determine the value of the improvements by assuming as accurate the value assigned to the improvements in the insurance policy that Lender's records reflect was most recently held by Borrower prior to the insurance policy obtained by Lender. Borrower acknowledges and agrees the amount may not be equal to the actual value or replacement value of the improvements, and any such insurance Lender obtains may not protect Borrower's interest in the Property.

Borrower acknowledges and agrees that the cost of the insurance coverage so obtained by Lender may significantly exceed the cost of insurance Borrower could have obtained, as described in the first paragraph of this paragraph 5, if Borrower had purchased the insurance directly, and further may provide Borrower with less or no insurance coverage protecting Borrower's interest in the Property. Borrower further acknowledges and agrees that Lender may obtain any such insurance directly or through an insurance agency or insurer affiliated with Lender and Lender or Lender's affiliate may receive a commission or other compensation in connection with obtaining such insurance.

All insurance policies and renewals shall be acceptable to Lender and shall include a standard mortgagee clause. Lender shall have the right to hold the policies and renewals. If Lender requires, Borrower shall promptly give to Lender all receipts of paid premiums and renewal notices. In the event that Borrower cancels a policy on the Property and Borrower replaces it with a different policy, Lender may charge Borrower a reasonable fee (subject to applicable law, if any) to change its records to reflect the new policy. In the event of loss, Borrower shall give prompt notice to the insurance carrier and Lender. Lender may make proof of loss if not made promptly by Borrower. In the event Lender acquires the Property through foreclosure or otherwise, Borrower assigns to Lender its rights to any refund of unearned premiums and any other rights of Borrower under the insurance policy.

To the extent Borrower obtains any form of insurance coverage for the Property without being directed to do so by Lender, such as flood, earthquake or hurricane coverage, such policy shall include a standard mortgagee clause and shall name Lender as mortgagee. Any insurance proceeds from such policy shall be additional security for the Note and Lender shall have the same rights to such policy and proceeds as it has with regard to Lender-required insurance policies discussed in this paragraph 5.

Unless Lender and Borrower otherwise agree in writing, insurance proceeds shall be applied to restoration or repair of the Property damaged, if, at Lender's sole discretion, the restoration or repair is economically feasible and Lender's security is not lessened. During such repair and restoration period, Lender shall have the right to hold such insurance proceeds until Lender has had an opportunity to inspect such Property to ensure the work has been completed to Lender's satisfaction. Lender shall have the right to deduct fees for such inspections from the insurance proceeds unless prohibited by applicable law or regulation. Fees for public adjusters or other third parties retained by Borrower shall not be deducted from the proceeds and shall be the sole and separate obligation of Borrower. If, in Lender's sole determination, the restoration or repair is not economically feasible or Lender's security would be lessened, the insurance proceeds shall be applied to the sums secured by this Security Instrument, whether or not then due, with any excess paid to Borrower. Borrower shall remain responsible for any sums remaining due and payable under the Note and this Security Instrument. If Borrower abandons the Property, or does not answer within 30 days a notice from Lender that the insurance carrier has offered to settle a claim, then the proceeds will be automatically assigned to Lender. Lender may use the proceeds to repair or restore the Property or to pay sums secured by this Security Instrument, whether or not then due. The 30-day period will begin when the notice is given.

Unless Lender and Borrower otherwise agree in writing, any application of proceeds to principal shall not extend or postpone the due date of the monthly payments referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 or change the amount of the payments of principal and interest due under the Note. If under paragraph 21 the Property is acquired by Lender, Borrower's right to any insurance policies and proceeds resulting from damage to the Property prior to the acquisition shall pass to Lender to the extent of the sums secured by this Security Instrument immediately prior to the acquisition.

The provisions contained in this paragraph 5 are subject to limitations under applicable law, if any.

**6. Preservation and Maintenance of Property; Leaseholds; Condominiums; Planned Unit Developments.**

Borrower shall keep the Property in good repair and shall not commit waste or permit impairment or deterioration of the Property and shall comply with the provisions of any lease if this Mortgage is on a leasehold. If this Mortgage is on a unit in a condominium or a planned unit development, Borrower shall perform all of Borrower's obligations under the declaration or covenants creating or governing the condominium or planned unit development, the by-laws and regulations of the condominium or planned unit development, and constituent documents.

**7. Protection of Lender's Security.** If Borrower fails to perform the covenants and agreements contained in this Mortgage, or if any action or proceeding is commenced which materially affects Lender's interest in the Property, then Lender, at Lender's option, upon notice to Borrower, may make such appearances, disburse such sums, including reasonable attorneys' fees, and take such action as is necessary to protect Lender's interest. If Lender required mortgage insurance as a condition of making the loan secured by this Mortgage, Borrower shall pay the premiums required to maintain such insurance in effect until such time as the requirement for such insurance terminates in accordance with Borrower's and Lender's written agreement or applicable law.

Any amounts disbursed by Lender pursuant to this paragraph 7, with interest thereon, at the Note rate, shall become additional indebtedness of Borrower secured by this Mortgage. Unless Borrower and Lender agree to other terms of payment, such amounts shall be payable upon notice from Lender to Borrower requesting payment thereof. Nothing contained in this paragraph 7 shall require Lender to incur any expense or take any action hereunder.

**8. Inspection.** Lender may make or cause to be made reasonable entries upon and inspections of the Property, provided that Lender shall give Borrower notice prior to any such inspection specifying reasonable cause therefor related to Lender's interest in the Property.

**9. Condemnation.** The proceeds of any award or claim for damages, direct or consequential, in connection with any condemnation or other taking of the Property, or part thereof, or for conveyance in lieu of condemnation, are hereby assigned and shall be paid to Lender, subject to the terms of any mortgage, deed of trust or other security agreement with a lien which has priority over this Mortgage.

**10. Borrower Not Released; Forbearance By Lender Not a Waiver.** Extension of the time for payment or modification of amortization of the sums secured by this Mortgage granted by Lender to any successor in interest of Borrower shall not operate to release, in any manner, the liability of the original Borrower and Borrower's successors in interest. Lender shall not be required to commence proceedings against such successor or refuse to extend time for payment or otherwise modify amortization of the sums secured by this Mortgage by reason of any demand made by the original Borrower and Borrower's successors in interest. Any forbearance by Lender in exercising any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise afforded by applicable law, shall not be a waiver of or preclude the exercise of any such right or remedy.

**11. Successors and Assigns Bound; Joint and Several Liability; Co-signers.** The covenants and agreements herein contained shall bind, and the rights hereunder shall inure to, the respective successors and assigns of Lender and Borrower, subject to the provisions of paragraph 16 hereof. All covenants and agreements of Borrower shall be joint and several. Any Borrower who co-signs this Mortgage, but does not execute the Note, (a) is co-signing this Mortgage only to mortgage, grant and convey that Borrower's interest in the Property to Lender under the terms of this Mortgage, (b) is not personally liable on the Note or under this Mortgage, and (c) agrees that Lender and any other Borrower hereunder may agree to extend, modify, forbear, or make any other accommodations with regard to the terms of this Mortgage or the Note without that Borrower's consent and without releasing that Borrower or modifying this Mortgage as to that Borrower's interest in the Property.

**12. Notice.** Except for any notice required under applicable law to be given in another manner, (a) any notice to Borrower provided for in this Mortgage shall be given by delivering it or by mailing such notice by certified mail addressed to Borrower at the Property Address or at such other address as Borrower may designate by notice to Lender as provided herein, and (b) any notice to Lender shall be given by certified mail to Lender's address stated herein or to such other address as Lender may designate by notice to Borrower as provided herein. Any notice provided for in this Mortgage shall be deemed to have been given to Borrower or Lender when given in the manner designated herein.

**13. Governing Law; Severability.** The state and local laws applicable to this Mortgage shall be the laws of the jurisdiction in which the Property is located. The foregoing sentence shall not limit the applicability of federal law to this Mortgage. In the event that any provision or clause of this Mortgage or the Note conflicts with applicable law, such conflict shall not affect other provisions of this Mortgage or the Note which can be given effect without the conflicting provision, and to this end the provisions of this Mortgage and the Note are declared to be severable. As used herein, "costs," "expenses" and "attorneys' fees" include all sums to the extent not prohibited by applicable law or limited herein.

**14. Borrower's Copy.** Borrower shall be furnished a conformed copy of the Note and of this Mortgage at the time of execution or after recordation hereof.

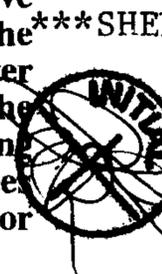
**15. Rehabilitation Loan Agreement.** Borrower shall fulfill all of Borrower's obligations under any home rehabilitation, improvement, repair, or other loan agreement which Borrower enters into with Lender. Lender, at Lender's option, may require Borrower to execute and deliver to Lender, in a form acceptable to Lender, an assignment of any rights, claims or defenses which Borrower may have against parties who supply labor, materials or services in connection with improvements made to the Property.

**16. Transfer of the Property or a Beneficial Interest in Borrower.** If all or any part of the Property or any interest in it is sold or transferred (or if a beneficial interest in Borrower is sold or transferred and Borrower is not a natural person) without Lender's prior written consent, Lender may, at its option, require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Mortgage. However, this option shall not be exercised by Lender if exercise is prohibited by federal law as of the date of this Mortgage.

If Lender exercises this option, Lender shall give Borrower notice of acceleration. The notice shall provide a period of not less than 30 days from the date the notice is delivered or mailed within which Borrower must pay all sums secured by this Mortgage. If Borrower fails to pay these sums prior to the expiration of this period, Lender may invoke any remedies permitted by this Mortgage without further notice or demand on Borrower.

NON-UNIFORM COVENANTS. Borrower and Lender further covenant and agree as follows:

**17. Acceleration; Remedies.** Except as provided in paragraph 16 hereof, upon Borrower's breach of any covenant or agreement of Borrower in this Mortgage, including the covenants to pay when due any sums secured by this Mortgage, Lender prior to acceleration shall give notice to Borrower as provided in paragraph 12 hereof specifying: (1) the breach; (2) the action required to cure such breach; (3) a date, not less than 10 days from the date the notice is mailed to Borrower, by which such breach must be cured; and (4) that failure to cure such breach on or before the date specified in the notice may result in acceleration of the sums secured by this Mortgage and sale of Property. The notice shall further inform Borrower of the right to reinstate after acceleration and the right to bring a court action to assert the nonexistence of a default or any other defense of Borrower to acceleration and sale. If the breach is not cured on or before the date specified in the notice, Lender, at Lender's option, may declare all of the sums secured by this Mortgage to be immediately due and payable without further demand and may invoke the power of sale and any other remedies permitted by applicable law. Lender shall be entitled to collect all reasonable costs and expenses incurred in pursuing the remedies provided in this paragraph 17, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees.

If Lender invokes the power of sale, Lender shall mail a copy of a notice of sale to Borrower in the manner provided in paragraph 12 hereof. Lender shall publish the notice of sale once a week for three consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in ~~JEFFERSON~~ <sup>JEFFERSON</sup> County, Alabama, and thereupon shall sell the Property to the highest bidder at public auction at the front door of the County Courthouse of said County. Lender shall deliver to the purchaser Lender's deed conveying the Property so sold. Lender or Lender's designee may purchase the Property at any sale. Borrower covenants and agrees that the proceeds of the sale shall be applied in the following order: (a) to all reasonable costs and expenses of the sale, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of title evidence; (b) to all sums secured by this Mortgage; and (c) the excess, if any, to the person or persons legally entitled thereto. 

**18. Borrower's Right to Reinstate.** Notwithstanding Lender's acceleration of the sums secured by this Mortgage due to Borrower's breach, Borrower shall have the right to have any proceedings begun by Lender to enforce this Mortgage discontinued at any time prior to the earlier to occur of (i) the fifth day before sale of the Property pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Mortgage or (ii) entry of a judgment enforcing this Mortgage if: (a) Borrower pays Lender all sums which would be then due under this Mortgage and the Note had no acceleration occurred; (b) Borrower cures all breaches of any other covenants or agreements of Borrower contained in this Mortgage; (c) Borrower pays all reasonable expenses incurred by Lender in enforcing the covenants and agreements of Borrower contained in this Mortgage, and in enforcing Lender's remedies as provided in paragraph 17 hereof, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees; and (d) Borrower takes such action as Lender may reasonably require to assure that the lien of this Mortgage, Lender's interest in the Property and Borrower's obligation to pay the sums secured by this Mortgage shall continue unimpaired. Upon such payment and cure by Borrower, this Mortgage and the obligations secured hereby shall remain in full force and effect as if no acceleration had occurred.

**19. Assignment of Rents; Appointment of Receiver; Lender in Possession.** As additional security hereunder, Borrower hereby assigns to Lender the rents of the Property, provided that Borrower shall, prior to acceleration under paragraph 17 hereof or abandonment of the Property, have the right to collect and retain such rents as they become due and payable.

Upon acceleration under paragraph 17 hereof or abandonment of the Property, Lender, in person, by agent or by judicially appointed receiver, shall be entitled to enter upon, take possession of and manage the Property and to collect the rents of the Property including those past due. All rents collected by Lender or the receiver shall be applied first to payment of the costs of management of the Property and collections of rents, including, but not limited to, receiver's fees, premiums on receiver's bonds and reasonable attorneys' fees, and then to the sums secured by this Mortgage. Lender and the receiver shall be liable to account only for those rents actually received.

**20. Release.** Upon payment of all sums secured by this Mortgage, Lender shall release the Mortgage to Borrower. To the extent permitted by applicable law, Borrower is responsible for all costs associated with cancelling this Mortgage including, but not limited to, any fee paid to a third party for the preparation and recordation of any legal documents as well as any fee paid to a public official.

**21. Waiver of Homestead, Dower and Curtesy.** Borrower hereby waives all rights of homestead exemption in the Property and relinquishes all right of dower and curtesy in the Property.

**22. Agreement to Mediate or Arbitrate.** READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY. IT LIMITS CERTAIN OF YOUR RIGHTS, INCLUDING YOUR RIGHT TO GO TO COURT. In this agreement to mediate or arbitrate (this "Agreement"), (1) "Transaction" means any (a) payment of money, (b) transfer or exchange of property or any other thing of value, (c) any one or more past, present, or future extensions of, advertisement, solicitation, applications for, or inquiries about, credit, or forbearance of payment, such as a loan, a credit sale, or otherwise, from Lender to Borrower, including this Transaction, (d) gift, or (e) promise to enter into a Transaction, and (2) "Claim" means any case, controversy, dispute, tort, disagreement, lawsuit, claim, or counterclaim, and other matters in question now or hereafter existing between Lender and Borrower. A Claim includes, without limitation, anything arising out of, in connection with, or relating to: (a) this Agreement; (b) to the advertisement, solicitation, application, processing, closing or servicing of this Transaction or any instruments executed in conjunction with it (collectively the "Loan Agreements" including but not limited to the terms of the loan, representations, promises, undertakings or covenants made relating to the Loan, or Loan Agreements executed in conjunction with the Note and this Security Instrument, services provided under the Loan Agreements, and the validity and construction of the Loan Agreements); (c) any Transaction; (d) the construction, manufacture, advertisement, sale, installation or servicing of any real or personal property which secures this Transaction, (e) any past, present, or future insurance, service, or product that is offered or sold in connection with a Transaction; (f) any documents or instruments that contain information about or document any Transaction, insurance, service, or product; and (g) any act or omission by Lender regarding any Claim.

**Mediation.** Except as set forth below, all Claims, shall be **MEDIATED** prior to the filing of any legal proceeding related to any dispute relating to this Transaction. If Borrower and Lender cannot agree on the selection of a mediator for a dispute, the mediator shall be selected as follows: within 5 business days of the notice that either Borrower or Lender have decided to mediate, Borrower and Lender shall each name a mediator and notify that mediator and the other party of the selection. Within 5 business days of their selection the mediators shall jointly select an independent mediator to mediate the dispute. The mediation shall occur not later than 30 days after the mediator is selected in the city nearest to Borrower's residence where a federal district court is located or at such other location as agreed by the parties.

Borrower and Lender agree to participate in the mediation in good faith with the intention of resolving the dispute, if possible. Legal counsel may, but is not required to represent Borrower or Lender at the mediation. All mediation sessions will be private and all information disclosed during the mediation will be confidential. The mediator may prescribe other rules for the mediation. Filing fees shall be shared equally between Lender and Borrower. All administrative fees in excess of the amount of the filing fees that would be charged for a Claim equal to your loan amount shall be paid by the requesting party. The cost of up to one (1) full day of mediation hearings will be paid by the Lender. Fees for hearings that exceed one (1) day will be paid by the requesting party. Attorneys' fees and related expenses are each party's responsibility.

This Agreement to mediate is specifically enforceable.

If for any reason the mediation is not completed within 45 days after the mediator is selected, or if after the mediation, any Claim is still unresolved, such Claim shall be resolved solely and exclusively by arbitration in accordance with this Agreement.

**Arbitration.** To the extent allowed by applicable law, any Claim, except those set forth below, shall be resolved by binding arbitration in accordance with (1) the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1-16; (2) the Expedited Procedures of the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association (the "Arbitration Rules") then in effect; and (3) this Agreement. If the terms of this Agreement and the Arbitration Rules are inconsistent, the terms of this Agreement shall control. A copy of the Arbitration Rules, free of charge, may be obtained by calling (800) 778-7879. The laws applicable to the arbitration proceeding shall be the laws of the state in which the property which secures the Transaction is located. The parties agree that the arbitrator shall have all powers provided by law, this Agreement, and the Loan Agreements. However, the arbitrator shall have no power to vary or modify any of the provisions of the Loan Agreements. Any party to this Agreement may bring an action in any court having jurisdiction, including a summary or expedited proceeding, to specifically enforce this Agreement, or to compel arbitration of any Claim. An action to specifically enforce this Agreement, or a motion to compel arbitration may be brought at any time, even after a Claim has been raised in a court of law or a Transaction has been completed, discharged, or paid in full.

**Place of Arbitration.** The arbitration shall be conducted in the city nearest to Borrower's residence where a federal district court is located or at such other location as agreed by the parties.

**Cost of Arbitration.** Filing fees shall be shared equally between Lender and Borrower. All administrative fees in excess of the amount of the filing fees that would be charged for a Claim equal to your loan amount shall be paid by the requesting party. The cost of up to one (1) full day of arbitration hearings will be paid by the Lender. Fees for hearings that exceed one (1) day will be paid by the requesting party.

**Timing of Hearing.** The arbitration hearing shall commence within forty-five (45) days of the demand for arbitration.

**NO CLASS ACTIONS; NO JOINDER OF PARTIES; WAIVER OF RIGHT TO JURY TRIAL. THE ARBITRATION WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF ANY COURT PROCEEDING INCLUDING A TRIAL BEFORE A JUDGE OR A JUDGE AND JURY. ANY SUCH ARBITRATION SHALL BE CONDUCTED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS, AND NOT AS PART OF A COMMON OR CLASS ACTION. IT IS EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED BY BORROWER AND LENDER THAT ANY PURPORTED COMMON ISSUES OF LAW OR FACT SHALL BE RESOLVED ON SUCH AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.**

**Judgment.** The award rendered by the arbitrator shall be final, nonappealable and judgment may be entered upon it in accordance with applicable law in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

**Confidentiality.** Borrower and Lender agree that the mediation and arbitration proceedings are confidential. The information disclosed in such proceedings cannot be used for any purpose in any other proceeding.

**Claims Excluded from Mediation and Arbitration.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither Borrower nor Lender can require the other to mediate or arbitrate (i) foreclosure proceedings, whether pursuant to judicial action, power of sale, assent to a decree or otherwise, proceedings pursuant to which Lender seeks a deficiency judgment, or any comparable procedures allowed under applicable law pursuant to which a lien holder may acquire title to or possession of any property which is security for this Transaction and any related personal property (including an assignment of rents or appointment of a receiver), upon default by the Borrower on the Transaction or (ii) an application by or on behalf of the Borrower for relief under the federal bankruptcy laws or any other similar laws of general application for the relief of debtors, through the institution of appropriate proceedings; (iii) any Claim where Lender seeks damages or other relief because of Borrower's default under the terms of a Transaction; (iv) any Claim on which relief could be granted by the small claims court in Borrower's jurisdiction; or (v) any class action suit. Enforcement of this section will not waive the right to arbitrate any other Claim, including a Claim asserted as a counterclaim in a lawsuit brought under this section.

**Effect of Rescission.** If Borrower has the right to rescind this Transaction, rescinding it will not rescind this Agreement.

**No Other Arbitration Agreements.** This Agreement is the only agreement between Lender and Borrower regarding alternative dispute resolution, and supersedes any prior agreements to mediate or arbitrate Claims. This Agreement may only be modified by a written agreement between Lender and Borrower.

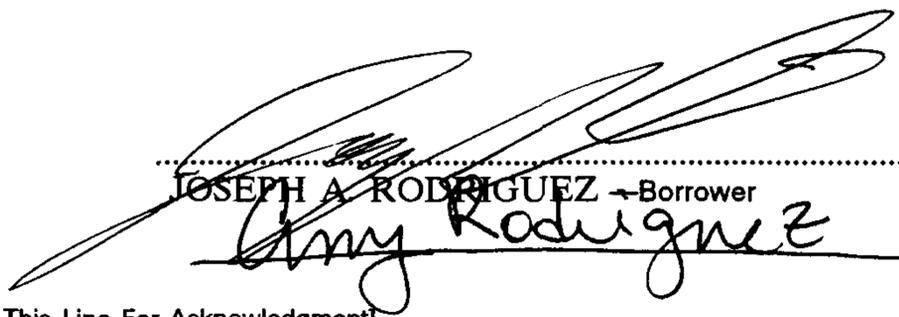
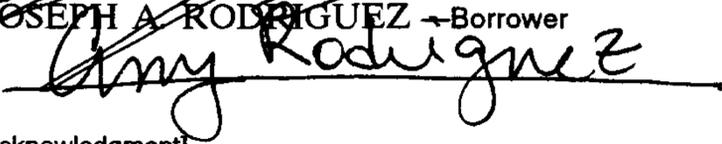
**BORROWER AND LENDER AGREE TO WAIVE ANY RIGHTS TO TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY AND ALL CLAIMS.**

PUD Rider attached hereto.

**REQUEST FOR NOTICE OF DEFAULT  
AND FORECLOSURE UNDER SUPERIOR  
MORTGAGES OR DEEDS OF TRUST**

Borrower and Lender request the holder of any mortgage, deed of trust or other encumbrance with a lien which has priority over this Mortgage to give Notice to Lender, at Lender's address set forth on page one of this Mortgage, of any default under the superior encumbrance and of any sale or other foreclosure action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Borrower has executed this Mortgage.

.....(Seal)  
JOSEPH A. RODRIGUEZ - Borrower  


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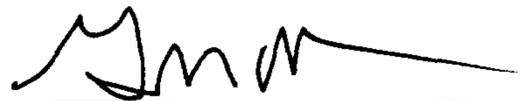
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I, George M. Vaughn, a Notary Public, hereby certify that  
JOSEPH A. RODRIGUEZ and Amy Rodriguez  
whose name are signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

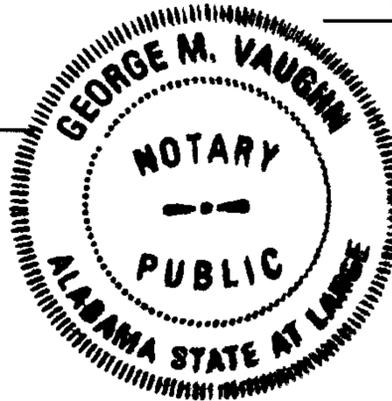
Given under my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 2007.

[Seal]

  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 9.29.08

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**EXHIBIT "A"**

**LOT 42 ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF FINAL PLAT ARBOR HILL PHASE I AS  
RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 31, AGE 48 IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF SHELBY  
COUNTY, ALABAMA.**