

# MORTGAGE

(Participation)

This mortgage made and entered into this 12 day of August, 2009, by and between **Robert Benton** (also known as **Robert Elbert Benton**), a married person, whose address is P. O. Box 683, Haleyville, Alabama 35565, and **BENTON INVESTMENTS, INC., an Alabama corporation**, whose address is P. O. Box 683, Haleyville, Alabama 35565 (hereinafter jointly, severally and collectively referred to as the "mortgagor") and **BIRMINGHAM CITY WIDE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY** (hereinafter referred to as mortgagee), who maintains an office and place of business at 1500 1st Avenue North, Suite 108B, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

WITNESSETH, that for the consideration hereinafter stated, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the mortgagor does hereby mortgage, sell, grant, assign, and convey unto the mortgagee, his successors and assigns, all of the following described property situated and being in the County of Shelby State of Alabama

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO

(This Property is not the homestead of Mortgagor nor of Mortgagor's spouse.)

Together with and including all buildings, all fixtures including but not limited to all plumbing, heating, lighting, ventilating, refrigerating, incinerating, air conditioning apparatus, and elevators (the mortgagor hereby declaring that it is intended that the items herein enumerated shall be deemed to have been permanently installed as part of the realty), and all improvements now or hereafter existing thereon; the hereditaments and appurtenances and all other rights thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, all rights of redemption, and the rents, issues, and profits of the above described property (provided, however, that the mortgagor shall be entitled to the possession of said property and to collect and retain the rents, issues, and profits until default hereunder). To have and to hold the same unto the mortgagee and the successors in interest of the mortgagee forever in fee simple or such other estate, if any, as is stated herein.

The mortgagor covenants that he is lawfully seized and possessed of and has the right to sell and convey said property; that the same is free from all encumbrances except as hereinabove recited; and that he hereby binds himself and his successors in interest to warrant and defend the title aforesaid thereto and every part thereof against the claims of all persons whomsoever.

This instrument is given to secure the payment of a promissory note dated this date in the principal sum of \$ 322,000.00 signed by BENTON INVESTMENTS, INC. ~~in behalf of~~ and which has a maturity date during the year of 2029



Said promissory note was given to secure a loan in which the Small Business Administration, an agency of the United States of America, has participated. In compliance with section 101.1(d) of the Rules and Regulations of the Small Business Administration [13 C.F.R. 101.1(d)], this instrument is to be construed and enforced in accordance with applicable Federal law.

1. The mortgagor covenants and agrees as follows:

*a.* He will promptly pay the indebtedness evidenced by said promissory note at the times and in the manner therein provided.

*b.* He will pay all taxes, assessments, water rates, and other governmental or municipal charges, fines, or impositions, for which provision has not been made hereinbefore, and will promptly deliver the official receipts therefor to the said mortgagee.

*c.* He will pay such expenses and fees as may be incurred in the protection and maintenance of said property, including the fees of any attorney employed by the mortgagee for the collection of any or all of the indebtedness hereby secured, or foreclosure by mortgagee's sale, or court proceedings, or in any other litigation or proceeding affecting said property. Attorneys' fees reasonably incurred in any other way shall be paid by the mortgagor.

*d.* For better security of the indebtedness hereby secured, upon the request of the mortgagee, its successors or assigns, he shall execute and deliver a supplemental mortgage or mortgages covering any additions, improvements, or betterments made to the property hereinabove described and all property acquired by it after the date hereof (all in form satisfactory to mortgagee). Furthermore, should mortgagor fail to cure any default in the payment of a prior or inferior encumbrance on the property described by this instrument, mortgagor hereby agrees to permit mortgagee to cure such default, but mortgagee is not obligated to do so; and such advances shall become part of the indebtedness secured by this instrument, subject to the same terms and conditions.

*e.* The rights created by this conveyance shall remain in full force and effect during any postponement or extension of the time of the payment of the indebtedness evidenced by said promissory note or any part thereof secured hereby.

*f.* He will continuously maintain hazard insurance, of such type or types and in such amounts as the mortgagee may from time to time require on the improvements now or hereafter on said property, and will pay promptly when due any premiums thereof. All insurance shall be carried in companies acceptable to mortgagee and the policies and renewals thereof shall be held by mortgagee and have attached thereto loss payable clauses in favor of and in form acceptable to the mortgagee. In event of loss, mortgagor will give immediate notice in writing to mortgagee, and mortgagee may make proof of loss if not made promptly by mortgagor, and each insurance company concerned is hereby authorized and directed to make payment for such loss directly to mortgagee instead of to mortgagor and mortgagee jointly, and the insurance proceeds, or any part thereof, may be applied by mortgagee at its option either to the reduction of the indebtedness hereby secured or to the restoration or repair of the property damaged or destroyed. In event of foreclosure of this mortgage, or other transfer of title to said property in extinguishment of the indebtedness secured hereby, all right, title, and interest of the mortgagor in and to any insurance policies then in force shall pass to the purchaser or mortgagee or, at the option of the mortgagee, may be surrendered for a refund.

*g.* He will keep all buildings and other improvements on said property in good repair and condition; will permit, commit, or suffer no waste, impairment, deterioration of said property or any part thereof; in the event of failure of the mortgagor to keep the buildings on said premises and those erected on said premises, or improvements thereon, in good repair, the mortgagee may make such repairs as in its discretion it may deem necessary for the proper preservation thereof; and the full amount of each and every such payment shall be immediately due and payable; and shall be secured by the lien of this mortgage.





*h.* He will not voluntarily create or permit to be created against the property subject to this mortgage any lien or liens inferior or superior to the lien of this mortgage without the written consent of the mortgagee; and further, that he will keep and maintain the same free from the claim of all persons supplying labor or materials for construction of any and all buildings or improvements now being erected or to be erected on said premises.

*i.* He will not rent or assign any part of the rent of said mortgaged property or demolish, or remove, or substantially alter any building without the written consent of the mortgagee.

*j.* All awards of damages in connection with any condemnation for public use of or injury to any of the property subject to this mortgage are hereby assigned and shall be paid to mortgagee, who may apply the same to payment of the installments last due under said note, and mortgagee is hereby authorized, in the name of the mortgagor, to execute and deliver valid acquittances thereof and to appeal from any such award.

*k.* The mortgagee shall have the right to inspect the mortgaged premises at any reasonable time.

2. Default in any of the covenants or conditions of this instrument or of the note or loan agreement secured hereby shall terminate the mortgagor's right to possession, use, and enjoyment of the property, at the option of the mortgagee or his assigns (it being agreed that the mortgagor shall have such right until default). Upon any such default, the mortgagee shall become the owner of all of the rents and profits accruing after default as security for the indebtedness secured hereby, with the right to enter upon said property for the purpose of collecting such rents and profits. This instrument shall operate as an assignment of any rentals on said property to that extent.

3. The mortgagor covenants and agrees that if he shall fail to pay said indebtedness or any part thereof when due, or shall fail to perform any covenant or agreement of this instrument or the promissory note secured hereby, the entire indebtedness hereby secured shall immediately become due, payable, and collectible without notice, at the option of the mortgagee or assigns, regardless of maturity, and the mortgagee or his assigns may before or after entry sell said property without appraisal (the mortgagor having waived and assigned to the mortgagee all rights of appraisal):

(I) at judicial sale pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. 2001(a); or

(II) at the option of the mortgagee, either by auction or by solicitation of sealed bids, for the highest and best bid complying with the terms of sale and manner of payment specified in the published notice of sale, first giving four weeks' notice of the time, terms, and place of such sale, by advertisement not less than once during each of said four weeks in a newspaper published or distributed in the county in which said property is situated, all other notice being hereby waived by the mortgagor (and said mortgagee, or any person on behalf of said mortgagee, may bid with the unpaid indebtedness evidenced by said note). Said sale shall be held at or on the property to be sold or at the Federal, county, or city courthouse for the county in which the property is located. The mortgagee is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the mortgagor and to deliver to the purchaser at such sale a sufficient conveyance of said property, which conveyance shall contain recitals as to the happening of the default upon which the execution of the power of sale herein granted depends; and the said mortgagor hereby constitutes and appoints the mortgagee or any agent or attorney of the mortgagee, the agent and attorney in fact of said mortgagor to make such recitals and to execute said conveyance and hereby covenants and agrees that the recitals so made shall be effectual to bar all equity or right of redemption, homestead, dower, and all other exemptions of the mortgagor, all of which are hereby expressly waived and conveyed to the mortgagee; or

(III) take any other appropriate action pursuant to state or Federal statute either in state or Federal court or otherwise for the disposition of the property.

In the event of a sale as hereinbefore provided, the mortgagor or any persons in possession under the mortgagor shall





then become and be tenants holding over and shall forthwith deliver possession to the purchaser at such sale or be summarily dispossessed, in accordance with the provisions of law applicable to tenants holding over. The power and agency hereby granted are coupled with an interest and are irrevocable by death or otherwise, and are granted as cumulative to the remedies for collection of said indebtedness provided by law.

4. The proceeds of any sale of said property in accordance with the preceding paragraphs shall be applied first to pay the costs and expenses of said sale, the expenses incurred by the mortgagee for the purpose of protecting or maintaining said property, and reasonable attorneys' fees; secondly, to pay the indebtedness secured hereby; and thirdly, to pay any surplus or excess to the person or persons legally entitled thereto.

5. In the event said property is sold at a judicial foreclosure sale or pursuant to the power of sale hereinabove granted, and the proceeds are not sufficient to pay the total indebtedness secured by this instrument and evidenced by said promissory note, the mortgagee will be entitled to a deficiency judgment for the amount of the *deficiency without regard to appraisal*.

6. In the event the mortgagor fails to pay any Federal, state, or local tax assessment, income tax or other tax lien, charge, fee, or other expense charged against the property the mortgagee is hereby authorized at his option to pay the same. Any sums so paid by the mortgagee shall be added to and become a part of the principal amount of the indebtedness evidenced by said note, subject to the same terms and conditions. If the mortgagor shall pay and discharge the indebtedness evidenced by said promissory note, and shall pay such sums and shall discharge all taxes and liens and the costs, fees, and expenses of making, enforcing, and executing this mortgage, then this mortgage shall be canceled and surrendered.

7. The covenants herein contained shall bind and the benefits and advantages shall inure to the respective successors and assigns of the parties hereto. Whenever used, the singular number shall include the plural, the plural the singular, and the use of any gender shall include all genders.


8. No waiver of any covenant herein or of the obligation secured hereby shall at any time thereafter be held to be a waiver of the terms hereof or of the note secured hereby.

9. A judicial decree, order, or judgment holding any provision or portion of this instrument invalid or unenforceable shall not in any way impair or preclude the enforcement of the remaining provisions or portions of this instrument.


10. Any written notice to be issued to the mortgagor pursuant to the provisions of this instrument shall be addressed to the mortgagor at P. O. Box 683, Haleyville, Alabama 35565 and any written notice to be issued to the mortgagee shall be addressed to the mortgagee at 1500 1st Avenue North, Suite 108B, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

11. The Loan secured by this lien was made under a United States Small Business Administration (SBA) nationwide program which uses tax dollars to assist small business owners. If the United States is seeking to enforce this document, then, under SBA regulations: a) when SBA is the holder of the Note, this document and all documents evidencing or securing this Loan will be construed in accordance with Federal Law; and b) Lender or SBA may use local or state procedures for purposes such as filing papers, recording documents, giving notice, foreclosing liens, and other purposes. By using these procedures, SBA does not waive any Federal immunity from local or state control, penalty, tax or liability. No Borrower or Guarantor may claim or assert against SBA any local or state law to deny any obligation of Borrower, or defeat any claim of SBA with respect to this Loan. Any clause in this document requiring arbitration is not enforceable when SBA is the holder of the Note secured by this instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the mortgagor has executed this instrument and the mortgagee has accepted delivery of this instrument as of the day and year aforesaid.

  
L.S.  
Robert Benton (also known as Robert Elbert Benton)  
(Individually)

BENTON INVESTMENTS, INC.

BY:   
Robert Benton (also known as Robert Elbert Benton)  
(President)

STATE OF ALABAMA  
JEFFERSON COUNTY

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Robert Benton (also known as Robert Elbert Benton) whose name as President of BENTON INVESTMENTS, INC., a 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, as such officer, and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily, as an act of said corporation, acting in its capacity as aforesaid.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 12 day of August, 2009.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 12/14/2012

STATE OF ALABAMA  
JEFFERSON COUNTY

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Robert Benton (also known as Robert Elbert Benton), whose name 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 this instrument, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 12 day of August, 2009.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 12/14/2012

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY AND AFTER  
RECORDATION SHOULD BE RETURNED TO  
William C. Brown  
ENGEL HAIRSTON & JOHANSON, P.C.  
4th Floor 109 North 20th Street  
P.O. Box 11405  
Birmingham, Alabama 35202  
(205) 328-4600



## EXHIBIT "A"

### PARCEL I

Part of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 35, Township 20 South, Range 3 West, Shelby County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the South line of Lot 13, Block 2, Cedar Grove Estates, a map of which is recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Shelby County, Alabama, in Map Book 3, page 53, said point on South line of said Lot 13 being at its intersection with the West right-of-way of line of U.S. Highway #31 (being approximately 24.10 feet West of the original Southeast corner of said Lot 13), run in a westerly direction along the South line of said Lot 13 for a distance of 83.27 feet; thence turn an angle to the left of 97 degrees 44 minutes and run in a southerly direction for a distance of 170.62 feet to a point on the North right-of-way line of Industrial Road (Shelby County Highway #66); thence turn an angle to the left of 82 degrees 11 minutes 20 seconds and run in a southeasterly direction along said North right-of-way line for a distance of 60.31 feet to a point of intersection with the West right-of-way line of U.S. Highway #31; thence turn an angle to the left of 90 degrees 04 minutes 40 seconds and run in a northerly direction along said West right-of-way line of U.S. Highway #31 for a distance of 169.15 feet to the point of beginning. Also, the South 5.00 feet of said Lot 13, Block 2, Cedar Grove Estates less and except that part taken for highway right-of-way.

### PARCEL II

Part of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 35, Township 20 South, Range 3 West, Shelby County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 13, Block 2, Cedar Grove Estates, as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama, in Map Book 3, page 53, running in an Easterly direction along the South line of said Lot 13, for a distance of 50.77 feet to the existing iron pin and being a corner of that certain property as described in Deed Book 347, page 556; thence turn an angle to the right of 82 degrees 16 minutes and running in a southerly direction for a distance of 170.62 feet to an existing spike being the Southwest corner of that property as described in aforementioned Book 347, page 556; thence turn an angle to the right of 97 degrees 48 minutes 40 seconds and running in a westerly direction along the North right of way line of Industrial Road for a distance of 50.40 feet to an existing iron pin being on the right of way line of L & N Railroad Tracks; thence turn an angle to the right of 82 degrees 03 minutes 46 seconds and running in a northerly direction along said East right of way line of said railroad for a distance of 170.60 feet, more or less, to an existing iron pin being the point of beginning.

All property located in Shelby County, Alabama.

**SUBJECT TO:** i) taxes and assessments for the year 2009, a lien but not yet payable; ii) Waterline Easement recorded in Real 355, page 496 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama; iii) right of way to Shelby County, recorded in Instrument 1996-39161, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama; iv) Lease Agreement as recorded in Real 50, page 869, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama; v) right of way to Shelby County, recorded in Volume 256, page 873, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama; vi) rights of way and easements as may exist by virtue of railroad bordering subject property; vii) less and except any part of subject property which lies within a railroad; viii) rights acquired by Shelby County for road purposes over property described in condemnation Lis Pendens recorded at Lis Pendens Volume 4, page 462, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, dated April 19, 1968; ix) transmission line permit to Alabama Power Company, recorded in Deed Book 103, Page 54; Deed Book 138, page 434; Deed Book 134, page 25; Deed Book 160, page 64; Deed Book 176, page 377; Deed Book 170, page 252 and Deed Book 160, page 66, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama; x) easement to Shelby County, as recorded in Deed Book 167, page 236; Deed Book 167, page 242; Deed Book 102, page 446; Deed Book 167, page 380 and in

Deed Book 167, page 234, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama; xi) permit to American Telephone and Telegraph Company recorded in said Probate Office in Deed Book 168, page 473 and 474; xii) easement to Postal Telegraph & Cable Company, as recorded in Deed Book 80, page 44, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama; xiii) permit to Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company recorded in Deed Book 175, page 409; xiv) restrictions appearing of record in Deed Book 141, page 192 and 193, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, but omitting any covenant or restriction based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin; xv) right of way to Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company, recorded in Deed Book 168, page 480, in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama; xvi) less and except any portion of subject property lying within a road right of way or easement; and xvii) coal, oil, gas and mineral and mining rights which are not owned by Grantor/Mortgagor.



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