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REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

1. **DATE AND PARTIES.** The date of this Mortgage (Security Instrument) is May 31, 2011, and the parties, their addresses, and tax identification numbers, if required, are as follows:

MORTGAGOR: John G. Benner and Lana M. Benner, husband and wife
2644 Old Rocky Ridge Road
Birmingham, Alabama 35216

LENDER: National Bank of Commerce
5 Inverness Center Parkway
Birmingham, Alabama 35242

2. **CONVEYANCE.** For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, and to secure the Secured Debt (defined below) and Mortgagor's performance under this Security Instrument, Mortgagor grants, bargains, sells conveys and mortgages to Lender, with power of sale, the following described property:

Lot 7-22, Block 7 according to Mt. Laurel-Phase IA as recorded in Plat Book 27, pages 72 A & B in the office of the Judge of Probate, Shelby County, Alabama.

Together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, royalties, mineral rights, oil and gas rights, crops, timber, all diversion payments or third party payments made to crop producers, all water and riparian rights, wells, ditches, reservoirs, and water stock and all existing and future improvements, structures, fixtures, and replacements that may now, or at any time in the future, be part of the real estate described above (all referred to as

“Property”). The Security Instrument will remain in effect until the Secured Debt and all underlying agreements have been terminated in writing by Lender.

3. **MAXIMUM OBLIGATION LIMIT.** The total principal amount secured by this Security Instrument is \$34,000.00. This limitation of the principal amount does not include interest and other fees and charges validity made pursuant to this Security Instrument. Also, this limitation does not apply to advances made under the terms of this Security Instrument to protect Lender’s security and to perform any of the covenants contained in this Security Instrument.

4. **SECURED DEBT AND FUTURE ADVANCES.** The term “Secured Debt” is defined as follows:

- A. Debt incurred under the terms of all promissory note(s), contract(s), guaranty(s) or other evidence of debt and all their extensions, renewals, modifications or substitutions.
- B. All obligations Mortgagor owes to Lender, which now exist or may later arise, to the extent to prohibited by law, including, but not limited to, liabilities for overdrafts relating to any deposit account agreement between Mortgagor and Lender.
- C. All additional sums advanced and expenses incurred by Lender for insuring, preserving or otherwise protecting the Property and its value and any other sums advanced and expenses incurred by Lender under the terms of this Security Instrument.

5. **PAYMENTS.** Mortgagor agrees that all payments under the Secured Debt will be paid when due and in accordance with the terms of the Secured Debt and this Security Instrument.

6. **WARRANTY OF TITLE.** Mortgagor warrants that Mortgagor is or will be lawfully seized of the estate conveyed by this Security Instrument and has the right to grant, bargain, sell, convey and mortgage with power of sale, the Property. Mortgagor also warrants that the Property is encumbered, except for encumbrances noted above.

7. **PRIOR SECURITY INTERESTS.** With regard to any other mortgage, deed of trust, security agreement or other lien document that created a prior security interest or encumbrance on the Property, Mortgagor agrees:

- A. To make all payments when due and to perform or comply with all covenants.

- B. To promptly deliver to Lender any notices that Mortgagor receives from the holder of the prior security interest.
- C. Not to allow any modification or extension of, nor to request any future advances under any note or agreement secured by the lien document without the Lender's prior written consent.

8. **CLAIMS AGAINST TITLE.** Mortgagor will pay all taxes, assessments, liens, encumbrances, lease payments, ground rents, utilities, and other charges relating to the Property when due. Lender may require Mortgagor to provide to Lender copies of all notices that such amounts are due and the receipts evidencing Mortgagor's payment. Mortgagor will defend title to the Property against any claims that would impair the lien of this Security Instrument. Mortgagor agrees to assign to Lender, as requested by Lender, any rights, claims or defenses Mortgagor may have against parties who supply labor or materials to maintain or improve the Property.

9. **DUE ON SALE OR ENCUMBRANCE.** Lender may, at its option, declare the entire balance of the Secured Debt to be immediately due and payable upon the creation of, or contract for the creation of, any lien, encumbrance, transfer or sale of the Property. This right is subject to the restrictions imposed by federal law (12 C.F.R. 591), as applicable. This covenant shall run with the Property and shall remain in effect until the Secured Debt is paid in full and this Security Instrument is released.

10. **TRANSFER OF AN INTEREST IN THE MORTGAGOR.** If Mortgagor is an entity other than a natural person (such as a corporation or another organization), Lender may demand immediate payment if:

- A. A beneficial interest in Mortgagor is sole or transferred.
- B. There is a change in either the identity or number of members of a partnership or similar entity.
- C. There is a change in ownership of more than 25 percent of the voting stock of a corporation or similar entity.

However, Lender may not demand payment in the above situations if it is prohibited by law, as of the date of this Security Instrument.

11. **ENTITY WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS.** If Mortgagor is an entity other than a natural person (such as a corporation or other organization), Mortgagor makes to Lender the following warranties and representations which shall continue as long as the Secured Debt remains outstanding:

- A. Mortgagor is duly organized and validity existing in Mortgagor's state of incorporation or organization. Mortgagor is in good standing in all states in which Mortgagor transacts business. Mortgagor has the power and authority to own the Property and to carry on its business as now being conducted and, as applicable, is qualified to do so in each state in which Mortgagor operates.
- B. The execution, delivery and performance of this Security Instrument by Mortgagor and the obligations evidenced by the Secured Debt are within the power of Mortgagor, have been duly authorized, have received all necessary governmental approval, and will not violate any provision of law, or order of court or governmental agency.
- C. Other than previously disclosed in writing to Lender, Mortgagor has not changed its name within the last ten years and has not used any trade or fictitious name. Without Lender's prior written consent, Mortgagor does not and will not use any other name and will preserve its existing name, trade names and franchises until the Secured Debt is satisfied.

12. PROPERTY CONDITION, ALTERNATIONS AND INSPECTION.
Mortgagor will keep the Property in good condition and make all repairs that are reasonably necessary. Mortgagor shall not commit or allow any waste, impairment, or deterioration of the Property. Mortgagor will keep the Property free of noxious weeds and grasses. Mortgagor agrees that the nature of the occupancy and use will not substantially change without Lender's prior written consent. Mortgagor will notify Lender of all demands, proceedings, claims, and actions against Mortgagor, and of any loss or damage to the Property.

No portion of the Property will be removed, demolished or materially altered without Lender's prior written consent except that Mortgagor has the right to remove items of personal property comprising a part of the Property that become worn or obsolete, provided that such property is replaced with other personal property at least equal in value to the replaced personal property, free from any title retention device, security agreement or other encumbrance. Such replacement of personal property will be deemed subject to the security interest created by this Security Instrument. Mortgagor shall not partition or subdivide the property without Lender's prior written consent.

Lender or Lender's agents may, at Lender's option, enter the Property at any reasonable time for the purpose of inspecting the Property. Lender shall give Mortgagor notice at the time of or before an inspection specifying a reasonable purpose for the inspection. Any inspection of the Property shall be entirely for Lender's benefit and Mortgagor will in no way rely on Lender's inspection.

13. **AUTHORITY TO PERFORM.** If Mortgagor fails to perform any duty or any of the covenants contained in this Security Instrument, Lender may, without notice, perform or cause them to be performed. Mortgagor appoints Lender as attorney in fact to sign Mortgagor's name or pay any amount necessary for performance. Lender's right to perform for Mortgagor shall not create an obligation to perform, and Lender's failure to perform will not preclude Lender from exercising any of Lender's other rights under the law or this Security Instrument.

14. **LEASEHOLDS, CONDOMINIUMS; TIME-SHARES; PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS.** Mortgagor agrees to comply with the provisions of any lease if this Security Instrument is on a leasehold. If the Property includes a unit in a condominium, time-share or a planned unit development, Mortgagor will perform all of the Mortgagor's duties under the covenants, by-laws, or regulations of the condominium or planned unit development. In addition, except with the written approval of Lender, Mortgagor will not partition or subdivide the Property; abandon or terminate the condominium, time-share or planned unit development project; terminate professional management; or amend any provision of the covenants, bylaws or regulations of the condominium, time-share or planned unit development if the provision benefits Lender.

15. **DEFAULT.** Mortgagor will be in a default if any of the following occur:

- A. Any party obligated on the Secured Debt fails to make payment when due;
- B. A breach of any term or covenant in this Security Instrument or any other document executed for the purpose of creating, securing or guarantying the Secured Debt;
- C. The making or furnishing of any verbal or written representation, statement or warranty to Lender this is false or incorrect in any material respect by Mortgagor or any person or entity obligated on the Secured Debt.
- D. The death, dissolution, or insolvency of, appointment of a receiver for, or application of any debtor relief law to, Mortgagor or any other person or entity obligated on the Secured Debt;
- E. A good faith belief by Lender at any time that Lender is insecure with respect to any person or entity obligated on the Secured Debt or that the prospect of any payment is impaired or the value of the Property is impaired;
- F. A material adverse change in Mortgagor's business including ownership, management, and financial conditions, which Lender in its opinion believes impairs the value of the Property or repayment of the Secured Debt; or

- G. Any loan proceeds are used for a purpose that will contribute to excessive erosion of highly erodible land or to the conversion of wetlands to produce an agricultural commodity, as further explained in 7 C.F.R. Part 1940, Subpart G, Exhibit M.

16. **REMEDIES ON DEFAULT.** In some instances, federal and state law will require Lender to provide Mortgagor with notice of the right to cure or other notices and may establish time schedules for foreclosure actions. Subject to these limitations, if any, Lender may accelerate the Secured Debt and foreclose this Security Instrument in a manner provided by law if Mortgagor is in default.

At the option of Lender, all or any part of the agreed fees and charges, accrued interest and principal shall become immediately due and payable, after giving notice if required by law, upon the occurrence of a default or anytime thereafter. In addition, Lender shall be entitled to all the remedies provided by law, including without limitation, the power to sell the Property, the terms of the Secured Debt, this Security Instrument and any related documents. All remedies are distinct, cumulative and not exclusive, and the Lender is entitled to all remedies provided at law or equity, whether or not expressly set forth. The acceptance by Lender of any sum in payment or partial payment on the Secured Debt after the balance is due or is accelerated or after foreclosure proceedings are filed shall not constitute a waiver of Lender's right to require complete cure of any existing default. By not exercising any remedy on Mortgagor's default, Lender does not waive Lender's right to later consider the event a default if it continues or happens again.

If Lender initiates a judicial foreclosure, Lender shall give the notices as required by applicable law. If Lender invokes the power of sale, Lender shall publish the notice of sale, and arrange to see all or part of the Property, as required by applicable law. Lender or its designee may purchase the Property at any sale. Lender shall apply the proceeds of the sale in the manner required by applicable law. The sale of any part of the Property shall only operate as a foreclosure of the sold Property, so any remaining Property shall continue to secure any unsatisfied Secured Debt and Lender may further foreclose under the power of sale or by judicial foreclosure.

If Lender invokes the power of sale, Lender will place in the United States mail a copy of the notice of sale to Mortgagor that Lender will cause to be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the county where the Property is located. Then, Lender will sell the Property to the highest bidder at a public auction at the front door of the courthouse in the county where the Property is located. Lender will deliver to the purchaser Lender's deed conveying the Property. Lender may opt to sell the Property in parcels or as a whole. Lender or its designee may purchase the Property at any sale. Mortgagor covenants and agrees that the proceeds of the sale will

be applied in the following order: (a) to the expense of advertising, selling and conveying, including a reasonable attorney's fee; (b) the payment of any amounts that may have been expended, or that may then be necessary to expend, in paying insurance, taxes, or other encumbrances, with interest thereon; (c) to all sums secured by this Security Instrument; and (d) any excess to the person or persons legally entitled to it.

17. EXPENSES; ADVANCES ON COVENANTS; ATTORNEYS' FEES; COLLECTION COSTS. Except when prohibits by law, Mortgagor agrees to pay all of Lender's expenses if Mortgagor breaches any covenant in this Security Instrument. Mortgagor will also pay on demand any amount incurred by Lender for insuring, inspecting, preserving or otherwise protecting the Property and Lender's security interest. These expenses will bear interest from the date of the payment until paid in full at the highest interest rate in effect as provided in the terms of the Secured Debt. Mortgagor agrees to pay all costs and expenses incurred by Lender in collecting, enforcing or protecting Lender's rights and remedies under this Security Instrument. This amount may include, but is not limited to, attorneys' fees, court costs, and other legal expenses. This Security Instrument shall remain in effect until released. Mortgagor agrees to pay for any recordation costs of such release.

18. ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES. As used in this section, (1) Environmental Law means, without limitation, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA, 42 U.S. C. 9601 et seq.), all other federal, state and local laws, regulations, ordinances, court orders, attorney general opinions or interpretive letters concerning the public health, safety, welfare, environment or a hazardous substance; and (2) Hazardous Substance means any toxic, radioactive or hazardous material, wastes, pollutant or contaminant which has characteristics which render the substance dangerous or potentially dangerous to the public health , safety, welfare or environment. The term includes, without limitation, any substances defined as "hazardous material," "toxic substances," "hazardous waste" or "hazardous substance" under any Environmental Law.

Mortgagor represents, warrants and agrees that:

- A. Except as previously disclosed and acknowledge in writing to Lender, no Hazardous Substance has been, is, or will be located, transported, manufactured, treated, refined, or handled by any person on, under or about the Property, except in the ordinary course of business and in strict compliance with all applicable Environmental Law.
- B. Except as previously disclosed and acknowledged in writing to Lender, Mortgagor has not and will not cause, contribute to, or permit the release of any Hazardous Substance on the Property.

- C. Mortgagor will immediately notify Lender if (1) a release or threatened release of Hazardous Substance occurs on, under or about the Property or migrates or threatens to migrate from nearby property; or (2) there is a violation of any Environmental Law concerning the Property. In such an event, Mortgagor will take all necessary remedial action in accordance with Environmental Law.
- D. Except as previously disclosed and acknowledged in writing to Lender, Mortgagor has no knowledge of or reason to believe there is any pending or threatened investigation, claim, or proceeding of any kind relating to (1) any Hazardous Substance located on, under or about the Property; or (2) any violation by Mortgagor or any tenant of any Environmental Law. Mortgagor will immediately notify Lender in writing as soon as Mortgagor has reason to believe there is any such pending or threatened investigation, claim, or proceeding. In such an event, Lender has the right, but not the obligation, to participate in any such proceeding including the right to receive copies of any documents relating to such proceedings.
- E. Except as previously disclosed and acknowledged in writing to Lender, Mortgagor and every tenant have been, are and shall remain in full compliance with any applicable Environmental Law.
- F. Except as previously disclosed and acknowledged in writing to Lender, there are no underground storage tanks, private dumps or open wells located on or under the Property and no such tank, dump or well will be added unless Lender first consents in writing.
- G. Mortgagor will regularly inspect the Property, monitor the activities and operations on the Property, and confirm that all permits, licenses or approvals required by any applicable Environmental Law are obtained and complied with.
- H. Mortgagor will permit, or cause any tenant to permit, Lender or Lender's agent to enter and inspect the Property and review all records at any reasonable time to determine (1) the existence, location and nature of any Hazardous Substance on, under or about the Property; (2) the existence, location, nature, and magnitude of any Hazardous Substance that has been released on, under or about the Property; or (3) whether or not Mortgagor and any tenant are in compliance with applicable Environmental Law.
- I. Upon Lender's request and at any time, Mortgagor agrees, at Mortgagor's expense, to engage a qualified environmental audit of the Property and to

submit the results of such audit to Lender. The choice of the environmental engineer who will perform such audit is subject to Lender's approval.

- J. Lender has the right, but not the obligation, to perform any of Mortgagor's obligations under this section at Mortgagor's expense.
- K. As a consequence of any breach of any representation, warranty or promise made in this section, (1) Mortgagor will indemnify and hold Lender and Lender's successors or assigns harmless from and against all losses, claims, demands, liabilities, damages, cleanup, response and remediation costs, penalties and expenses, including without limitation all costs of litigation and attorneys' fees, which Lender and Lender's successors or assigns may sustain; and (2) at Lender's discretion, Lender may release this Security Instrument and in return Mortgagor will provide Lender with collateral of at least equal value to the Property secured by this Security Instrument without prejudice to any of Lender's rights under this Security Instrument.
- L. Notwithstanding any of the language contained in this Security Instrument to the contrary, the terms of this section shall survive any foreclosure or satisfaction of this Security Instrument regardless of any passage of title to Lender or any disposition by Lender of any or all of the Property. Any claims and defenses to the contrary are hereby waived.

19. **CONDEMNATION.** Mortgagor will give Lender prompt notice of any pending or threatened action, by private or public entities to purchase or take any or all of the Property through condemnation, eminent domain, or any other means. Mortgagor authorizes Lender to intervene in Mortgagor's name in any of the above described actions or claims. Mortgagor authorizes Lender to intervene in Mortgagor's name in any of the above described actions or claims. Mortgagor assigns to Lender the proceeds of any award or claim for damages connected with a condemnation or other taking of all or part of the Property. Such proceeds shall be considered payments and will be applied as provided in this Security Instrument. This assignment of proceeds is subject to the terms of any prior mortgage, deed of trust, security agreement or other lien document.

20. **INSURANCE.** Mortgagor agrees to maintain insurance as follows:

- A. Mortgagor shall keep the Property insured against loss by fire, flood, theft and other hazards and risks reasonably associated with the Property due to its type and location. This insurance shall be maintained in the amounts and for the periods that Lender requires. The insurance carrier providing the insurance shall be chosen by Mortgagor subject to Lender's approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. If Mortgagor fails to maintain the coverage described above, Lender may, at Lender's option, obtain

coverage to protect Lender's rights in the Property according to the terms of this Security Instrument.

All insurance policies and renewals shall be acceptable to Lender and shall include a standard "mortgage clause" and, where applicable, "loss of payee clause." Mortgagor shall immediately notify Lender of cancellation or termination of insurance. Lender shall have the right to hold the policies and renewals. If Lender requires, Mortgagor shall immediately give to Lender all receipts of paid premiums and renewal notices. Upon loss, Mortgagor shall give immediate notice to the insurance carrier and Lender. Lender may make proof of loss if not made immediately by Mortgagor.

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, all insurance proceeds shall be applied to restoration or repair of the Property or to the Secured Debt, whether or not then due, at Lender's option. Any application of proceeds to principal shall not extend or postpone the due date of scheduled payment nor change the amount of any payment. Any excess will be paid to the Mortgagor. If the Property is acquired by Lender, Mortgagor's right to any insurance policies and proceeds resulting from damage to the Property before the acquisition shall pass to Lender to the extent of the Secured Debt existing immediately before the acquisition.

- B. Mortgagor agrees to maintain comprehensive general liability insurance naming Lender as an additional insured in an amount acceptable to Lender, insuring against claims arising from any accident or occurrence in or on the Property.

21. **ESCROW FOR TAXES AND INSURANCE.** Unless otherwise provided in a separate agreement, Mortgagor will not be required to pay to Lender funds for taxes and insurance in escrow.

22. **FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS.** Mortgagor will provide to Lender upon request, any financial statement or information Lender may deem reasonably necessary. Mortgagor agrees to sign, deliver, and file any additional documents or certifications that Lender may consider necessary to perfect, continue, and preserve Mortgagor's obligations under this Security Instrument and Lender's lien status on the Property.

23. **JOINT AND INDIVIDUAL LIABILITY; CO-SIGNERS; SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS BOUND.** All duties under this Security Instrument are joint and individual. If Mortgagor signs this Security Instrument but does not sign an evidence of debt, Mortgagor does so only to mortgage Mortgagor's interest in the Property to secure payment of the Secured Debt and Mortgagor does not agree to be

personally liable on the Secured Debt. If this Security Instrument secures a guaranty between Lender and Mortgagor, Mortgagor agrees to waive any rights that may prevent Lender from bringing any action or claim against Mortgagor or any party indebted under the obligation. These rights may include, but are not limited to, any anti-deficiency or one-action laws. Mortgagor agrees that Lender and any party to this Security Instrument may extend, modify or make any change in the terms of this Security Instrument or any evidence of debt without Mortgagor's consent. Such a change will not release Mortgagor from the terms of this Security Instrument. The duties and benefits of this Security Instrument shall bind and benefit the successors and assigns of Mortgagor and Lender.

24. **APPLICABLE LAW; SEVERABILITY; INTERPRETATION.** This Security Instrument is governed by the laws of Alabama. This Security Instrument is complete and fully integrated. This Security Instrument may not be amended or modified by oral agreement. Any section in this Security Instrument, attachments, or any agreement related to the Secured Debt that conflicts with applicable law will not be effective, unless that law expressly or impliedly permits the variations by written agreement. If any section of this Security Instrument cannot be enforced according to its terms, that section will be severed and will not affect the enforceability of the remainder of this Security Instrument. Whenever used, the singular shall include the plural and the plural the singular. The captions and headings of the sections of this Security Instrument are for convenience only and are not be used to interpret or define the terms of this Security Instrument. Time is of the essence in this Security Instrument.

25. **NOTICE.** Unless otherwise required by law, any notice shall be given by delivering it or by mailing it by first class mail to the appropriate party's address on page 1 of this Security Instrument, or to any other address designated in writing. Notice to one mortgagor will be deemed to be notice to all mortgagors.

26. **WAIVERS.** Except to the extent provided by law, Mortgagor waives all appraisal rights relating to the Property.

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**CAUTION – IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU THOROUGHLY READ
THIS REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE BEFORE YOU SIGN IT.**

**MORTGAGOR:
JOHN G. BENNER**

Date Executed by John G. Benner: 7-26-11

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF Jefferson)

I, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that John G. Benner, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that he, being informed of the contents of said **Real Estate Mortgage**, he voluntarily executed the same.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 26th day of July, 2011.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 10-2-2013

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MORTGAGOR:
LANA M. BENNER


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Lana M. Benner
Date Executed by Lana M. Benner: 7-26-11

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COUNTY OF Jefferson)

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Given under my hand and official seal, this the 26th day of July, 2011.

Allison F. McCallister
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**NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE
f/k/a RED MOUNTAIN BANK, N.A.**

By: *[Signature]*
Its Senior Vice President

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF SHELBY)

I, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Davis Goodson, whose name as Senior Vice President of **National Bank of Commerce**, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that s/he, being informed of the contents of said **Real Estate Mortgage**, s/he, as such officer, and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily, as an act of said **National Bank of Commerce**.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 27th day of July, 2011.

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: 2/11/13