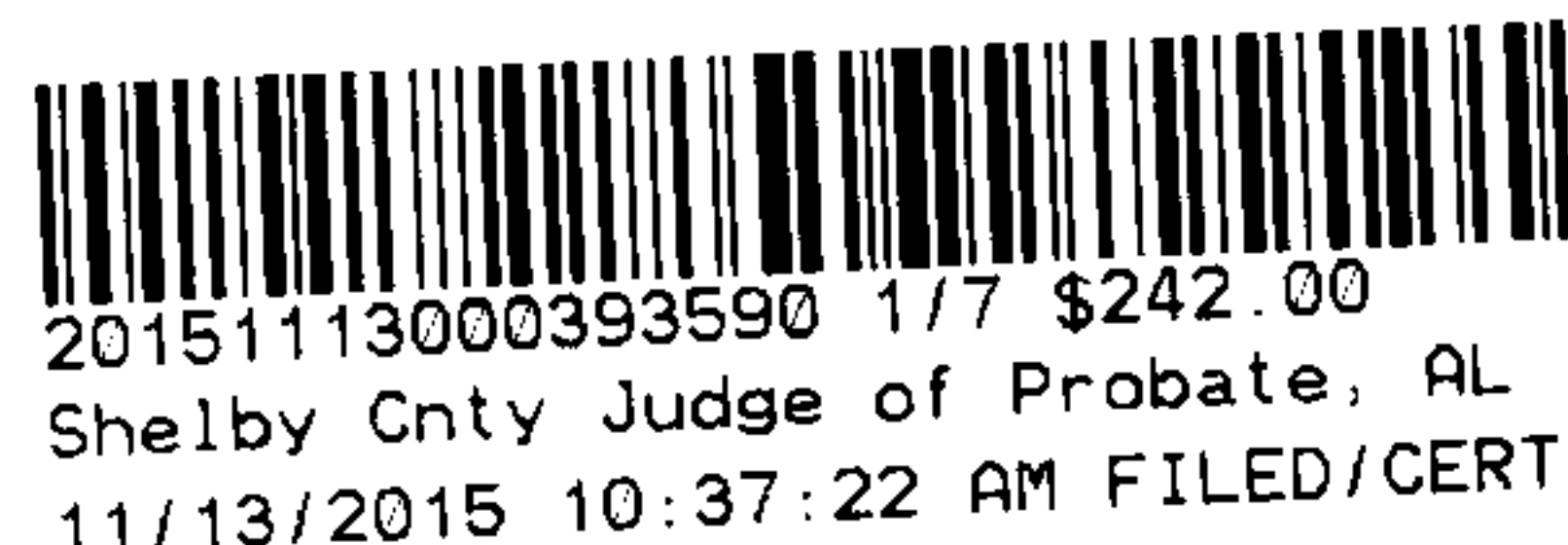


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## MORTGAGE

THIS MORTGAGE ("Security Instrument") is given on November 12, 2015. The grantor is **Highpointe Investments, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company**. ("Borrower"). This Security Instrument is given to **Melton E. Dearing and Nathalie A. Dearing** ("Lender"). Borrower owes Lender the principal sum of **One Hundred, Forty Thousand Dollars (U.S.\$ 140,000.00)**. This debt is evidenced by Borrower's Note dated the same date as this Security Instrument ("Note"), which provides for a balloon payment of the full debt, if not paid earlier, due and payable on November 27, 2015. This Security Instrument secures to Lender: (a) the repayment of the debt evidenced by the Note, and all renewals, extensions and modifications; (b) the payment of all other sums, advanced under paragraph 6 to protect the security of this Security Instrument; and (c) the performance of Borrower's covenants and agreements under this Security Instrument and the Note. For this purpose, Borrower does hereby mortgage, grant and convey to Lender and Lender's successors and assigns, with power of sale, the following described property located in Shelby County, Alabama:

**A parcel of land situated in the NE ¼ of Section 22, Township 20 South, Range 3 West, Shelby County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows:**

**BEGIN at a rebar capped JAM at the SE corner of Lot 30 Block 3 of Plantation South Third Sector Phase V as recorded in Map Book 17 Page 85 in the Office of the Judge of Probate in Shelby County, Alabama; thence N 00°58'52" E along the east line of Lot 30 a distance of 100.00 feet to a Rebar capped JAM at the SE corner of Lot 29 Block 3; thence N 00°51'11" E along the east line of Lots 29 through 24 of Block 3 a distance of 600.25 feet to a ½" rebar at the SE corner of Lot 23 Block 3; thence N 00°51'11" E along the east line of Lots 23 through 21 of Block 3 and the east line of Lots 20 and 19 Block 3 of Plantation South Third Sector Phase I as recorded in Map Book 11 Page 88 in said County a distance of 459.89 feet to a rebar capped EDG; thence N 09°38'10" W along the east line of Lot 19 a distance of 156.37 feet to a ½" rebar at the SE corner of Lot 18 Block 3; thence N 10°08'13" W along the east line of Lot 18 a distance of 221.96 feet to an axle at the SE corner of Lot 10 Block 3 of Plantation South Second Sector Phase 1 as recorded in Map Book 9 Page 115 in said County; thence N 10°06'30" W along the east line of Lots 10 and 9 a distance of 327.24 feet to a 1" rod at the SE corner of Lot 8 Block 3; thence N 10°02'33" W along the east line of Lots 8 and 7 of Block 3 a distance of 307.26 feet to a concrete monument at the NE corner of Lot 7 Block 3; thence S 88°29'34" E a distance of 689.12 feet to a 1½" rebar; thence S 16°32'53" E a distance of 10.24 feet to a 1½" rebar; thence S 88°10'51" E a distance of 26.59 feet to a rebar capped EDG on the Western right-of-way line of Shelby County Highway 95, said point also being on a curve to the right having a central angle of 21°36'04" and a radius of 2824.79', said curve subtended by a chord bearing of S 13°09'07" E and a chord distance of 1058.68'; thence along the arc of said curve and along said right-of-way a distance of 1064.98' to a rebar capped EDG; thence S 02°21'05" E along said right-of-way a distance of 53.10 feet to a rebar capped EDG; thence S 08°57'31" W along said right-of-way a distance of 50.99 feet to a rebar capped EDG; thence S 02°21'05" E along said right-f-way a distance of 150.00 feet to a rebar capped EDG; thence S**



13°39'41" E along said right-of-way a distance of 50.99 feet to a rebar capped EDG; thence S 02°21'05" E along said right-of-way a distance of 839.57 feet to a rebar capped EDG at the NE corner of Lot 1 of Dearing Downs 12<sup>th</sup> Addition 1<sup>st</sup> Phase as recorded in Map Book 16 Page 18 in said county; thence N 88°46'36" W leaving said right-of-way and along the north line of Lot 1 and Lots 2B and 2C of Resurvey Lots 2 & 2A Dearing Downs 12<sup>th</sup> Addition 1<sup>st</sup> Phase as recorded in Map Book 17 Page 18 in said county and then north line of Lots 2C-1 and 2C-2 of Davis Add to Dearing Downs as recorded in Map Book 25 Page 8 in said county a distance of 947.95 feet to a rebar capped EDG on the east line of Lot 94 of Bridlewood Parc Sector 3 as recorded in Map Book 20 Page 41 in said county; thence N 00°00'17" W along the east line of Lot 94 a distance of 26.38 feet to a rebar capped EDG at the NE corner of Lot 94 and on the south line of Lot 30 Block 3 of Plantation South Third Sector Phase V as recorded in Map Book 17 Page 85 in said county; thence S 88°31'08" E along the south line of Lot 30 a distance of 100.39 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said parcel of land contains 39.92 acres, more or less.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD this property unto 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, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this Security Instrument. All of the foregoing is referred to in this Security Instrument as the "Property."

BORROWER COVENANTS that Borrower is lawfully seised 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 warrants and will defend generally the title to the Property against all claims and demands, subject to any encumbrances of record.


THIS SECURITY INSTRUMENT combines uniform covenants for national use and non-uniform covenants with limited variations by jurisdiction to constitute a uniform security instrument covering real property.

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

**1. Payment of Principal, Prepayment and Late Charges.** Borrower shall promptly pay when due the principal of on the debt evidenced by the Note and any prepayment and late charges due under the Note.

**2. Application of Payments.** Unless applicable law provides otherwise, all payments received by Lender, under paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be applied: first, to late charges due under the Note; second, to prepayment charges due under the Note; third, to amounts payable under paragraph 2 and fourth, to principal due.

**3. Charges; Liens.** Borrower shall pay all taxes, assessments, charges, fines and impositions attributable to the property which may attain priority over this Security Instrument, and leasehold payments or ground rents, if any. Borrower shall pay these obligations in the manner provided in paragraph 2, or if not paid in that manner, Borrower shall pay them on time directly to the person owed payment. Borrower shall promptly furnish to Lender all notices of amounts to be paid under this paragraph. If the Borrower makes these payments directly, Borrower shall promptly furnish to Lender receipts evidencing the payments.

  
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Borrower shall promptly discharge any lien which has priority over this Security Instrument unless Borrower: (a) agrees in writing to the payment of the obligation secured by the lien in a manner acceptable to Lender; (b) contests in good faith the lien by, or defends against enforcement of the lien or forfeiture of any part of the Property; or (c) secures from the holder of the lien an agreement satisfactory to Lender subordinating the lien to this Security Instrument. If Lender determines that any part of the Property is subject to a lien which may attain priority over this Security Instrument, Lender may give Borrower a notice identifying the lien. Borrower shall satisfy the lien or take one or more actions set forth above within 10 days of the giving of notice.

**4. Hazard Insurance.** Borrower shall keep the improvements now existing or hereafter erected on the Property insured against loss by fire, hazards included within the term "extended coverage" and any other hazards for which Lender requires insurance. 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 Borrower subject to Lender's approval which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

All insurance policies and renewals shall be acceptable to Lender and shall include a standard mortgage 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 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.

Unless Lender and Borrower otherwise agree in writing, insurance proceeds shall be applied to restoration or repair of the Property damaged, if the restoration or repair is economically feasible and Lender's security is not lessened. If 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 due, with any excess paid to Borrower. 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 Lender may collect the insurance proceeds. 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. If under paragraph 19 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.

**5. Preservation and Maintenance of Property; Leaseholds.** Borrower shall not destroy, damage or substantially change the Property, allow the Property to deteriorate or commit waste. If this Security Instrument is on a leasehold, Borrower shall comply with the provisions of the lease, and if Borrower acquires fee title to the Property, the leasehold and fee title shall not merge unless Lender agrees to the merger in writing.

**6. Protection of Lender's Rights in the Property; Mortgage Insurance.** If Borrower fails to perform the covenants and agreements contained in this Security Instrument, or there is a legal proceeding that may significantly affect Lender's rights in the Property (such as a proceeding in bankruptcy, probate, for condemnation or to enforce laws or regulations), then Lender may do and pay for whatever is necessary to protect the value of the Property and Lender's rights in the Property. Lender's actions may include paying any sums secured by a lien which has priority over this Security Instrument, appearing in court, paying reasonable attorney's fees and entering on the Property to make repairs. Although Lender may take action under this paragraph 7, Lender does not have to do so.



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**7. Inspection.** Lender or its agent may make reasonable entries upon and inspections of the Property. Lender shall give Borrower notice at the time of or prior to an inspection specifying reasonable cause for the inspection.

**8. Condemnation.** The proceeds of any award or claim for damages, direct or consequential, in connection with any condemnation or other taking of any part of the Property, or for conveyance in lieu of condemnation, are hereby assigned and shall be paid to Lender.

In the event of a total taking of the Property, the proceeds shall be applied to the sums secured by this Security Instrument, whether or not then due, with any excess paid to Borrower. In the event of a partial taking of the Property, unless Borrower and Lender otherwise agree in writing, the sums secured by this Security Instrument shall be reduced by the amount of the proceeds multiplied by the following fraction: (a) the total amount of the sums secured immediately before the taking, divided by (b) the fair market value of the Property immediately before the taking. Any balance shall be paid to Borrower.

If the Property is abandoned by Borrower, or if, after notice by Lender to Borrower that the condemnor offers to make an award or settle a claim for damages, Borrower fails to respond to Lender within 30 days after the date the notice is given, Lender is authorized to collect and apply the proceeds, at its option, either to restoration or repair of the Property or to the sums secured by this Security Instrument, whether or not then due.

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 such payments.

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

**10. Successors and Assigns Bound; Joint and Several Liability; Co-signers.** The covenants and agreements of this Security Instrument shall bind and benefit the successors and assigns of Lender and Borrower, subject to the provisions of paragraph 17. Borrower's covenants and agreements shall be joint and several. Any Borrower who co-signs this Security Instrument but does not execute the Note: (a) is co-signing this Security Instrument only to mortgage, grant and convey that Borrower's interest in the Property under the terms of this Security Instrument; (b) is not personally obligated to pay the sums secured by this Security Instrument; and (c) agrees that the Lender and any other Borrower may agree to extend, modify, forbear or make any accommodations with regard to the terms of this Security Instrument or the Note without that Borrower's consent.

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



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**12. Legislation Affecting Lender's Rights.** If enactment or expiration of applicable laws has the effect of rendering any provision of the Note or this Security Instrument unenforceable according to its terms, Lender, at its option, may require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Security Instrument and may invoke any remedies permitted by paragraph 19. If Lender exercises this option, Lender shall take the steps specified in the second paragraph of paragraph 17.

**13. Notices.** Any notice to Borrower provided for in this Security Instrument shall be given by delivering it or by mailing it by first class mail unless applicable law requires use of another method. The notice shall be directed to the Property Address or any other address Borrower designates by notice to Lender. Any notice to Lender shall be given by first class mail to Lender's address stated herein or any other address Lender designates by notice to Borrower. Any notice provided for in this Security Instrument shall be deemed to have been given to Borrower or Lender when given as provided in this paragraph.

**14. Governing Law; Severability.** This instrument shall be governed by federal law and the law of the jurisdiction in which the Property is located. In the event that any provision or clause of this Security Instrument or the Note conflicts with applicable law, such conflict shall not affect other provisions of this Security Instrument or the Note which can be given effect without the conflicting provision. To this end the provisions of this Security Instrument and the Note are declared to be severable.

**15. Borrower's Copy.** Borrower shall be given one conformed copy of the Note and of this Security Instrument.

**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 Security Instrument. However, this option shall not be exercised by Lender if exercise is prohibited by federal law as of the date of this Security Instrument.

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 Security Instrument. If Borrower fails to pay these sums prior to the expiration of this period, Lender may invoke any remedies permitted by this Security Instrument without further notice or demand on Borrower.

**17. Borrower's Right to Reinstate.** If Borrower meets certain conditions, Borrower shall have the right to have enforcement of this Security Instrument discontinued at any time prior to the earlier of: (a) 5 days (or such other period as applicable law may specify for reinstatement) before sale of the Property pursuant to any power of sale contained in this Security Instrument; or (b) entry of a judgment enforcing this Security Instrument. Those conditions are that Borrower: (a) pay Lender all sums which then would be due under this Security Instrument and the Note had no acceleration occurred; (b) cures any default of any other covenants or agreements; (c) pays all expenses incurred in enforcing this Security Instrument, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees; and (d) takes such action as Lender may reasonably require to assure that the lien of this Security Instrument, Lender's rights in the Property and Borrower's obligation to pay the sums secured by this Security Instrument shall continue unchanged. Upon reinstatement by Borrower, this Security Instrument and the obligations secured hereby shall remain fully effective as if no acceleration had occurred. However, this right to reinstate shall not apply in the case of acceleration under paragraphs 13 or 17.



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

**18. Acceleration: Remedies.** Lender shall give notice to Borrower prior to acceleration following Borrower's breach of any covenant or agreement in this Security Instrument (but not prior to acceleration under paragraphs 13 and 17 unless applicable law provides otherwise). The notice shall specify: (a) the default; (b) the action required to cure the default; (c) a date, not less than 30 days from the date the notice is given to Borrower, by which default must be cured; and (d) that failure to cure the default on or before the date specified in the notice may result in acceleration of the sums secured by this Security Instrument and sale of the 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 non-existence of a default or any other defense of Borrower to acceleration and sale. If the default is not cured on or before the date specified in the notice, Lender at its option may require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Security Instrument 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 expenses incurred in pursuing the remedies provided in this paragraph 19 including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and cost of title evidence.

If Lender invokes the power of sale, Lender shall give a copy of a notice to Borrower in the manner provided in paragraph 14. Lender shall publish the notice of sale once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA, and thereupon shall sell the Property to the highest bidder at public auction at the front door of the County Courthouse of this County. Lender shall deliver to the purchaser Lender's deed conveying the Property. Lender or its 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 expenses of the sale, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees; (b) to all sums secured by this Security Instrument; and (c) any excess to the person or persons legally entitled to it.

**19. Lender in Possession.** Upon acceleration under paragraph 19 or abandonment of the Property, Lender (in person, by agent or 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. Any rents collected by Lender or the receiver shall be applied first to payment of the costs of management of the Property and collection 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 Security Instrument.

**20. Compliance With Environmental Laws.** Borrower represents and warrants to Lender that: (1) During the period of Grantor's ownership of the Property, there has been no use, generation, manufacture, storage, treatment, disposal, release or threatened release of any hazardous substance by any person on, under, about or from the Property; (2) Borrower has no knowledge of, or reason to believe that there has been, except as previously disclosed to and acknowledged by Lender in writing, (a) any breach or violation of any environmental laws, (b) any use, generation, manufacture, storage, treatment, disposal, release or threatened release of any hazardous substance on, under, about or from the Property by any prior owners or occupants of the Property or (c) any actual or threatened litigation or claims of any kind by any person relating to such matters; and (3) Except as previously disclosed to and acknowledged by Lender in writing, (a) neither Borrower nor any tenant, contractor, agent or other authorized user of the Property shall use, generate, manufacture, store, treat, dispose of or release any Hazardous Substance on, under, about or from the Property; and (b) any such activity shall be conducted in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances, including without limitation all Environmental Laws. Borrower authorizes Lender and its agents to enter upon the Property to make such inspections and tests, at Borrower's expense, as Lender may deem appropriate to determine compliance of



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the Property with this section of the Mortgage. Any inspections or tests made by Lender shall be for Lenders purposes only and shall not be construed to create any responsibility or liability on the part of Lender to Borrower or to any other person. The representations and warranties contained herein are based on Borrower's due diligence in investigating the Property for Hazardous Substances. Borrower hereby (1) releases and waives any future claims against Lender for indemnity or contribution in the event Borrower becomes liable for cleanup or other costs under any such laws; and (2) agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Lender against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, damages, penalties, and expenses which Lender may directly or indirectly sustain or suffer resulting from a breach of this section of the Mortgage or as a consequence of any use, generation, manufacture, storage, disposal, release or threatened release occurring prior to Borrower's ownership or interest in the Property, whether or not the same was or should have been known to Borrower. The provisions of this section of the Mortgage, including the obligation to indemnify and defend, shall survive the payment of the indebtedness and the satisfaction and reconveyance of the lien of this Mortgage and shall not be affected by Lender's acquisition of any interest in the Property, whether by foreclosure or otherwise.

**21. Nuisance, Waste.** Borrower shall not cause, conduct or permit any nuisance nor commit, permit, or suffer any stripping of, or waste on or to the property or any portion of the property.

**22. Release.** Upon payment of all sums secured by this Security Instrument, Lender shall release this Security Instrument without charge to Borrower. Borrower shall pay any recordation costs.

BY SIGNING BELOW, Borrower accepts and agrees to the terms and covenants contained in this Security Instrument and in any rider(s) executed by Borrower and recorded with it.

Witness:

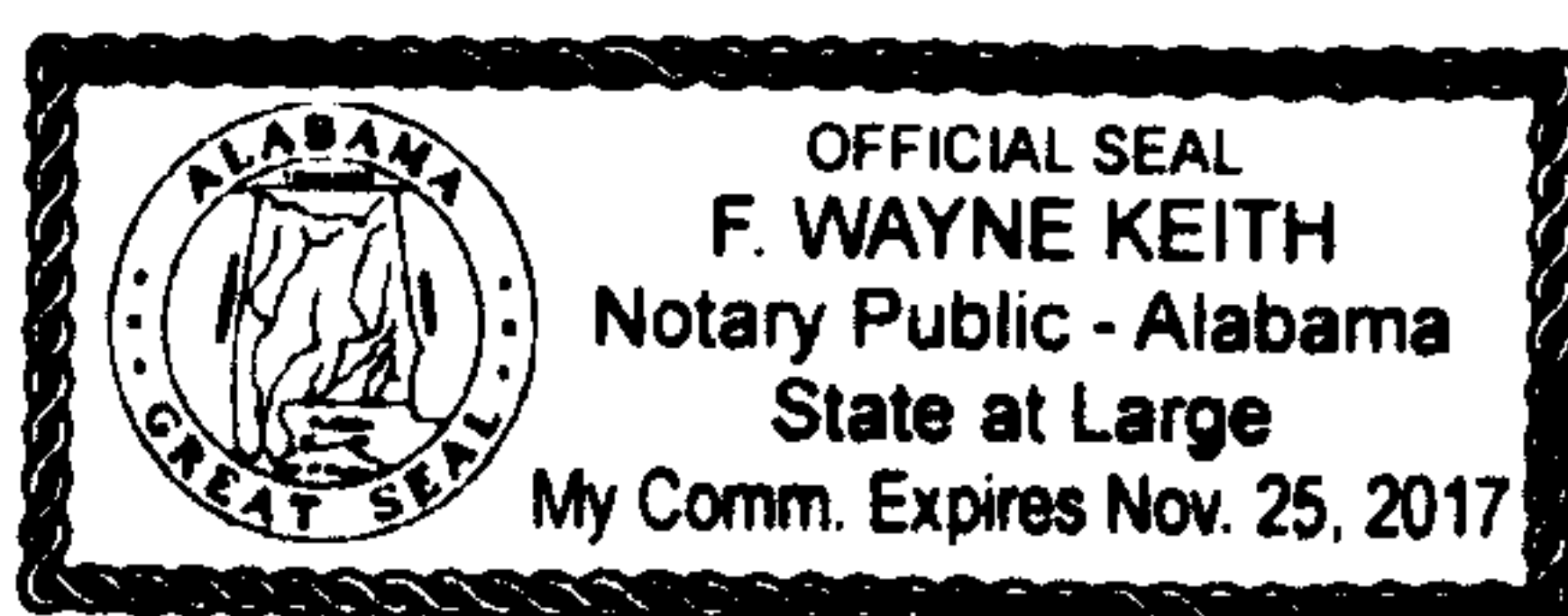
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By:   
Jerry R. Adams, Jr.-Member


STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF SHELBY

On this the 12th day of November, 2015, I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county an in said state, hereby certify that Jerry R. Adams, Jr., whose name as Member of Highpointe Investments, LLC, is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, he, as Member of Highpointe Investments, LLC executed the same voluntarily and as the act of Highpointe Investments, LLC on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal of office on the 12th day of November, 2015..



  
Notary Public

  
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