Send tax notice to: IHM Properties, LLC 44 Vann Drive Birmingham, AL 35242 c/o Jackie Harless

This Instrument Prepared By: Dale B. Stone, Esq. Dominick Feld Hyde, P.C. 1130 22<sup>nd</sup> Street South Ridge Park, Suite 4000 Birmingham, Alabama 35205

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THIS INSTRUMENT HAS BEEN PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE PARTIES HERETO. NO TITLE EXAMINATION AND/OR OPINION WAS REQUESTED OF DOMINICK FELD HYDE, P.C. BY EITHER GRANTOR OR GRANTEE, AND NONE WAS CONDUCTED AND/OR RENDERED.

### TRUSTEE'S DEED

STATE OF ALABAMA	)	KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:
SHELBY COUNTY	)	

WHEREAS, the real property described in *Exhibit "A"* attached hereto was transferred by the Industrial Board of Vincent to Ileane H. Matthews by deed dated March 4, 1994 and recorded as Instrument #1998-17047 in the records of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Ileane H. Matthews died on June 20, 1999 and her Last Will and Testament was admitted to probated by the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama, in the matter of said decedent's estate, being Case No. 38-254; and

WHEREAS, upon the death of Ileane H. Matthews, the real property described in **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto devolved, pursuant to Code of Alabama §43-2-830 (1975), to the persons to whom such real property was devised by the Last Will and Testament of Ileane H. Matthews, namely to Charles W. Matthews and James H. Weaver, as Trustees of the Testamentary Trust under the Will of Ileane H. Mathews (the "Testamentary Trust"); and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2015, Charles W. Matthews died, at which time Charles W. Matthews ceased to serve as a Trustee of the Testamentary Trust; and

WHEREAS, by instrument dated December 8, 2015 and recorded as Instrument #20160128000028700 in the records of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama, Jackie Harless was appointed to serve as a co-Trustee of the Testamentary Trust with James H. Weaver; and

WHEREAS, by order of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama dated May 6, 2016, a copy of which is attached hereto as *Exhibit "B"*, James H. Weaver was removed as a Trustee of the Testamentary Trust and Jackie Harless was named as sole Trustee of the Testamentary Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Testamentary Trust is the single member of IHM Properties, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company (the "LLC"), and the Trustee desires to convey the real property described in *Exhibit "A"* to the LLC.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals and pursuant to the terms of the Testamentary Trust, the undersigned Grantor, Jackie Harless, in her capacity as Trustee of the Testamentary Trust, with the general authority to execute conveyances conferred upon the Trustee, does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto IHM Properties, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company (hereinafter referred to as "Grantee"), all of the

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following described real estate situated in Shelby County, Alabama, to-wit:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference

This conveyance is made subject to the following:

- 1. The lien for ad valorem taxes due in the current year or any subsequent year but not yet payable.
- 2. Transmission line permits to Alabama Power Company recorded in Deed Book 124, Page 570; Deed Book 124, Page 555; Deed Book 135, Page 54; Deed Book 146, Page 391; Deed Book 145, Page 304; and Deed Book 216, Page 91 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama.
- 3. All other easements, liens, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-way, any reservations of mineral rights, and other matters of record in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, together with any deficiencies in quantity of land, easements, discrepancies as to boundary lines, overlaps, etc., which would be disclosed by a true and accurate survey of the property conveyed herein.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to said Grantee, her heirs, successors and assigns forever.

No warranty or covenant respecting the nature of the quality of the title to the property hereby conveyed is made by the Grantor other than that the Grantor has neither permitted or suffered any lien, encumbrance or adverse claim to the property described herein since the date of acquisition thereof by the Grantor.

This instrument is executed by the Grantor solely in her representative capacity named herein, and neither this instrument nor anything contained herein shall be construed as creating any indebtedness or obligation on the part of the Grantor in her individual capacity, and the liability of the Grantor is expressly limited to Grantor's representative capacity named herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has hereunto set her hand and seal on Application, 2016.

Jackie Harless, as Trustee of the Testamentary Trust under the Last Will and Testament of Ileane H. Matthews, deceased

I, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the State of Alabama at Large, hereby certify that Jackie Harless, whose name as Trustee of the Testamentary Trust under the Last Will and Testament of Ileane H. Matthews, deceased, is signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of the conveyance, she, in her said capacity and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

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## Exhibit "A"

Commence at the Mortheast corner of the 5Wk of the NEk of Section 6, Township 19 South, Range 1 West, Shelby County, Alabama, and run in a Westerly direction along the North line of said 4-4 Section a distance of 202.48 feet to the point of beginning of the herein described Tract 2; thence deflect 90 degrees 00 minutes 20 seconds and run to the left in a Southerly direction a distance of 328.45 feet to a point on the South line of the North 's of said 4-4 Section; thence turn as interior angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds and run to the right along the South line of the North 4 of said 4-4 Section and in a Westerly direction a distance of 200.00 feet to a point; thence turn an interior angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds and run to the right in a Northerly direction a distance of 328.47 feet to a point on the North line of said 4-4 Section; thence turn an interior angle of 89 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds and run to the right in an Easterly direction and along the North line of said 4-4 Section a distance of 200.00 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning of the herein described Tract 2. Also an easement to provide access to the property hereinabove conveyed, being a 60 foot easement along approximately the present roadway going from the Cahaba Valley Road to the property herein conveyed.

PARCEL J.D. #s:09-3-06-0-001-002.000, 09-3-06-0-001-002.001 & 09-3-06-0-001-002.002

ASSESSOR'S MARKET VALUE: \$1,382,070

GRANTOR'S MAILING ADDRESS: 44 Vann Drive, Birmingham, AL 35242 (Grantee's mailing address appears at the top of the first page of this deed)

Exhibit "B"

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#### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF:	
TESTAMENTARY TRUST U/W/O ILEANE H. MATTHEWS	) PR-2016-000067
JAMES H. WEAVER, JR., TRUSTEE	) )

# ORDER ON PETITION FOR ACCOUNTING PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF TRUSTEE, AND PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

This cause came before the Court on April 26, 2016 under authority of the Alabama Uniform Trust Code, Ala. Code § 19-3B-101 (1975) et seq. and Ala. Const. Amend. No. 758. The petitioner, Cynthia M. Mitchell ("Mitchell" or "Petitioner"), is a qualified beneficiary under the Last Will and Testament of Ileane H. Matthews dated June 5, 1999 (the "Will"), her mother. This matter is before the Court on Mitchell's Petition for Accounting, Petition for Removal of Trustee and Petition for Appointment of Successor Trustee. Proper notice was given to all necessary parties. Present in court were: Mitchell and her attorneys, Dale B. Stone, Esq. and Ashley L. Neese, Esq.; James H. Weaver, Jr., Esq. ("Weaver"), a co-trustee, and his attorney, Kenneth Joe Wilson, Esq.; and Jackie Harless ("Harless"), a successor co-trustee designated by Mitchell. On the day of, but prior to the hearing, Weaver filed a response to Mitchell's petitions and a Final Settlement. The case was called and the Court proceeded to take ore tenus testimony and receive exhibits that were properly admitted in evidence. At the conclusion of the testimony and in open court, the Court instructed the parties to refrain from transferring or disposing of any assets of the trust pending further order of the Court.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Will was probated in Shelby County Probate Court in case number 38-254.

In her Will, the decedent established a Family Trust for the benefit of her spouse, if surviving, and her descendants. The decedent was survived by her husband, Charles Matthews ("Charles"), and her daughter, the Petitioner. Pursuant to the terms of decedent's Will, Charles and Weaver were appointed co-trustees of the Family Trust. Charles passed away in 2015 and Mitchell, as sole beneficiary of the Family Trust, appointed Harless as his successor co-trustee.

Mitchell now seeks to have Weaver removed. Although her petition alleges a broad range of reasons for removal, at the hearing she represented to the Court and parties that she is relying on Ala. Code § 19-3B-706(4) which provides that a beneficiary may request removal of a trustee if:

- "(4)(A) there has been a substantial change of circumstances or removal is requested by all of the qualified beneficiaries;
- (B) the court finds that removal of the trustee best serves the interests of all of the beneficiaries and is not inconsistent with a material purpose of the trust; and
- (C) a suitable co-trustee or successor trustee is available."2

Weaver, a member of the Alabama State Bar for over 50 years and longtime friend and counsel to the decedent and her family, denies Mitchell's allegations and is obviously personally hurt by many of the allegations in the petition. He suggested that the best resolution is for the Court to approve his Final Settlement and give him a discharge. Under the law, that cannot be accomplished at this time without first setting a hearing on the Final Settlement or accepting it by consent of all necessary parties.

It is apparent from the testimony that there has been a breakdown in communication between Mitchell and Weaver. Weaver has the books and records of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Court notes, and the attorneys in this case who regularly engage in litigation, will recognize that it is common practice to make "shotgun" alternative allegations in a first complaint or pleading against a respondent or defendant and the Issues then narrow as the litigation progresses.

Family Trust and Mitchell and Harless have been unable to access them in spite of several letters of request from Mitchell's attorney. It is also appears that this trust is almost ready to terminate and disburse according to its terms.

Based on the testimony, exhibits and pleadings and papers on file, the Court FINDS:

- (1.) Mitchell is the sole qualified beneficiary of the Family Trust and she has requested removal of Weaver as co-trustee;
- (2.) Decedent's designation of Weaver as a co-trustee of the Family Trust was not a material purpose of the trust;
- (3.) Removal of Weaver best serves the interests of the sole qualified beneficiary and is not inconsistent with a material purpose of the Family Trust; and
  - (4.) A suitable co-trustee, Harless, is available.

Harless is a certified public accountant and testified that she is ready, willing and able to perform the duties of trustee according to the terms of the Family Trust and Alabama law. Considering this, the Court FURTHER FINDS that the vacancy created by Weaver's removal need not be filled. See, Code § 19-3B-704.

It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that:

- (A.) The Petition for Removal of Trustee is GRANTED and James H. Weaver, Jr. is removed as co-trustee of the Family Trust on the basis of the grounds set forth herein;
- (B.) Jackie Harless, the remaining trustee, shall assume all of the duties and obligations of the Family Trust as a sole trustee;

- (C.) The prior verbal instructions of the Court to Weaver and Harless regarding disposition of trust property are modified so that they only apply to Weaver except that Weaver shall comply with Code § 19-3B-707;
- (D.) By agreement of the parties, the Petitlon for Accounting is MOOT and is therefore DENIED;
- (E.) There being a duly appointed successor co-trustee who will remain in office, the Petition for Appointment of Successor Trustee is DENIED;
- (F.) Harless shall perform all duties and obligations of the Family Trust and Alabama law as sole remaining trustee;
- (G.) The Court retains jurisdiction to pass on Weaver's Final Settlement and reserves judgment on Petitioner's demand for damages and fees pending further order of the Court.

Costs of court are taxed to the Family Trust, for which execution may issue.

DONE and ORDERED this \_

\_ day of

, 2016.

Judge of Probate

cc: Dale B. Stone, Esq.
Ashley L. Neese, Esq.
Kenneth Joe Wilson, Esq.

ENTERED AND FILED

MAY 06 2016

RIMDERLY WELTON CHIEF CLERX
PHODATE COURT
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#### Real Estate Sales Validation Form

This Document must be filed in accordance with Code of Alabama 1975, Section 40-22-1

Grantor's Name Mailing Address	Jackie Harless, Trust 44 Vann Drive Birmingham, AC 35242	Mailing Address	HMProperties, LLC 44 Vann Drive Birmingham, HL 35242			
Property Address	Pourcel ITD#5: 09-3-06-0-001-002.000		112212016			
	129-3-04-0-001-002.001	or				
	09-3-04-0-001-002.002	Actual Value \$				
		or				
		Assessor's Market Value \$	1,382,070			
The purchase price or actual value claimed on this form can be verified in the following documentary evidence: (check one) (Recordation of documentary evidence is not required)  Bill of Sale  Sales Contract  Other						
Closing State		09/22/2016 02:41:48 PM D	EEDS 8/8			
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#### Instructions

Grantor's name and mailing address - provide the name of the person or persons conveying interest to property and their current mailing address.

Grantee's name and mailing address - provide the name of the person or persons to whom interest to property is being conveyed.

Property address - the physical address of the property being conveyed, if available.

Date of Sale - the date on which interest to the property was conveyed.

Total purchase price - the total amount paid for the purchase of the property, both real and personal, being conveyed by the instrument offered for record.

Actual value - if the property is not being sold, the true value of the property, both real and personal, being conveyed by the instrument offered for record. This may be evidenced by an appraisal conducted by a licensed appraiser or the assessor's current market value.

If no proof is provided and the value must be determined, the current estimate of fair market value, excluding current use valuation, of the property as determined by the local official charged with the responsibility of valuing property for property tax purposes will be used and the taxpayer will be penalized pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975 § 40-22-1 (h).

attest, to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information contained in this document is true and accurate. I further understand that any false statements claimed on this form may result in the imposition of the penalty indicated in Code of Alabama 1975 § 40-22-1 (h).

Sign √

**Print Form** 

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Jackie Harless, Trustee

Form RT-1

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(verified by) Filed and Recorded Official Public Records Judge James W. Fuhrmeister, Probate Judge,

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