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STATE OF ALABAMA **COUNTY OF SHELBY**

Index under the following names: Betty H. Hughes Henry Elwin Hughes Henry E. Hughes George Elwin Hughes Steven Wayne Hughes James Neil Hughes Betty G. Hughes Carlo Jo Hughes

AFFIDAVIT EVIDENCING CONVEYANCE AND TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County in said State, JAMES NEIL HUGHES, who being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states as follows:

- My name is James Neil Hughes. I am over the age of 21 years and reside at 5508 Lakes Edge Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242.
- I was a son of Henry Elwin Hughes, also known as Henry E. Hughes (hereinafter "Henry Hughes") and his wife, Betty H. Hughes (hereinafter "Betty H. Hughes"), and I have personal knowledge of the matters and things set forth herein.
- Betty H. Hughes died on or about February 8, 2002, owning an undivided one-half (1/2) interest in the following described real property situated in Shelby County, Alabama (the "Subject" Property"), to-wit:

A tract of land containing six (6) acres more or less and being a part of the original W. L. Hughes and wife Edna E. Hughes property as recorded in Deed Book 140, Page 320 in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama, described as follows: The East 285 feet of the following described property; Begin at the Northeast corner of Section 30, Township 19 South, Range 1 East, and run West along the North line of said Section, 630 feet; thence South to a point on the North side of the Right of Way of the Florida Short Route Highway which is 630 feet West of the East line of said Section; thence Northeasterly along the North line of said Right of Way to the East line of said Section 30, thence North along section line to the point of beginning.

- With respect only to the undivided one-half (1/2) interest in the Subject Property owned by Betty H. Hughes at the time of her death, I hereby state the following:
- The Last Will and Testament of Betty H. Hughes dated December 21, 2001 (the (a) "Betty H. Hughes Will"), was duly admitted to probate in the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, in Case No. 177411, and, pursuant to Letters Testamentary issued in said case on February 14, 2002, George Elwin Hughes and I were appointed as Personal Representatives of her Estate.

- (b) Pursuant to the terms of the Betty H. Hughes Will, the residue of Betty H. Hughes' estate, of which Betty H. Hughes' undivided one-half (1/2) interest in the Subject Property formed a part, was to be held in a trust entitled "Henry's Special Needs Trust" for the benefit of her husband, Henry Hughes, during his lifetime (said trust being hereinafter referred to as "Henry's Special Needs Trust"), and of which George Elwin Hughes and I were appointed as Trustees thereof. The Betty H. Hughes Will further provided that if either George Elwin Hughes or I died or were otherwise unable for any reason to serve as a Trustee, then the other or survivor of us would serve as sole Trustee. Accordingly, upon the death of George Elwin Hughes, also known as George E. Hughes, on or about March 8, 2010, as evidenced by a copy of his death certificate attached hereto, I became sole Trustee of Henry's Special Needs Trust.
- (c) Pursuant to deed from George Elwin Hughes and James Neil Hughes, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Betty H. Hughes, Deceased (as "Grantor"), to George Elwin Hughes and James Neil Hughes, Trustees of Henry's Special Needs Trust Established under the Last Will and Testament of Betty H. Hughes, dated December 21, 2001 (as "Grantee"), which deed was dated December 16, 2002, and filed for record on January 2, 2003, in Instrument No. 20030102000002650 in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, there was conveyed to the said Grantee the undivided one-half (1/2) interest in the Subject Property owned by Betty H. Hughes at the time of her death (the "Trust Property Interest").
- (d) Henry Hughes died on or about September 25, 2004, as evidenced by the attached copy of his death certificate, and, pursuant to the terms of the Betty H. Hughes Will, upon the death of Henry Hughes, the Trust Property Interest was allocated into three (3) separate equal shares for the then living sons of Betty H. Hughes, namely, George Elwin Hughes, Steven Wayne Hughes and me, James Neil Hughes (each such share being hereinafter referred to as a "Son's Share"), resulting in each such Son's Share being allocated an undivided one-sixth (1/6) interest in the Subject Property.
- (e) The Betty H. Hughes Will further provided that the respective Son's Shares allocated to George Elwin Hughes and Steven Wayne Hughes were to be transferred and paid over to such sons, free of trust, and that the Son's Share allocated to me was to be held in a trust entitled "Neil's Trust", and, pursuant to the terms of Betty H. Hughes Will, I was appointed as the sole Trustee of said Neil's Trust.
- (f) Pursuant to the foregoing, and notwithstanding that no actual legal conveyance of any said Son's Shares was made, each of the Son's Shares allocated to George Elwin Hughes and Steven Wayne Hughes would have been vested in them at the time of the death of Henry Hughes, and the Son's Share allocated to me continued to be held in trust, as a part of Neil's Trust, by me as Trustee thereof.
- 5. With respect to the other undivided one-half (1/2) interest in the Subject Property which was not owned by Betty H. Hughes at the time of her death, I state the following:
- (a) As evidenced by those certain separate Affidavits of Heirship and Devolution of Title to Real Property being recorded simultaneously herewith and executed by my brother, Steven Wayne Hughes, and my cousin, Harrison Leroy Hughes, relating to the intestate estates of William Lee Hughes, also known as Willie Lee Hughes, W. L. Hughes and W. Lee Hughes, and his wife, Edna M. Hughes, also known as Edna E. Hughes (collectively, the "W.L. Hughes Heirship Affidavits"), at the time of the death of my father, Henry Hughes, by operation of law, there was vested in the said Henry Hughes individually an undivided one-half (1/2) interest in the Subject Property.
- (b) As evidenced by those certain separate Affidavits of Heirship and Devolution of Title to Real Property being recorded simultaneously herewith and executed by my brother, Steven Wayne Hughes, and my cousin, Harrison Leroy Hughes, relating to the intestate estate of my father, Henry Hughes (collectively, the "Henry Hughes Heirship Affidavits"), following the death of my father, Henry Hughes, by operation of law, the undivided one-half (1/2) interest in the Subject Property which had been vested in him

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at the time of his death would have passed in equal shares to the sons of Henry Hughes, namely George Elwin Hughes, Steven Wayne Hughes and me, James Neil Hughes, and been vested in each of us upon the death of my father, Henry Hughes.

- 6. By virtue of the foregoing provisions regarding ownership of each of the respective undivided one-half (1/2) interests in the Subject Property as described in Paragraphs 4 and 5 hereof, following the death of my father, Henry Hughes, the ownership of the entire Subject Property would have been vested as follows:
- (a) An undivided one-third (1/3) interest in the Subject Property would have been vested in George Elwin Hughes, individually;
- (b) An undivided one-third (1/3) interest in the Subject Property would have been vested in Steven Wayne Hughes, individually;
- (c) An undivided one-sixth (1/6) interest in the Subject Property would have been vested in me, individually; and
- (d) An undivided one-sixth (1/6) interest in the Subject Property would have been vested in me, as the Trustee of Neil's Trust.
- 7. Upon belief that I held title, both individually and as Trustee of Neil's Trust, to a total undivided one-third (1/3) interest in the Subject Property, although not deeded according to law, but as evidenced by Bill of Sale dated March 4, 2009 (the "Bill of Sale"), a copy of which is attached hereto, I sold all of my undivided interest in the Subject Property to my brothers, George Elwin Hughes and Steven Wayne Hughes (incorrectly named in the Bill of Sale as Stephen Wayne Hughes), subject to the provisions of said Bill of Sale regarding the division of any proceeds resulting from the sale of the Subject Property which are in excess of \$70,000.00. I hereby confirm that, in my execution of the Bill of Sale, it was my intention to convey all of the undivided interest to which title was vested in me, both individually and as Trustee of Neil's Trust, notwithstanding that the Bill of Sale made no reference to my execution of the Bill of Sale being both in my individual capacity and in my capacity as Trustee of Neil's Trust.
- 8. By virtue of all of the foregoing, immediately following the conveyance evidenced by the Bill of Sale referred to in the preceding paragraph, but subject to the rights retained by me in the Bill of Sale, the ownership of the Subject Property would have been vested solely in my brothers, George Elwin Hughes and Steven Wayne Hughes, in equal undivided interests.
- 9. In furtherance and confirmation of the foregoing, and acknowledging that my brother George Elwin Hughes is now deceased as hereinabove provided, by my execution hereof, I, both individually, and in my capacity as Trustee of Neil's Trust, hereby **REMISE**, **RELEASE**, **QUITCLAIM AND CONVEY**, in equal undivided interests, to my brother, Steven Wayne Hughes, and to the heirs at law of my deceased brother, George Elwin Hughes, any and all right, title, interest and claim which I have or may have had as of March 4, 2009 or at any other time, in and to the Subject Property, whether in my individual capacity or in my capacity as Trustee of Neil's Trust.
- 10. Together with the undivided interests which are or should have been heretofore vested in my brother, Steven Wayne Hughes, and my brother, George Elwin Hughes (or his heirs at law), title to the entire Subject Property should now be vested solely in my brother, Steven Wayne Hughes, as to an undivided one-half (1/2) interest therein, and in the heirs at law of my deceased brother, George Elwin Hughes, as to an undivided one-half (1/2) interest therein (the sole heirs at law of my deceased brother, George Elwin Hughes, being his wife, Betty G. Hughes, and his daughter, Carla Jo Hughes).

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This Affidavit is made for the purpose of establishing the current ownership of the Subject Property, with the knowledge that this Affidavit may be used as evidence in court, or filed for record in any Probate Office for future reference.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

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Done and dated this day of Clarker, 2016.

James Neil Hughes, individually, and as Trustee of Neil's Trust created under the Last Will and Testament of Betty H.

Hughes, Deceased

STATE OF ALABAMA)
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I, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that James Neil Hughes, whose name, individually and as Trustee of Neil's Trust created under the Last Will and Testament of Betty H. Hughes, Deceased, is signed to the foregoing Affidavit, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of said Affidavit, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

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Notary Public

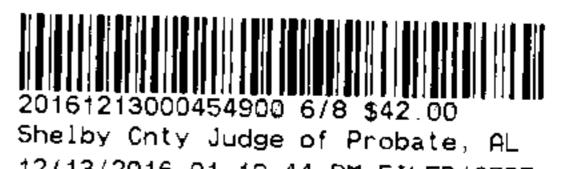
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This instrument prepared by: Katherine N. Barr, Esq. Sirote & Permutt, P.C. 2311 Highland Avenue South (35205) P. O. Box 55727 Birmingham, Alabama 35255-5727

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BILL OF SALE

Dated: March 4, 2009

James Neil Hughes, referred to as "SELLER", sells, bargains and conveys all of SELLER'S right, title and interest in:

Acreage on Old Highway 280, Chelsea, Alabama 35147
Parcel ID 08-9-30-0-001-001.000 (Betty H Hughes (Estate) & George Elwin Hughes)

to Stephen Wayne Hughes and George Elwin Hughes, referred to as "BUYER".

James Neil Hughes acknowledges receipt of a total of \$ 20,000.00 (twenty thousand Dollars) from Stephen Wayne Hughes and George Elwin Hughes, BUYER, in full payment of the purchase price of his share of referenced property..

When buyers sell property, everything they receive over \$70,000.00 (seventy thousand Dollars) will be split equally between Stephen Wayne Hughes, George Elwin Hughes and James Neil Hughes.

James Neil Hughes warrants that there are no liens or encumbrances on the goods sold, and that James Neil Hughes's title to the goods is clear and merchantable. James Neil Hughes shall defend Stephen Wayne Hughes and George Elwin Hughes from any adverse claims to SELLER's title to the goods sold.

The parties agree to the terms and conditions stated herein:

James Neil Hughes, SELLER

Stephen Wayne Hughes, BUYER

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George Elwin Hughes, BUYER

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