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ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND LEASES

THIS ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND LEASES (this "Assignment"), dated as of the 11th day of March, 2025 ("Effective Date"), by **BROWN LANDS, L.L.C.**, an Alabama limited liability company (hereinafter called the "Borrower"), Mortgagor, whose address is 21891 Highway 25, Columbiana, AL 35051, in favor of **FIRST HORIZON BANK**, a Tennessee state-chartered bank (hereinafter called "Lender"), Mortgagee, whose address is 2340 Woodcrest Place, Birmingham, Alabama 35209.

I. RECITALS

This Assignment is made as additional security for a loan by Lender to Borrower in the principal amount of Two Million Four Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$2,400,000.00) (the "Loan"). The Loan is evidenced by a Promissory Note of even date herewith executed and delivered by Borrower to Lender in said amount (as the same may hereafter be extended, renewed, modified, amended or replaced, the "Note"), a Loan Agreement of even date herewith (as the same may hereafter be extended, renewed, modified, amended or replaced, the "Loan Agreement"), and secured by a Mortgage and Security Agreement of event date herewith (as the same may hereafter be extended, renewed, modified, amended or replaced, the "Mortgage", and collectively with the Loan Agreement, the Note, this Assignment, any extensions, renewals, amendments, modifications and replacements hereof or thereof, and all other documents now or hereafter evidencing or securing the Note and all certificates, documents, and instruments now or hereafter executed by Borrower in favor of Lender, are collectively referred to herein as the "Loan Documents"). The Loan is secured by the real property more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and the improvements located thereat (collectively, the "Property"); however, should the real property described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto be located in an area designated by the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a special flood hazard area, the definition of "Property" is limited to only those items specifically covered (currently or hereafter) by Coverage A of the standard flood insurance policy issued in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Program or under equivalent coverage similarly issued by a private insurer to satisfy the National Flood Insurance Act (as amended).

II. GRANTING CLAUSE

In consideration of the sum of Ten and No/100 Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration and to secure the payment of the Note and any and all renewals, extensions, modifications, amendments and replacements thereof, and to assure performance of the agreements contained herein and in the Loan Documents, Borrower hereby assigns to Lender, Borrower's right, title and interest in:

(a) Any and all lease agreements entered into between Borrower, as lessor, and various parties, as lessee, and associated guaranties, if any ("Guaranties"), copies of which will be provided to Lender upon execution, together with any other oral and written leases and other agreements for the use or occupancy made or agreed to by, any person or entity (including, without limitation of the foregoing, Borrower and Lender under the powers granted herein) and any and all amendments, extensions, renewals, modifications and replacements thereof pertaining to all or any part of the Property, whether such leases or other agreements have been heretofore or are hereafter made or agreed to (such leases and other use and occupancy agreements being collectively referred to herein as the "Leases");

(b) The rents, issues and profits and any other payments by any and all lessees under the Leases in addition to rent (collectively, the "Rents") which may hereafter become due pursuant to any of the Leases pertaining to all or any part of the Property;

(c) Any and all moneys, awards or other payments made or payable by any and all lessees under the Leases in lieu of rent, including, but not limited to, any damages (all such moneys, awards or payments, including, but not limited to, damages, are collectively referred to herein as the "Damages") which may hereafter become due pursuant to any of the Leases pertaining to all or any part of the Property;

(d) All rights, powers, privileges, options and other benefits (collectively the "Rights") of Borrower under the Leases, upon default by Borrower hereunder, including without limitation of the foregoing:

(i) the immediate and continuing right to receive and collect all insurance proceeds, condemnation awards, moneys and security deposits or the like pursuant to any of the provisions thereof, whether as rents or otherwise (except sums payable directly to any person other than the lessor thereunder);

(ii) the right to make all waivers and agreements, including waivers of obligations of lessees;

(iii) the right to give all notices, permissions, consents and releases, including consent to the subordination of the interest of a lessee;

(iv) the right to take such action upon the happening of a default under the Leases (including the commencement, conduct and consummation of proceedings at law or in equity) as shall be permitted under any provisions of the Leases or by law;

(v) the right to do any and all other things whatsoever which Borrower is or may become entitled to do under the Leases;

(vi) the right to exercise any option required or permitted; and

(vii) Borrower authorizes Lender:

(A) to manage the Property and let and relet the Property, or any part thereof according to Lender's own discretion;

(B) to prosecute or defend any suits in connection with the Property in the name of any or all of Lender or Borrower as it may consider desirable;

(C) to enforce or take any other action in connection with the Leases and Guaranties in the name of any or all of Lender or Borrower;

(D) to make such repairs to the Property as Lender may deem reasonably advisable; and

(E) to do anything in or about the Property that Lender may deem reasonably advisable or that Borrower has the right or power to do.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto Lender, its successors and assigns, forever, subject to and upon the terms set forth herein.

Although this instrument constitutes a present assignment of the foregoing Leases, Rights, Rents, Guaranties, Damages, interests and privileges (collectively, the "Lease Interests"), Borrower shall have the right and license to collect and use all rentals due under the Leases, subject to the covenants and restrictions on Borrower contained in Section III and the other paragraphs of this instrument, and to exercise the rights and privileges herein, provided, however, that such right and license shall be revoked during the pendency of an Event of Default (as herein defined).

III. COVENANTS

3.1 **No Other Assignment.** Borrower warrants, represents, and covenants that it is the sole owner of the entire lessor's interest in the Lease Interests and has full right to assign the Lease Interests, that there has been no previous and, without Lender's prior written consent as to form and substance, there will be no future assignment (as collateral or otherwise) of Borrower's right, title, and interest in any of the Lease Interests, that the Leases and Guaranties, if any, are in full force and effect in accordance with their terms and have not been altered, modified, or amended in any manner whatsoever, except as otherwise disclosed to Lender, that, to the best of Borrower's knowledge, the lessees are not in default under the Leases and to the best of Borrower's knowledge as of the date hereof, the lessees have no defenses, setoffs, or counterclaims against the lessor under the Leases, that no rent reserved in the Leases has been assigned or anticipated, and that no rent for any period subsequent to the date hereof has been collected for more than one (1) month in advance of the time when the said rent becomes or would become due under the terms of the Leases, except for security deposits and except as otherwise disclosed in writing to Lender by Borrower.

3.2 **Management.** At all times until this Assignment is released, or until the assignment granted hereby is exercised by Lender, and at all times thereafter during which Lender is not in actual or constructive possession of the Property, Borrower shall use all reasonable effort to cause the Property to be managed in accordance with sound business practices and cause to be performed all obligations

imposed upon the lessor under the Leases and not do or permit to be done anything to impair the security thereof. Borrower shall not, within the exercise of all reasonable effort, permit any of the Rents to be collected in advance, except that monthly rent due and payable under the Leases may be collected for each current month in advance. Except as otherwise permitted in the Loan Agreement (if applicable), Borrower shall not terminate or alter, modify, amend, or change any of the terms of any of the Leases or the Guaranties, or give any consent, concession, or waiver under any of the Leases or the Guaranties, or exercise any option available to the lessor under the Leases in the event of casualty damage or condemnation affecting the Property, or accept the surrender thereof or consent to any assignment or subletting under any of the Leases, or convey or transfer or suffer or permit a conveyance or transfer of the premises demised by any or all of the Leases or of any interest therein so as to effect directly or indirectly, promptly or remotely, a merger of the estates and rights of, or a termination or elimination of, the obligations of lessees thereunder, without the prior written consent of Lender. Borrower shall not make any other assignment of any interest in the Lease Interests accruing from such Leases or from the Property, or subordinate any of the Lease Interests or any security deed, mortgage, or other encumbrance, or permit (within the exercise of all reasonable effort), consent, or agree to such subordination without the prior written consent of Lender. Subject to Borrower's sound business judgment exercised in good faith, Borrower shall cause prompt action, including legal proceedings, for enforcement of any of the Leases, Guaranties, if any, and all other remedies available to lessor thereunder to be commenced against any delinquent or defaulting lessee as soon as reasonably necessary to protect such lessor's interest or immediately upon written request from Lender, and in the event Lender reasonably requests that such a specific action be taken, to use all reasonable efforts to cause such action to be taken promptly. Borrower shall execute and deliver, at the reasonable written request of Lender, all such further assurances and assignments with respect to the Lease Interests accruing from the Leases or from the Property as Lender from time to time shall require.

3.3 **Execution of Leases.** During the term of the Loan, Borrower shall not permit any Leases to be made hereafter on all or any portion of the Property except with Lender's prior written consent.

3.4 **Notice of Lessor's Default.** Borrower shall cause notice to be given to Lender of any notice of default by the lessor under any of the Leases, which default is of a nature which would permit such lessee to terminate such lessee's lease, promptly upon the receipt of notice of such default, but in all events in sufficient time to afford to Lender an opportunity to cure any such default prior to the lessee under the subject lease having any right to terminate the lease by reason of such default.

3.5 **Lender to be Creditor of Lessee.** To the extent permitted by law, Lender shall be deemed to be the creditor of each lessee in the Leases with respect of any and all claims for Damages, assignments for the benefit of creditors and bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, dissolution or receivership proceedings affecting such lessee (without obligation on the part of Lender, however, to file or make timely filings of claims in such proceedings or otherwise to pursue creditor's rights therein). Borrower hereby assigns to Lender any and all Damages and any and all money received in connection with such assignment for the benefit of creditors or in any such bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, dissolution or receivership proceedings, with Lender to receive such Damages and monies and hold them in escrow for the purposes of such payment of the principal and interest installments secured by or to be paid under the Loan next falling due. To the extent permitted by law, Borrower hereby appoints Lender as its irrevocable attorney-in-fact to appear in any action and/or collect any such money, award or payment.

IV. DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

4.1 **Defaults.** The occurrence of an Event of Default under the Loan Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents shall constitute an Event of Default hereunder.

4.2 **Exercise of This Assignment of Leases and Rents.**

(a) Lender may exercise the assignment hereby granted upon the occurrence and during the continuation of any Event of Default and pursue its rights to collect the Rents or manage the Property, or both, and otherwise exercise its rights as provided in this Assignment without regard to the adequacy of the security and without waiving any other remedy available to Lender and without waiving such Event of Default.

(b) In the event Lender elects to invoke any of its rights hereunder, and thereafter for any reason relinquishes to Borrower such rights, this Assignment shall in no respect be terminated but instead remain in full force and effect until the indebtedness represented by the Note is paid in full and all other obligations under the Loan Documents are satisfied, it being the intent of the parties that Lender, from time to time upon the occurrence of any Event of Default under this Assignment, which such Event of Default is continuing, shall have all the rights granted hereby.

4.3 **Nature of Remedies.** No delay or omission on the part of Lender in the exercise of any remedy for an Event of Default shall operate as a waiver thereof. The remedies available to Lender under this Assignment shall be in addition to, and exercisable in any combination with, any and all remedies available by operation of law and under the Note and the other Loan Documents. The said remedies shall be cumulative and concurrent, may be pursued separately, successively or together against Borrower or the Property, or either of them, at the sole discretion of Lender and may be exercised as often as occasion therefor shall arise.

4.4 **Application of Rents.** Lender shall have the power to apply the Rents and Damages, in such order as Lender may reasonably determine, to the payment of the indebtedness (in the inverse order of maturity) represented by the Note and the Loan Documents, including without limitation the payment of all advances and reasonable expenses incurred by Lender under the Mortgage (as hereinafter defined) and all reasonable expenses for the care and management of the Property, including taxes, insurance, assessments, usual and customary commissions to a real estate broker for leasing real estate and collecting rents, and the reasonable expenses and fees of all attorneys, agents, and servants, which expenses Lender may reasonably deem to be necessary to exercise the powers granted to Lender hereunder. The receipt by Lender of any Rents pursuant to this Assignment following an Event of Default and the exercise of any remedies provided for in the Note or the other Loan Documents shall not cure such Event of Default or affect or prejudice the exercise of such remedies.

4.5 **Limitation of Lender's Obligations.** Lender's obligations as to any Rents actually collected shall be discharged by application of such Rents for the purposes described in this Assignment. Lender shall not be liable for uncollected rents or for any claim for damages or set-offs arising out of Lender's management of the Property. Lender shall not be liable to any lessee under the Leases for the return of any security deposit made under any Leases unless Lender shall have received such security deposit directly from the lessor or such lessee. Lender shall not by reason of this Assignment or the exercise of any right granted herein be obligated to perform any obligation of the lessor or be liable for any breach or failure to perform by the lessor with respect to any of the Leases. Nothing contained herein

shall be deemed to have the effect of making Lender a mortgagee in possession of the Property or any part thereof.

4.6 **Reimbursement.** Borrower shall reimburse, indemnify, and hold harmless Lender for and from any and all expenses, losses, damages, and liabilities which Lender may incur by reason of this Assignment, any of the Leases, or expenses, losses, damages, and liabilities incurred in exercising any of the rights granted in this Assignment. Any and all amounts due to Lender under this Section 4.6 shall be immediately due and payable following written notice to Borrower and shall be added to the principal amount of the Note and secured by this Assignment and the other Loan Documents.

4.7 **Authorization to Lessees.** Each present and future lessee under any of the Leases is hereby authorized and directed to pay the Rents payable thereunder to Lender upon written demand from Lender stating that an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing under this Assignment without inquiry as to whether any such Event of Default has occurred or whether Lender is rightfully entitled to such rent.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

5.1 **Modification of Loan Terms.** If the time of payment of all indebtedness secured hereby or any part thereof be extended at any time or times, or if the Loan is amended, renewed, modified, or replaced, or if any security for the Loan is released, Borrower and any other parties now or hereafter liable therefor or interested in the Property shall be held to consent to such extensions, renewals, modifications, amendments, replacements, and releases, and their liability and the lien hereof and of the other Loan Documents shall not be released and the rights created hereby and thereby shall continue in full force and effect, the right of recourse against all such parties being reserved by Lender.

5.2 **Successors and Assigns.** This Assignment shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective successors and assigns of Borrower and Lender and all persons or entities (including owners and lessees) which may hereafter obtain any interest in the Property.

5.3 **Notices.** Whenever notice may appropriately be given under this Assignment, such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions for notices as set forth in the Mortgage.

5.4 **Severability.** If any term, restriction or covenant of this Assignment is deemed illegal or unenforceable, all other terms, restrictions and covenants and the application thereof to all persons and circumstances subject hereto shall remain unaffected to the extent permitted by law; and if any application of any term, restriction or covenant to any person or circumstances is deemed illegal or unenforceable, the application of such term, restriction, or covenant to any other persons or circumstances shall remain unaffected to the extent permitted by law.

5.5 **Termination.** The recording of a satisfaction of the Mortgage by Lender shall terminate this Assignment.

5.6 **Governing Law.** THE VALIDITY, INTERPRETATION, ENFORCEMENT AND EFFECT OF THIS ASSIGNMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA NOTWITHSTANDING ITS CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES.

5.7 Waiver of Jury Trial. BORROWER WAIVES ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY ON ANY CLAIM, COUNTERCLAIM, SETOFF, DEMAND, ACTION OR CAUSE OF ACTION (A) ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO THIS ASSIGNMENT OR THE LOAN, OR (B) IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH OR PERTAINING OR RELATED TO OR INCIDENTAL TO ANY DEALINGS OF LENDER AND/OR BORROWER WITH RESPECT TO THE LOAN DOCUMENTS OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ASSIGNMENT OR THE EXERCISE OF ANY PARTY'S RIGHTS AND REMEDIES UNDER THIS ASSIGNMENT OR OTHERWISE, OR THE CONDUCT OR THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES HERETO, IN ALL OF THE FOREGOING CASES WHETHER NOW EXISTING OR HEREAFTER ARISING AND WHETHER SOUNDING IN CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE. BORROWER AGREES THAT LENDER MAY FILE A COPY OF THIS ASSIGNMENT WITH ANY COURT AS WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF THE KNOWING, VOLUNTARY, AND BARGAINED AGREEMENT OF BORROWER IRREVOCABLY TO WAIVE ITS RIGHTS TO TRIAL BY JURY AS AN INDUCEMENT OF LENDER TO MAKE THE LOAN, AND THAT, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY DISPUTE OR CONTROVERSY WHATSOEVER BETWEEN BORROWER AND LENDER SHALL INSTEAD BE TRIED IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION BY A JUDGE SITTING WITHOUT A JURY.

5.8 Counterparts and Electronic Signatures. This Assignment, and any amendment or modification thereto or restatement thereof, may be executed in one or more counterparts, including electronic counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which, when taken together, shall be deemed to constitute one agreement binding on all parties to the document. Each party agrees that the electronic signatures, whether digital or encrypted, of the parties included in this Assignment are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Delivery of this Assignment, or any other document contemplated hereby, bearing an original or electronic signature by facsimile transmission, by electronic mail in "portable document format" (.pdf) form, or by any other electronic means intended to preserve the original graphic and pictorial appearance of a document, will have the same effect as physical delivery of a paper document bearing an original or electronic signature. It is hereby acknowledged by the parties that the enforcement of this provision is recognized under the full faith and credit provision of the U.S. Constitution and the U.S. Code and the Alabama Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (Ala. Code §§ 8-1A-1, et seq. (1975)).

[EXECUTION ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Borrower has executed this instrument, or has caused the same to be properly executed, effective as of the Effective Date.

BORROWER:

BROWN LANDS, L.L.C.

an Alabama limited liability company

By: 

Name: Andrew B. Brown, IV

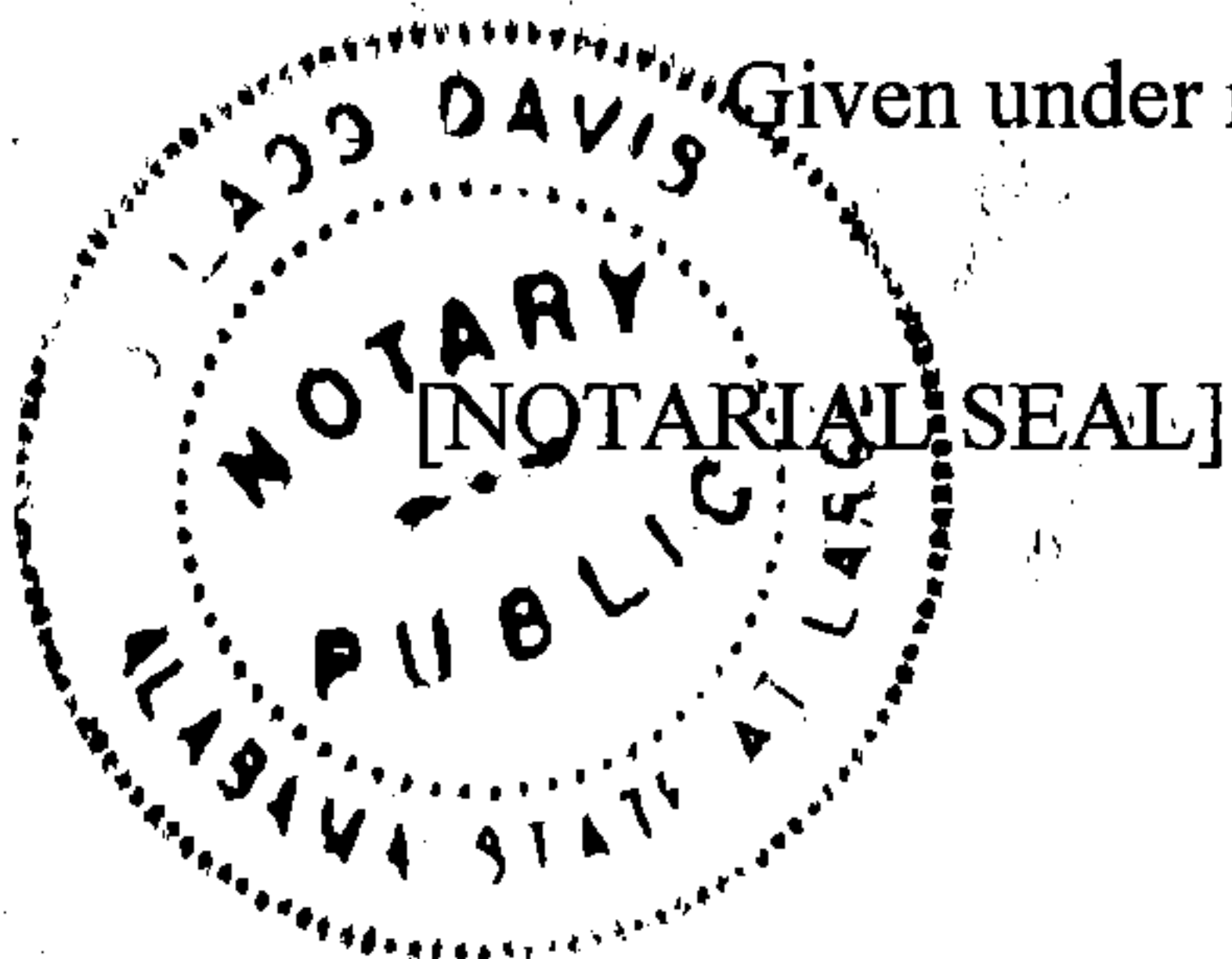
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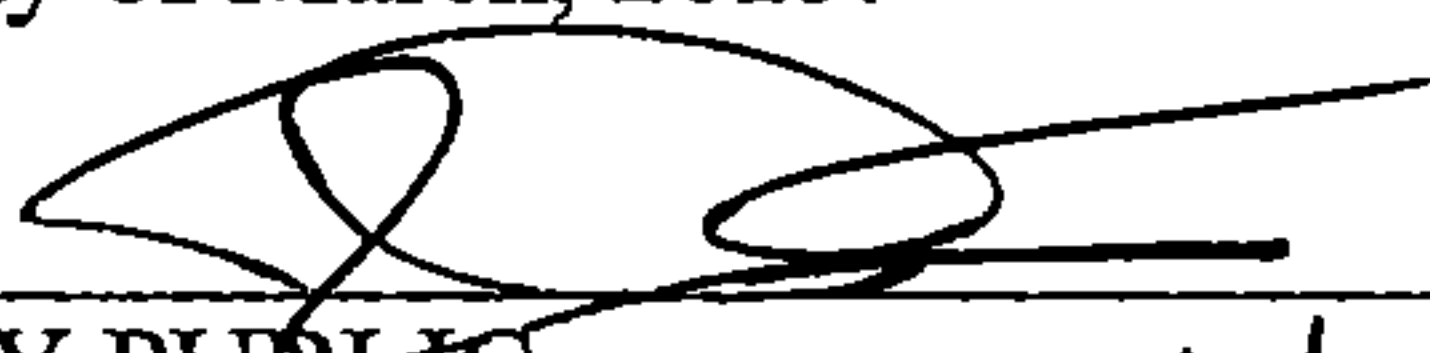
STATE OF ALABAMA)

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

I, a notary public in and for said county in said state, hereby certify that Andrew B. Brown, IV, whose name as Manager of **Brown Lands, L.L.C.**, an Alabama limited liability company, 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 Manager, and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said limited liability company.

Given under my hand and official seal this 11th day of March, 2025.




NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 11/1/2025

EXHIBIT A
[Legal Description]

PARCEL NO 1:

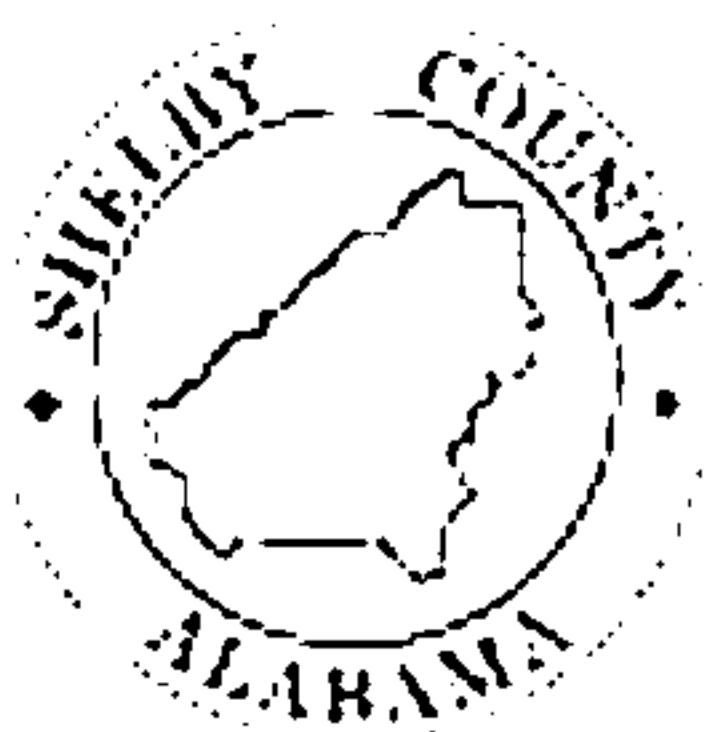
Commence at the NW Corner of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 23, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, Shelby County, Alabama; thence N89°14'54"E a distance of 446.72'; thence S09°30'48"E a distance of 276.53'; thence S11°29'31"E a distance of 233.04'; thence S08°36'44"E a distance of 119.67'; thence S87°44'08"E a distance of 350.24' to the Northerly R.O.W. line of Industrial Parkway; thence S15°08'15"E a distance of 35.47' to the Southerly R.O.W. line of Industrial Parkway and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S15°34'57"E and leaving said R.O.W. line a distance of 644.65' to the Northwesterly R.O.W. line of Norfolk Southern Railroad, to a curve to the right, having a radius of 2750.00', subtended by a chord bearing S52°54'44"W, and a chord distance of 355.37'; thence along the arc of said curve and along said R.O.W. line for a distance of 355.62'; thence S56°11'12"W and along said R.O.W. line a distance of 144.51'; thence N29°46'02"W and leaving said R.O.W. line a distance of 405.76' to the Southeasterly R.O.W. line of Industrial Parkway; thence N14°42'11"E and along said R.O.W. line a distance of 305.89', to a curve to the right, having a radius of 319.61', subtended by a chord bearing N38°12'53"E, and a chord distance of 255.01'; thence along the arc of said curve and along said R.O.W. line for a distance of 262.31', to a compound curve to the right having a radius of 636.84', subtended by a chord bearing N71°06'31"E, and a chord distance of 207.63'; thence along the arc of said curve and along said R.O.W. line for a distance of 208.56' to the POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS AND ACCEPT any R.O.W. of Industrial Parkway. Said Parcel containing 8.00 acres, more or less.

PARCEL NO 2:

Commence at the NW Corner of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 23, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, Shelby County, Alabama; thence N89°14'54"E a distance of 446.72'; thence S09°30'48"E a distance of 276.53'; thence S11°29'31"E a distance of 233.04'; thence S08°36'44"E a distance of 119.67'; thence S87°44'08"E a distance of 350.24' to the Northerly R.O.W. line of Industrial Parkway; thence S15°08'15"E a distance of 35.47' to the Southerly R.O.W. line of Industrial Parkway and the POINT OF BEGINNING, to a curve to the right, having a radius of 1055.98', subtended by a chord bearing of N87°32'32"E, and a chord distance of 268.14'; thence along the arc of said curve and along said R.O.W. line a distance of 268.86'; thence S48°02'25"E and leaving said R.O.W. line a distance of 134.48'; thence S47°44'04"E a distance of 21.34'; thence S43°33'04"E a distance of 213.12' to the Northwesterly R.O.W. line of Norfolk Southern Railroad; thence S41°16'41"W and along said R.O.W. line a distance of 114.67', to a curve to the right, having a radius of 2750.00', subtended by a chord bearing of S44°24'45"W, and a chord distance of 402.54'; thence along the arc of said curve and along said R.O.W. line a distance of 402.90'; thence N15°34'57"W and leaving said R.O.W. line a distance of 644.65' to the POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS AND ACCEPT any R.O.W. of Industrial Parkway. Said Parcel containing 4.26 acres, more or less.

PARCEL 3:

Lots 1 and 2, according to the Strickland Industrial Subdivision - Columbiana, as recorded in Map Book 41, Page 68, in Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama.



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