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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENTIAL LEASE  
16<sup>TH</sup> SECTION PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUST LAND

THIS 16TH SECTION PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUST LANDS RESIDENTIAL LEASE AGREEMENT, (hereinafter "Lease Agreement"), is made and entered into this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_\_ by and between the LESSOR,

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and LESSEE,

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INDEXING INSTRUCTIONS:

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WITNESSETH:

That, for the term and in consideration of the annual rentals hereinafter set forth, and the covenants, conditions, and obligations to be observed and performed by LESSEE, LESSOR does hereby lease, let and rent unto LESSEE the following classified "Residential lands", situated in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Mississippi (hereinafter called the "Leased Premises") and described as:

SEE SURVEY AND DESCRIPTION ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A" TO THIS LEASE

**1. Term.** The term of this Lease Agreement shall be for \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) years, beginning on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and terminating on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (called the "primary term"). For purposes of this Lease Agreement the Anniversary Date shall be \_\_\_\_\_ of each year.

It is expressly agreed and understood by all the parties hereto that part of the consideration given for the execution and delivery of this instrument is the option hereby granted to LESSEE to renew this Lease Agreement for an additional "secondary term" of twenty-five (25) years from \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_, under the same terms, conditions, and stipulations set forth herein, except the annual rental shall be based upon the fair market value of the land, excluding the value of buildings and improvements not then owned by LESSOR, as determined by a qualified appraiser selected by LESSOR hereto who performs his appraisal not more than twelve months and not less than three months prior to the expiration of the initial primary term. LESSEE shall exercise said option to renew for the secondary term of twenty-five (25) years by notifying LESSOR in writing no less than twelve (12) months in advance of the expiration of the primary term and by tendering the determined annual rental to LESSOR at its above-stated address prior to the expiration of the primary term as may be required by statute. The cost of the new appraisal shall be borne by LESSEE. A new lease shall be executed to effectuate the secondary term.

**2. Rental Amount.** LESSEE agrees and covenants to pay or cause to be paid to LESSOR annually, on or before the Anniversary Date of this Lease Agreement each year during the term hereof, rentals in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$ \_\_\_\_\_). The first annual payment has been made with the execution hereof, and a like amount, subject to adjustment, shall be due and payable on each anniversary date. Subsequent payment of annual rent shall be due on or before the Anniversary Date of this Lease Agreement. The obligation of LESSEE to pay rent under this Lease Agreement is unconditional, and the rent shall not be subject to set off for any reason or cause. LESSOR and LESSEE agree that in the event of termination or cancellation, any rental payment made during the term of this Lease Agreement is not refundable, and LESSEE waives any right or claim it may have to refund of rent paid. Rents shall be adjusted periodically pursuant to the rent adjustment clause contained in Paragraph 3 of this lease. In the event LESSEE is delinquent in the payment of rent, LESSEE shall pay a late charge equal to fifteen percent (15%) of the amount of rent past due for more than 30 days and thereafter shall pay interest on any rent past due at an annual rate (the "Default Rate) equal to the maximum rate then allowed by law or, if there is no maximum rate, then a rate equal to five

percent per annum above the discount rate, excluding any surcharge thereon, on ninety-day commercial paper in effect at the Federal Reserve Bank in the Federal Reserve district in which the LESSOR is located, calculated according to the actuarial method.

**3. Rent Adjustment.** The eighth and every subsequent eight year Anniversary Date of the commencement of this Lease Agreement shall be the effective dates of rental adjustments, and on such dates the amount of annual rental due and payable hereunder shall be adjusted in the manner hereafter described to reflect the current fair market rental value of the Leased Premises.

(a) LESSOR shall use its best efforts to cause the Leased Premises to be reappraised and a redetermination made of the annual fair market rental amount within six months before any adjustment date. In the event LESSOR shall fail to instigate reappraisal within the six months preceding any rent adjustment date, LESSOR shall not be deemed to have waived this provision requiring rent adjustment, and in such event (at any time after a rent adjustment date), LESSOR may proceed to have the Leased Premises reappraised and an adjusted rent determined for any such readjustment period. The adjusted rent shall be effective on the required adjustment date and LESSEE shall pay any deficiency to LESSOR within fifteen (15) days of the determination of the adjusted rent. The reappraisal shall be made pursuant to the Mississippi Code of 1972, § 29-3-69, or pursuant to the statute then in effect governing such leases and procedures for determining fair market rental value. The reappraisal shall establish the fair market value of the property unencumbered by this lease and shall reflect the market rate of return at the time but shall be no less than the minimum acceptable percentage provided by the statute in effect. Unless altered by the procedures described below, the amount of rent so determined as of each rental adjustment date shall be paid until the next rental adjustment date or for the balance of the lease as the case may be. The appraisal process described in this subparagraph (a) may be referred to hereafter as the Statutory Procedure. The cost of the reappraisal shall be borne by LESSEE, using an appraiser selected by LESSOR.

(b) Should the Statutory Procedure result in an increase in rent over the amount previously due, LESSEE, by notice in writing given to LESSOR within 15 days after receiving notice of the increase, shall have the right to elect an alternate method of determining the current fair market rental value of the Leased Premises (the "Alternate Procedure") as follows:

(1) LESSEE may provide an appraisal by a Mississippi licensed appraiser having the qualifications hereafter described giving an opinion of current fair market annual rental value based on the (i) the fair market value of the land unencumbered by this lease and (ii) a reasonable percentage of return on comparable land investments as of the rental adjustment date. The written report of LESSEE'S appraiser shall be delivered to LESSOR within 45 days after the date on which LESSOR gave notice of an increase in rent under the Statutory Procedure. UPON FAILURE TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATE APPRAISAL WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED, LESSEE SHALL FORFEIT THE RIGHT TO PURSUE THE ALTERNATE PROCEDURE, AND ANNUAL RENT DETERMINED UNDER THE STATUTORY PROCEDURE SHALL BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE.

(2) The two appraisers shall make a good faith effort to reconcile their differences. If they have been unable to do so within 10 days after delivery of the report of LESSEE'S appraiser, the two appraisers within such 10 day period shall each submit the names of three appraisers having the qualifications hereafter described who practice in Mississippi to serve as a review appraiser, and they shall select the review appraiser

from names in common on the two lists. If there is no name in common on the two lists, or if the person selected shall decline to serve, then each appraiser shall submit another list of three names of persons meeting the same criteria.

(3) The review appraiser shall review and analyze the two appraisal reports, and if needed, inspect the land, consult with the two appraisers, review their assumptions and source information and request corrections, revisions, and additions to the appraisal reports. The review appraiser may also consider relevant information from his own files, conduct such independent investigation as he deems appropriate and may consider comparable transactions which occurred after the rental adjustment date.

(4) The review appraiser shall report his opinion of annual fair market rent and such amount shall be accepted by LESSOR and LESSEE as the current fair market rental value of the Leased Premises.

(c) If LESSEE requests the Alternate Procedure, LESSEE shall pay all fees and expenses of LESSEE'S appraiser, the review appraiser and any additional charges of LESSOR'S appraiser. The review appraiser, however, shall perform his duties in an independent and impartial manner irrespective of the source of payment of his fees and expenses.

(d) The annual rentals on any adjustment date shall not be reduced below the amount established upon the initial date of this lease except upon determination by the Statutory Procedure.

(e) The amount of rent determined in the above manner shall be remitted on or before the rental adjustment date or, if the rental adjustment procedures are concluded after such date, then promptly upon conclusion of such procedures effective as of the rental adjustment date.

(f) The rent adjustment procedures will not delay the due date of rent at the existing annual rate and will not affect LESSOR'S right to declare a default if such rent is not timely paid.

(g) LESSEE'S appraiser and the review appraiser must be members of the same organization of appraisers as LESSOR'S appraiser, or an organization having higher requirements for admission, and must have the same or higher designation (such as, for example, Member, Appraisal Institute). If LESSOR'S appraiser belongs to more than one organization, the other appraisers must belong to the organization having the highest standards and qualifications for membership. If the organization has multiple designations for appraisers, the review appraiser and LESSEE'S appraiser must hold the same or a higher designation as held by LESSOR'S appraiser.

**4. Taxes.** LESSEE covenants and agrees to pay any and all general and special taxes and assessments, including drainage taxes, if ever any there be, applicable to the Leased Premises and LESSEE'S interest therein; further, LESSEE covenants and agrees to pay any and all survey costs and recording fees in connection with this Lease Agreement or any other fees so determined by law. All payments for general and special taxes and assessments, including drainage taxes, shall be made directly to the governmental authority responsible for collecting such taxes and assessments. During the final year of the lease term, LESSOR or the governmental authority responsible for collecting taxes and assessments may require payment of any such taxes or assessments in advance or require that other security be given

to insure that taxes will be paid when due. In the event it becomes necessary for the County Tax Collector or any other authority responsible for collecting general and special taxes or assessments to retain the services of attorneys to collect any taxes or assessments due from LESSEE under this lease, then LESSEE agrees to pay all costs and expenses of such actions or collections, including a reasonable attorneys' fee for the County Tax Collector or such other authority responsible for collecting said taxes or assessments.

**5. Assignment.** This lease SHALL NOT BE ASSIGNED OR SUBLEASED. Assignment or sublease of this Lease Agreement or any rights hereunder shall automatically terminate this lease without any further notice or action by LESSOR. In the event LESSEE owns improvements on Leased Premises, any purchaser of said improvements or any person or entity holding a contract to purchase said improvements shall have the right of first refusal to negotiate a new lease agreement with LESSOR.

**6. Improvements.** LESSEE agrees, at LESSEE'S own cost and expense, to keep all improvements in a good state of repair at all times and maintain the premises in good order and in a clean, sanitary and safe condition. While this Lease continues in force and effect, LESSEE shall have the unrestricted right to remove, change, alter, modify, add to or subtract from any of LESSEE'S improvements on the land as LESSEE may in his sole discretion elect so to do, and LESSOR, while this Lease or any extensions thereof continues in force and effect, shall have no ownership interest in any of LESSEE'S improvements. If any improvements are removed, LESSEE shall be obligated to remove all foundations and paved areas, fill any excavations with a soil material suitable as a foundation support for further construction and generally restore the premises to a condition suitable for construction, use and occupancy by others. LESSEE shall have the right to construct new or replacement buildings or structures on the Leased Premises. In the event construction is contemplated, LESSEE shall submit a description of the general nature of the proposed improvement and its intended use to LESSOR for approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

**7. Default.** The parties herein expressly agree that if default shall be made in the payment of any tax assessment or other charge made pursuant to this Lease Agreement, then and in any such event of default, it shall be lawful for LESSOR, its legal representatives or assigns, to enter upon the Leased Premises, or any part thereof, either with or without process of law, to re-enter and repossess the same, and to distraint for any rent or assessment that may be due thereon, at the election of LESSOR, but nothing herein is to be construed to mean that LESSOR is not permitted to hold LESSEE liable for any unpaid liens or assessment to that time. As to all other conditions, covenants and obligations imposed on LESSEE herein, enforcement shall be by proceedings at law or in equity against any person or persons violating or attempting to violate said conditions, covenants and obligations, to restrain violation and to recover damages, if any, including reasonable expenses of litigation and a reasonable attorney's fee, which LESSEE expressly agrees to pay. Such enforcement by proceedings at law or in equity may be instituted at any time after sixty (60) days written notice to LESSEE. Invalidation of any provision(s) of this Lease by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any of the remaining provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

**8. Forfeiture.** In the event of any forfeiture, default or cancellation of this Lease Agreement or termination under the terms hereof as aforesaid, LESSEE shall quit, deliver up and surrender possession of the Leased Premises, and all structures and improvements thereon to LESSOR,

and thereupon this Lease Agreement and all agreements and covenants on LESSOR'S behalf to be performed and kept, shall cease, terminate and be utterly void, the same as if this Lease had not been made; and in addition thereto, LESSOR shall be entitled to whatever remedies it may have at law for the collection of any unpaid rental hereunder, or for any other sums, for damages or otherwise, that it may have sustained on account of LESSEE'S non fulfillment or nonperformance of the terms and conditions of this Lease. LESSEE shall pay to LESSOR all costs of collection of rent or enforcement of this Lease Agreement, including expenses of litigation and attorneys fees, regardless of whether suit is filed. Immediately upon the termination of this Lease in any manner, whether by litigation or forfeiture, LESSOR shall be entitled to take possession of the Leased Premises and all the improvements thereon absolutely, any custom, usage, or law to the contrary notwithstanding. Mobile homes, factory manufactured, complete with wheels, where permitted to be placed, may, however, be removed at the termination of the Lease Agreement, when termination is by the expiration of the full term, but not in the event of default.

**9. Waste.** LESSEE shall be responsible for any waste or damages that may be caused to LESSOR's property by the activities of LESSEE under this Lease Agreement, and shall exercise due diligence in the protection of all improvements, timber and other property of LESSOR, which may be located on the Leased Premises or in the vicinity thereof, against fire or damage from any and all other causes. LESSEE shall further comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations concerning LESSEE'S use of the property and/or obligations under this Lease Agreement. This obligation shall include, but not be limited to, compliance with federal, state and local environmental, endangered species, wetlands, and other laws, rules and regulations that may presently exist or hereafter be adopted. In the event of contamination of soils, air or water arising out of any LESSEE use, LESSEE shall be responsible for all mandated remediation and monitoring with this obligation to survive termination of this lease.

**10. Indemnity.** LESSEE shall protect, indemnify, defend, save, and hold harmless LESSOR, the State of Mississippi, and the Secretary of State, their officers, board members, employees and agents, from and against all claims, demands, liabilities, suits, injuries, and any and all losses or damages and cost of every kind and nature whatsoever ("loss"), including but not limited to all court costs and attorneys fees and all personal injury or death and/or damage to any person or entity including, but not limited to, LESSOR and its property or other loss arising out of any alleged noncompliance with laws or caused by LESSEE'S exercise of its rights under this Lease Agreement and/or resulting from the actions or omission of LESSEE in connection with its presence on or any use of Leased Premises by it, its officers, agents, subcontractors, employees, or invitees; provided, however, it is understood that the indemnity provided by LESSEE as described in this paragraph shall not extend to intentional or negligent acts of LESSOR, its officers, or agents.

**11. Right to Cure.** Notwithstanding any DEFAULT of this Lease Agreement, any present or future holder of a mortgage or deed of trust representing money loaned on facilities located on the Leased Premises shall have the right of a sixty (60) day notice of default within which to cure any default which may be cured by the payment of money. In addition, for any other default for which a forfeiture of said Lease may be invoked, such holder shall have reasonable time, which shall not be less than sixty (60) days, either to require the correction of such default, or in lieu thereof to protect itself through the exercise of a power of sale and thereby acquire title to such properties and correct such default.

**12. Enjoyment.** LESSEE shall have quiet and peaceable possession as long as compliance is made by LESSEE with the terms of this Lease Agreement. LESSEE, his heirs successors or assigns, shall occupy the premises as a single family residence; but this condition shall not prejudice rights of a holder of mortgage or deed of trust set forth elsewhere in this residential lease agreement. LESSEE certifies that there are no other dwellings on the Leased Premises other than LESSEE'S dwelling.

**13. Reservation.** LESSOR reserves title to all timber, the right to harvest said timber at LESSOR's discretion and to reseed or replant after harvest, together with title to all minerals and oil and gas, together with the right of ingress and egress to remove same, as provided by law. LESSOR reserves the right to grant or sell rights-of-way across the Leased Premises for roads, highways, railroads, fiber optic cables or any public utility line, provided that any such roads, highways, railroads, fiber optic cables or public utility lines be constructed or operated in a manner so as not to unreasonably interfere with LESSEE'S use of the property.

**14. Mortgage.** Any recorded mortgages or deed of trust may provide that any default by the LESSEE/Mortgagor concerning this Lease shall likewise be a default of such mortgage or deed of trust, but failure to indicate such provisions in any mortgage or deed of trust shall not affect the validity or propriety thereof nor diminish the protection extended to the holder of such mortgage or deed of trust or the indebtedness secured thereby. Notwithstanding any provision of this Lease to the contrary, in the event of a default and foreclosure of a mortgage or deed of trust representing money loaned on the hereinbefore described property or the receipt of a transfer in lieu thereof, the purchaser at such foreclosure or the recipient of a transfer in lieu thereof will receive all the rights and privileges of a LESSEE and likewise assume all responsibilities of a LESSEE as if such purchaser or transferee had initially been a LESSEE under this Lease Agreement.

**15. Condemnation.** In the event of condemnation or other taking for public use under powers of eminent domain of all or part of LESSEE'S interest in the Leased Premises, payments for such condemnation or taking of LESSEE'S leasehold interest shall be payable to LESSEE, or, if the LESSEE'S promises are encumbered by a mortgage or Deed of Trust, payment for the leasehold estate shall be made in accordance with the terms and provisions of such mortgage or Deed of Trust. Leasehold mortgagee (or trustee for restoration in the case of partial awards) shall be entitled to receive payment of a condemnation award to which LESSEE is entitled. The payment must not be less than the total award less the value of the land considered as unimproved.

**16. Notices.** All notices specified by this Lease Agreement shall be in writing and sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid to the following addresses or hand-delivered in person, delivered by facsimile or otherwise to the following persons. By written notice, either party may change the persons or addresses to whom notice may be given.  
16th Section Manager

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\_\_\_\_\_, Mississippi \_\_\_\_\_  
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To LESSEE:

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\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
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**17. Filing.** LESSOR will deliver this Lease Agreement to the Chancery Clerk of \_\_\_\_\_ County for recording, and LESSEE has herewith delivered to LESSOR a check in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to such Chancery Clerk as recording fees.

**18. Immunity.** No provision of this Lease Agreement, whether requiring LESSEE to maintain insurance or to indemnify LESSOR or otherwise, shall be construed as a waiver by LESSOR of any provision of law related to governmental immunity.

**19. Interpretation.** The parties to this Lease Agreement acknowledge that they have freely entered into this Lease Agreement and any ambiguities shall not be construed against a single party.

**20. Governing Law.** This Lease Agreement shall be governed by, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi. Jurisdiction and venue for any actions arising from this Lease Agreement and any amendments hereto shall rest exclusively in the Chancery Court of \_\_\_\_\_, Mississippi.

**21. Secretary of State.** By virtue of the signature below, the Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi has approved this Lease Agreement in accordance with the Secretary's authority for general supervision of 16th Section Public School Trust Land. Approval of this Lease Agreement by the Secretary of State indicates that the LESSOR has exercised the care and skill of an ordinary prudent person to protect the beneficiaries of the 16th Section Public School Trust Land.

**22. Supervisory Trustee.** The Secretary of State, as supervisory trustee, shall have the right to institute any action to enforce the terms of this Lease Agreement in the event LESSOR fails to do in a timely manner. In the event the Secretary institutes legal action to enforce the terms of this Lease Agreement, he shall have all rights as are conferred to LESSOR.

**23. Additional Provisions.** This Lease Agreement contains an Exhibit "B." Any additional or special provisions to this Lease Agreement are set forth in Exhibit "B" and incorporated by reference as if copied fully herein. If there are no additional or special provisions then Exhibit "B" shall state "NONE."

**24. Entire Agreement.** This Lease Agreement shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties. Any prior understanding or representation of any kind preceding the date of this Lease Agreement shall not be binding upon either party except to the extent incorporated in this agreement. This Lease Agreement contains Exhibits "A" and "B." If Exhibits "A" and "B" are not attached to this Lease Agreement, then this Lease Agreement shall be null and void.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Lease Agreement is executed by LESSOR and pursuant to order entered upon its minutes, is executed by LESSEE this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of:

LESSOR:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
School District

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Board of Supervisors

\_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
President: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board President: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of State:  
Michael Watson

LESSEE:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

School District

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for said county and state, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_\_, within my jurisdiction, the within named \_\_\_\_\_, Superintendent of Schools and \_\_\_\_\_, school board President of the \_\_\_\_\_ School District Board of Education, who acknowledged that in said representative capacity as Superintendent of Schools and President of the Board of Education of the \_\_\_\_\_ School District, they executed the above and foregoing instrument for and on behalf of said Board of Education, after first having been duly authorized so to do.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public)

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ (Affix official seal, if applicable)

Board of Supervisors

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_\_, within my jurisdiction, the within named \_\_\_\_\_, who acknowledged to me that he / she is the President of the Board of Supervisors of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Mississippi, and that in said representative capacity he / she executed the above and foregoing instrument for and on behalf of said Board of Supervisors, after first having been duly authorized so to do.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public)

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ (Affix official seal, if applicable)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Lessee - Personal

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for said county and state, on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_, within my jurisdiction, the within named \_\_\_\_\_, who acknowledged that he / she executed the above and foregoing instrument.

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Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public)

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ (Affix official seal, if applicable)

Lessee - Corporate

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority in and for said county and state, on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_, within my jurisdiction, the within named \_\_\_\_\_, who acknowledged to me that he / she is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and that in said representative capacity he / she executed the above and foregoing instrument, after first having been duly authorized so to do.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public)

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ (Affix official seal, if applicable)

EXHIBIT "A": DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

EXHIBIT "B": ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS