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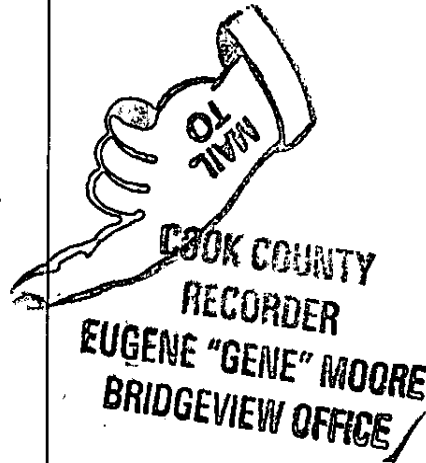
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This Assignment of Rents prepared by:

Bernadette Casserly, Commercial Loan Administrator
7661 S. Harlem
Bridgeview, IL 60455

ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS

THIS ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS dated June 7, 2000, is made and executed between Cosmopolitan Bank and Trust, not personally but as Trustee on behalf of Cosmopolitan Bank and Trust Trust No. 31054 (referred to below as "Grantor") and PRAIRIE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, whose address is 7661 SOUTH HARLEM AVE., BRIDGEVIEW, IL 60455 (referred to below as "Lender").

Assignment. For valuable consideration, Grantor hereby assigns, grants a continuing security interest in, and conveys to Lender all of Grantor's right, title, and interest in and to the Rents from the following described Property located in Cook County, State of Illinois:

LOT 5 IN BLOCK 8 IN F.H. DOLAND'S SUBDIVISION IN ROGERS PARK, BEING THE 590 FEET LYING EAST OF AND ADJOINING THE WEST 175 FEET OF THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SOUTH OF THE CHICAGO MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL RAILROAD EVANSTON DIVISION PLAT RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 1194920 IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

The Real Property or its address is commonly known as 1521 West Sherwin, Chicago, IL 60626-2171. The Real Property tax identification number is 11-29-316-006-0000.

REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT. Specifically, in addition to the amounts specified in the Indebtedness definition, and without limitation, this Assignment secures a revolving line of credit and shall secure not only the amount which Lender has presently advanced to Borrower under the Note, but also any future amounts which Lender may advance to Borrower under the Note within twenty (20) years from the date of this Assignment to the same extent as if such future advance were made as of the date of the execution of this Assignment. The revolving line of credit obligates Lender to make advances to Borrower so long as Borrower complies with all the terms of the Note and Related Documents.

THIS ASSIGNMENT IS GIVEN TO SECURE (1) PAYMENT OF THE INDEBTEDNESS AND (2) PERFORMANCE OF ANY AND ALL OBLIGATIONS OF BORROWER AND GRANTOR UNDER THE NOTE, THIS ASSIGNMENT,

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Compliance with Laws. Lender may do any and all things to execute and comply with the laws of the State

the Property.

Maintain the Property. Lender may enter upon the Property to maintain the Property and keep the same in repair; to pay the costs thereof and of all services of all employees, including their equipment, and of all continuing costs and expenses of maintaining the Property in proper repair and condition, and also to pay all taxes, assessments and water utilities, and the premiums on fire and other insurance effected by Lender on

persons from the Property.

Enter the Property. Lender may enter upon and take possession of the Property; demand, collect and receive from the tenants or from any other persons liable therefor, all of the Rents; institute and carry on all legal proceedings necessary for the protection of the Property, including such proceedings as may be necessary to recover possession of the Property; collect the Rents and remove any tenant or tenants or other

Assignment and directing all Rents to be paid directly to Lender or Lender's agent.

Notice to Tenants. Lender may send notices to any and all tenants of the Property advising them of this Lender is hereby given and granted the following rights, powers and authority:

LENDER'S RIGHT TO RECEIVE AND COLLECT RENTS. Lender shall have the right at any time, and even though no default shall have occurred under this Assignment, to collect and receive the Rents. For this purpose,

in the Rents except as provided in this Assignment.

No Further Transfer. Grantor will not sell, assign, encumber, or otherwise dispose of any of Grantor's rights

any instrument now in force.

No Prior Assignment. Grantor has not previously assigned or conveyed the Rents to any other person by

and convey the Rents to Lender.

Right to Assign. Grantor has the full right, power and authority to enter into this Assignment and to assign

and claims except as disclosed to and accepted by Lender in writing.

Ownership. Grantor is entitled to receive the Rents free and clear of all rights, loans, liens, encumbrances,

GRANTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. Grantor warrants that:

proceeding.

of the right to collect the Rents shall not constitute Lender's consent to the use of cash collateral in a bankruptcy

possession and control of and operate and manage the Property and collect the Rents, provided that the granting

the Rents as provided below and nothing as there is no default under this Assignment, Grantor may remain in

perform all of Grantor's obligations under this Assignment. Unless and until Lender exercises its right to collect

Grantor shall pay to Lender all amounts secured by this Assignment as they become due, and shall strictly

PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE. Except as otherwise provided in this Assignment or any Related Documents,

Lender takes or fails to take under this Assignment.

realizing upon the Property. Borrower agrees to remain liable under the Note with Lender no matter what action

Lender, including without limitation any failure of Lender to realize upon the Property, or any delay by Lender in

informed about the Property. Borrower waives any defenses that may arise because of any action or inaction of

Lender takes in connection with this Assignment. Borrower assumes the responsibility for being and keeping

BORROWER'S WAIVERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. Lender need not tell Borrower about any action or inaction

GRANTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. Grantor warrants that:

GRANTOR'S WAIVERS. Grantor waives all rights or defenses arising by reason of any "one action" or

"anti-deficiency" law, or any other law which may prevent Lender from bringing any action against Grantor,

including a claim for deficiency to the extent Lender is otherwise entitled to a claim for deficiency, before or after

Lender's commencement or completion of any foreclosure action, either judicially or by exercise of a power of

sale.

TERMS:

AND THE RELATED DOCUMENTS. THIS ASSIGNMENT IS GIVEN AND ACCEPTED ON THE FOLLOWING

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of Illinois and also all other laws, rules, orders, ordinances and requirements of all other governmental agencies affecting the Property.

Lease the Property. Lender may rent or lease the whole or any part of the Property for such term or terms and on such conditions as Lender may deem appropriate.

Employ Agents. Lender may engage such agent or agents as Lender may deem appropriate, either in Lender's name or in Grantor's name, to rent and manage the Property, including the collection and application of Rents.

Other Acts. Lender may do all such other things and acts with respect to the Property as Lender may deem appropriate and may act exclusively and solely in the place and stead of Grantor and to have all of the powers of Grantor for the purposes stated above.

No Requirement to Act. Lender shall not be required to do any of the foregoing acts or things, and the fact that Lender shall have performed one or more of the foregoing acts or things shall not require Lender to do any other specific act or thing.

APPLICATION OF RENTS. All costs and expenses incurred by Lender in connection with the Property shall be for Grantor's account and Lender may pay such costs and expenses from the Rents. Lender, in its sole discretion, shall determine the application of any and all Rents received by it; however, any such Rents received by Lender which are not applied to such costs and expenses shall be applied to the Indebtedness. All expenditures made by Lender under this Assignment and not reimbursed from the Rents shall become a part of the Indebtedness secured by this Assignment, and shall be payable on demand, with interest at the Note rate from date of expenditure until paid.

FULL PERFORMANCE. If Grantor pays all of the Indebtedness when due and otherwise performs all the obligations imposed upon Grantor under this Assignment, the Note, and the Related Documents, Lender shall execute and deliver to Grantor a suitable satisfaction of this Assignment and suitable statements of termination of any financing statement on file evidencing Lender's security interest in the Rents and the Property. Any termination fee required by law shall be paid by Grantor, if permitted by applicable law.

REINSTATEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST. If payment is made by Borrower, whether voluntarily or otherwise, or by guarantor or by any third party, on the Indebtedness and thereafter Lender is forced to remit the amount of that payment (A) to Borrower's trustee in bankruptcy or to any similar person under any federal or state bankruptcy law or law for the relief of debtors, (B) by reason of any judgment, decree or order of any court or administrative body having jurisdiction over Lender or any of Lender's property, or (C) by reason of any settlement or compromise of any claim made by Lender with any claimant (including without limitation Borrower), the Indebtedness shall be considered unpaid for the purpose of enforcement of this Assignment and this Assignment shall continue to be effective or shall be reinstated, as the case may be notwithstanding any cancellation of this Assignment or of any note or other instrument or agreement evidencing the Indebtedness and the Property will continue to secure the amount repaid or recovered to the same extent as if that amount never had been originally received by Lender, and Grantor shall be bound by any judgment, decree, order, settlement or compromise relating to the Indebtedness or to this Assignment.

LENDER'S EXPENDITURES. If any action or proceeding is commenced that would materially affect Lender's interest in the Property or if Grantor fails to comply with any provision of this Assignment or any Related Documents, including but not limited to Grantor's failure to discharge or pay when due any amounts Grantor is required to discharge or pay under this Assignment or any Related Documents, Lender on Grantor's behalf may (but shall not be obligated to) take any action that Lender deems appropriate, including but not limited to discharging or paying all taxes, liens, security interests, encumbrances and other claims, at any time levied or placed on the Rents or the Property and paying all costs for insuring, maintaining and preserving the Property. All such expenditures incurred or paid by Lender for such purposes will then bear interest at the rate charged under the Note from the date incurred or paid by Lender to the date of repayment by Grantor. All such expenses will become a part of the Indebtedness and, at Lender's option, will (A) be payable on demand; (B) be added to the balance of the Note and be apportioned among and be payable with any installment payments to become due during either (1) the term of any applicable insurance policy; or (2) the remaining term of the Note; or (C)

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MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS. The following miscellaneous provisions are a part of this Assignment:

any court costs, in addition to all other sums provided by law. Lender shall have the right to take possession of the Property, with the power to protect and preserve the Property, to operate the Property preceding foreclosure or sale, and to collect the Rents from the Property and apply the proceeds, over and above the cost of the receivership, against the Indebtedness. The mortgagee in possession or receiver may serve without bond if permitted by law. Lender's right to the appointment of a receiver shall exist whether or not the apparent value of the Property exceeds the indebtedness by a substantial amount. Employment by Lender shall not disqualify a person from serving as a receiver.

Attorneys' Fees; Expenses. If Lender institutes any suit or action to enforce any of the terms of this Assignment, Lender shall be entitled to recover such sum as the court may judge reasonable as attorneys' fees at trial and upon any appeal. Whether or not any court action is involved, and to the extent not prohibited by law, all reasonable expenses Lender incurs that in Lender's opinion are necessary at any time for the protection of its interest or the enforcement of its rights shall become a part of the indebtedness payable on demand and shall bear interest at the Note rate from the date of the expenditure until repaid. Expenses covered by this paragraph include, without limitation, however subject to any limits under applicable law, Lender's attorneys' fees and Lender's legal expenses, whether or not there is a lawsuit, including attorneys' fees and expenses for bankruptcy proceedings (including efforts to modify or vacate any automatic stay or injunction), appeals, and any anticipated post-judgment collection services, the cost of searching records, obtaining title reports (including foreclosure reports), surveys, reports, and appraisal fees, title insurance, and fees for the Trustee, to the extent permitted by applicable law. Grantor also will pay any court costs, in addition to all other sums provided by law.

Election of Remedies. A waiver by any party of a breach of a provision of this Assignment shall not constitute a waiver of or prejudice the party's rights otherwise to demand strict compliance with that provision or any other provision. Election by Lender to pursue any remedy will not bar any other remedy, and an election to make expenditures or to take action to perform an obligation of Grantor under this Assignment, after Grantor's failure to perform, shall not affect Lender's right to declare a default and exercise its remedies.

Other Remedies. Lender shall have all other rights and remedies provided in this Assignment or the Note or by law. Lender shall have the right to be placed as mortgagee in possession or to have a receiver appointed to take possession of all or any part of the Property, with the power to protect and preserve the Property, to operate the Property preceding foreclosure or sale, and to collect the Rents from the Property and apply the proceeds, over and above the cost of the receivership, against the Indebtedness. The mortgagee in possession or receiver may serve without bond if permitted by law. Lender's right to the appointment of a receiver shall exist whether or not the apparent value of the Property exceeds the indebtedness by a substantial amount. Employment by Lender shall not disqualify a person from serving as a receiver.

Mortgagee in Possession. Lender shall have the right to be placed as mortgagee in possession or to have a receiver appointed to take possession of all or any part of the Property, with the power to protect and preserve the Property, to operate the Property preceding foreclosure or sale, and to collect the Rents from the Property and apply the proceeds, over and above the cost of the receivership, against the Indebtedness. The mortgagee in possession or receiver may serve without bond if permitted by law. Lender's right to the appointment of a receiver shall exist whether or not the apparent value of the Property exceeds the indebtedness by a substantial amount. Employment by Lender shall not disqualify a person from serving as a receiver.

Collect Rents. Lender shall have the right, without notice to Borrower or Grantor, to take possession of the Property and collect the Rents, including amounts past due and unpaid, and apply the net proceeds, over and above Lender's costs, against the Indebtedness. In furtherance of this right, Lender shall have all the rights provided for in the Lender's Right to Receive and Collect Rents Section, above. If the Rents are collected by Lender, then Grantor irrevocably designates Lender as Grantor's attorney-in-fact to endorse instruments received in payment thereof in the name of Grantor and to negotiate the same and collect the proceeds. Payments by tenants or other users to Lender in response to Lender's demand shall satisfy the obligations for which the payments are made, whether or not any proper grounds for the demand existed. Lender may exercise its rights under this subparagraph either in person, by agent, or through a receiver.

Accelerate Indebtedness. Lender shall have the right at its option without notice to Grantor to declare the entire Indebtedness immediately due and payable, including any prepayment penalty which Grantor would be required to pay.

RIGHTS AND REMEDIES ON DEFAULT. Upon Default and at any time thereafter, Lender may exercise any one or more of the following rights and remedies, in addition to any other rights or remedies provided by law:

DEFAULT. Default will occur if payment in full is not made immediately when due. Lender may be entitled upon Default. Such right shall be in addition to all other rights and remedies to which be treated as a balloon payment which will be due and payable at the Note's maturity. The Property also will secure payment of these amounts. Lender shall have the right at its option without notice to Grantor to declare the entire Indebtedness immediately due and payable, including any prepayment penalty which Grantor would be required to pay.

Amendments. This Assignment, together with any Related Documents, constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the parties as to the matters set forth in this Assignment. No alteration of or amendment to this Assignment shall be effective unless given in writing and signed by the party or parties sought to be charged or bound by the alteration or amendment.

Caption Headings. Caption headings in this Assignment are for convenience purposes only and are not to be used to interpret or define the provisions of this Assignment.

Governing Law. This Assignment will be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with federal law and the laws of the State of Illinois. This Assignment has been accepted by Lender in the State of Illinois.

Choice of Venue. If there is a lawsuit, Grantor agrees upon Lender's request to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of COOK County, State of Illinois.

Joint and Several Liability. All obligations of Borrower and Grantor under this Assignment shall be joint and several, and all references to Grantor shall mean each and every Grantor, and all references to Borrower shall mean each and every Borrower. This means that each Borrower and Grantor signing below is responsible for all obligations in this Assignment.

Merger. There shall be no merger of the interest or estate created by this assignment with any other interest or estate in the Property at any time held by or for the benefit of Lender in any capacity, without the written consent of Lender.

Amendments and Interpretation. (1) What is written in this Assignment is my entire agreement with Lender concerning the Property. This Assignment may not be changed except by another written agreement between us. (2) If more than one person signs below, our obligations are joint and several. This means that the words "I," "me," and "my" mean each and every person or entity signing this Assignment, and that, if Lender brings a lawsuit, Lender may sue any one or more of us. I also understand Lender need not sue Borrower first, and that Borrower need not be joined in any lawsuit. (3) The names given to paragraphs or sections in this Assignment are for convenience purposes only. They are not to be used to interpret or define the provisions of this Assignment. (4) I agree that this Assignment is the best evidence of my agreements with Lender.

No Waiver by Lender. Lender shall not be deemed to have waived any rights under this Assignment unless such waiver is given in writing and signed by Lender. No delay or omission on the part of Lender in exercising any right shall operate as a waiver of such right or any other right. A waiver by Lender of a provision of this Assignment shall not prejudice or constitute a waiver of Lender's right otherwise to demand strict compliance with that provision or any other provision of this Assignment. No prior waiver by Lender, nor any course of dealing between Lender and Grantor, shall constitute a waiver of any of Lender's rights or of any of Grantor's obligations as to any future transactions. Whenever the consent of Lender is required under this Assignment, the granting of such consent by Lender in any instance shall not constitute continuing consent to subsequent instances where such consent is required and in all cases such consent may be granted or withheld in the sole discretion of Lender.

Notices. Any notice required to be given under this Assignment shall be given in writing, and shall be effective when actually delivered, when actually received by telefacsimile (unless otherwise required by law), when deposited with a nationally recognized overnight courier, or, if mailed, when deposited in the United States mail, as first class, certified or registered mail postage prepaid, directed to the addresses shown near the beginning of this Assignment. Any party may change its address for notices under this Assignment by giving formal written notice to the other parties, specifying that the purpose of the notice is to change the party's address. For notice purposes, Grantor agrees to keep Lender informed at all times of Grantor's current address. Unless otherwise provided or required by law, if there is more than one Grantor, any notice given by Lender to any Grantor is deemed to be notice given to all Grantors.

Powers of Attorney. The various agencies and powers of attorney conveyed on Lender under this Assignment are granted for purposes of security and may not be revoked by Grantor until such time as the

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Note. The word "Note" means the promissory note dated June 7, 2000, in the original principal amount of \$540,000.00 from Borrower to Lender, together with all renewals of, extensions of, modifications of, refinancings of, consolidations of, and substitutions for the promissory note or agreement. The interest rate on the Note is a variable interest rate based upon an index. The index currently is 9.500% per annum. Payments on the Note are to be made in accordance with the following payment schedule: in one payment of all outstanding principal plus all accrued unpaid interest on June 7, 2001. In addition, Borrower will pay regular monthly payments of all accrued unpaid interest due as of each payment date, beginning July 7, 2000, with all subsequent interest payments to be due on the same day of each month after that. If the index increases, the payments tied to the index, and therefore the total amount secured hereunder, will increase. Any variable interest rate tied to the index shall be calculated as of, and shall begin on, the commencement date indicated for the applicable payment stream. **NOTICE:** Under no circumstances shall the interest rate on this Assignment be more than the maximum rate allowed by applicable law.

Lender. The word "Lender" means PRAIRIE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, its successors and assigns. The word "Grantor" means Cosmopolitan Bank and Trust No. 31054.

Default. The word "Default" means the Default set forth in this Assignment in the section titled "Default".

Borrower. The word "Borrower" means Ivan Cico, Jr.,

Assignment. The word "Assignment" means this Assignment of Rents, as this Assignment of Rents may be amended or modified from time to time, together with all exhibits and schedules attached to this Assignment of Rents from time to time.

WAIVER OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION. Grantor hereby releases and waives all rights and benefits of the homestead exemption laws of the State of Illinois as to all indebtedness secured by this Assignment.

DEFINITIONS. The following capitalized words and terms shall have the following meanings when used in this Assignment. Unless specifically stated to the contrary, all references to dollar amounts shall mean amounts in lawful money of the United States of America. Words and terms used in the singular shall include the plural, and the plural shall include the singular, as the context may require. Words and terms not otherwise defined in this Assignment shall have the meanings attributed to such terms in the Uniform Commercial Code:

Time is of the Essence. Time is of the essence in the performance of this Assignment.

Successors and Assigns. Subject to any limitations stated in this Assignment on transfer of Grantor's interest, this Assignment shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their successors and assigns. If ownership of the Property becomes vested in a person other than Grantor, Lender, without notice to Grantor, may deal with Grantor's successors with reference to this Assignment and the indebtedness by way of forbearance or extension without releasing Grantor from the obligations of this Assignment or liability under the indebtedness.

any other provision of this Assignment shall not affect the legality, validity or enforceability of

considered deleted from this Assignment. Unless otherwise required by law, the illegality, invalidity, or so that it becomes legal, valid and enforceable. If the offending provision cannot be so modified, it shall be unenforceable as to any other circumstance. If feasible, the offending provision shall be considered modified or unenforceable as to any circumstance, that finding shall not make the offending provision illegal, invalid, or Severability. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision of this Assignment to be illegal, invalid, same are renounced by Lender.

Property. The word "Property" means all of Grantor's right, title and interest in and to all the Property as described in the "Assignment" section of this Assignment.

Related Documents. The words "Related Documents" mean all promissory notes, credit agreements, loan agreements, environmental agreements, guaranties, security agreements, mortgages, deeds of trust, security deeds, collateral mortgages, and all other instruments, agreements and documents, whether now or hereafter existing, executed in connection with the Indebtedness.

Rents. The word "Rents" means all of Grantor's present and future rights, title and interest in, to and under any and all present and future lease, including, without limitation, all rents, revenue, income, issues, royalties, bonuses, accounts receivable, cash or security deposits, advance rentals, profits and proceeds from the Property, and other payments and benefits derived or to be derived from such leases of every kind and nature, whether due now or later, including without limitation Grantor's right to enforce such leases and to receive and collect payment and proceeds thereunder.

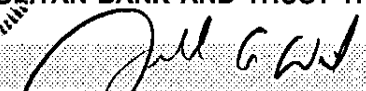
GRANTOR'S LIABILITY This Assignment is executed by Grantor, not personally but as Trustee as provided above in the exercise of the power and the authority conferred upon and vested in it as such Trustee (and Grantor thereby warrants that it possesses full power and authority to execute this instrument), and it is expressly understood and agreed that nothing in this Assignment or in the Note shall be construed as creating any liability on the part of Grantor personally to pay the Note or any interest that may accrue thereon, or any other Indebtedness under this Assignment, or to perform any covenant either express or implied contained in this Assignment, all such liability, if any, being expressly waived by Lender and by every person now or hereafter claiming any right or security under this Assignment, and that so far as Grantor and its successors personally are concerned, the legal holder or holders of the Note and the owner or owners of any Indebtedness shall look solely to the Property for the payment of the Note and Indebtedness, by the enforcement of the lien created by this Assignment in the manner provided in the Note and herein or by action to enforce the personal liability of any guarantor.

THE UNDERSIGNED ACKNOWLEDGES HAVING READ ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ASSIGNMENT. THIS DOCUMENT IS EXECUTED ON JUNE 7, 2000.

GRANTOR:

as Trustee and not personally under

COSMOPOLITAN BANK AND TRUST TRUST NO. 31054 dated August 18, 1999.

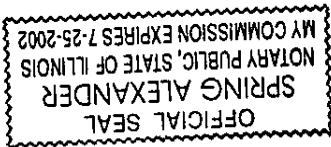
By: 
~~Authorized Signer~~ Vice President & Trust Officer

Attest: 
~~Authorized Signer~~ Asst. Vice President & Trust Officer

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Notary Public in and for the State of Illinois

BY Spring Alexander My commission expires 7.25.2002

and known to me to be (an) authorized trustee(s) or agent(s) of the trust that executed the and acknowledged the to be the free and voluntary act and deed of the trust, by authority set forth in the trust documents or, by authority of statute, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and on oath stated that he or she/they is/are authorized to execute this and in fact executed the on behalf of the trust.

On this 09th day of June 2000 before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Gerald A. Wiel and Todd W. Correll

COUNTY OF COOK

) SS

STATE OF ILLINOIS

TRUST ACKNOWLEDGMENT