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## POWER OF ATTORNEY

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92042032 I, Anne Szczur, of Gary, Indiana, hereby appoint Stephanie Bielawski, of Mattson, Illinois, and Lorraine Reynolds, of Calumet City, Illinois, samples of whose signatures appear below, my true and lawful agents and attorneys, and I hereby grant and give to my attorneys (each of whom is referred to below as "my attorney") for me and in my name the following powers and authorities, which may be exercised either jointly or severally, with respect to any interest from time to time owned by me in property, real or personal, wherever located ("property"), or other matters in which I from time to time may have a personal or financial interest:

- 1. To deposit in or withdraw from any bank drust confinance, savings association, safe deposit company, mutual fund, broker or other depositary or agent any moneys or other property and to examine or receive related records, including canceled checks.
- 2. To open and enter on my behalf any safe deposit box rented or held by me alone or jointly with others, at any time to deposit in such box and to remove from such box any part or all of the contents thereof, including any security or tangible personal property, as often and as freely as I could do if personally present, and to cancel or modify the lease under which such box is rented and to surrender or exchange the same.
- 3. To pay my ordinary household expenses, to arrange for and pay the costs of medical, nursing, hospital, convalescent and other health care and treatment, including admission to hospitals and consent to treatment, and to make application for insurance, Medicare, pension or employee benefits related to such health care and treatment.
- 4. To retain, invest in, acquire by purchase, subscription, lease or otherwise, manage, sell, redeem, contract to purchase or sell, grant, obtain or exercise options to purchase, options to sell or conversion rights, assign, transfer, convey, deliver, endorse, exchange, pledge, mortgage, abandon, improve, repair, maintain, insure, lease for any term and otherwise deal with all property, and

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to release and waive any right of homestead therein, if any.

- 5. To enter upon and demand possession of, maintain, manage, improve, subdivide, resubdivide, raze, alter, dedicate, vacate, partition, release, lease or renew, amend or extend leases for-any term, contract to make leases, grant options to lease or to purchase the whole or any part of the reversion, contract regarding the manner of fixing present or future rentals, grant easements or charges of any kind on or with respect to, and cultivate, irrigate and operate, all interests in real estate now or hereafter owned by me, including beneficial interests in any trust and leasehold interests, and related improvements, equipment and supplies, alone or with others, by general or limited partnerships, trust agreements, joint ventures, corporations, associations, sharecrop agreements, leases, management or agency agreements, participation in government programs or otherwise.
- 6. To borrow from any source for any purpose and mortgage or pledge any property to any lender, including my attorney individually.

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- 7. To demand, sue for receiverant otherwise cake steps to collect or recover all debts, rents, proceeds, interest, dividends, annuities, securities for money, goods, chattels, bequests, income from property, damages and all other property to which I may be entitled or which are or may become due me from any person or organization; to commence, prosecute or enforce, or to defend, answer or oppose, contest and abandon all legal proceedings in which I am or may hereafter be interested; and to settle, compromise or submit to arbitration any accounts, debts, claims, disputes and matters now existing or which may hereafter arise between me and any other person or organization and to grant an extension of time for the payment or satisfaction thereof on any terms, with or without security.
- 8. To continue to carry, purchase, cancel or dispose of fire, casualty, property or income protection, raedical, hospital, life, liability or other insurance and to pay any premiums thereon.
- 9. To vote and give proxies to vote securities and approve or oppose mergers, consolidations, foreclosures, liquidations, reorganizations or changes in the financial structure of any organization, and all other matters which may come before the shareholders; and to enter into voting trusts and other agreements restricting the voting, transfer or other use or disposition of interests in any organization.

invest in, terminate and dispose of, alone or with others, proprietorships, corporations, limited or general partnerships, joint ventures, land trusts or other business or property-holding organizations under the laws of any jurisdiction; to lease, sell, purchase or otherwise transfer any property to or from, make further investments in or advance or loan funds to, with or without security, and incur obligations on account of or for the benefit of, any such organization; and to employ any persons for such purposes and delegate to them such powers and discretions as my attorney considers advisable.

- 11. To transfer, assign and convey any property or interest in property, the legal or equitable title to which is in my name, to any trust of which I am the primary beneficiary during my lifetime and under the terms of which I expressly have the power to amend or revoke such trust, whether such trust was created before or after the execution of this power of attorney.
- 12. To undertake performance of any and all acts, whether or not otherwise specifically enumerated therein, including the sale of any property or the borrowing of any funds, which my attorney considers necessary or appropriate in order to purchase United States Treasury Bonds redeemable at par in payment of federal estate taxes; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed as requiring my attorney to acquire any such bonds.
- 13. To appear and represent me in regard to and to take all actions convenient or appropriate in connection with taxes imposed by any municipal, state, United States or foreign authority or government relating to any tax liability or refund, abatement, exemption or credit (including interest or penalties) due or alleged to be due from or to me or any other person or organization, association or trust for which I am responsible for the preparation, signing, executing, verifying, acknowledging or paying of any tax due or filing of a return or report, facluding without limitation federal or state income, gift, generation-skipping transfer, additional estate or intangibles or other personal or real property tax, for any and all taxable years or periods; and for such purposes to inspect or receive copies of any tax returns filed by or for me, reports or other papers or documents, compromises or adjustments of any and all claims.
- 14. To prepare, draw, make, sign, execute, seal, acknowledge, verify, discount, accept, endorse, with or without recourse on me, waive demand, notice and notice of protest, file and deliver on my behalf any and all checks, options, orders, notes,

draits, overdraits, certificates of deposit, bills of exchange, deeds, directions to land trustees, mortgages, leases, powers of sale, drafts, bonds (of indemnity or otherwise) and contracts, transfers, assignments, proxies, agreements, receipts, releases, release deeds, composition agreements, discharges, income or personal or intangible property or gift or other tax returns, estimates, declarations, certificates, schedules, statements, claims of abatement, exemption, valuation, refund or credit, protests, requests (including requests for rulings from proper authorities), applications, waivers (including waiver of restrictions on the assessment or collection of any deficiency or additional tax), acceptances (including acceptance of any determination or proposed determination of additional tax or overassessment or overpayment of tax, including interest and penalties), consents or waivers or agreements for a later determination and assessment and collection of taxes than is provided by applicable statutes of limitations, closing agreements (whether in respect of a tax fiability or a specific matter or otherwise), petitions, pleadings, motions, stipulations, consents and any other papers, documents or writings or things, with or without guarantees, surety pobligations, covenants, warranties cindemnifications, representations, powers of substitution, affirmations presentations, powers of substitution, affir the Lake County Recorder! or otherwise.

- 15. To appoint and employ, with or without compensation, any accountants, attorneys at law, investment counsel, agents, servants or other persons, including their agents and associates, and to dismiss or discharge the same and to appoint or employ any others in their stead as my true and lawful attorneys, to appear and represent me as to all matters covered by this power of attorney, or for any other purpose, including, but not limited to, appearances before the Treasury Department of the United States, the Tax Court of the United States, the United States Court of Claims or any other court of the United States or the District of Columbia, or any state, municipal or foreign court, and any department or official of the United States government or any state, municipal or foreign government, with full power and authority to such agents and attorneys to do any and all acts convenient or appropriate in connection with such matters, including the specific acts described above, and to substitute attorneys and agents subsequent to the date of such appointment and prior to any revocation thereof, and to delegate or revoke the authority so granted to them.
- 16. Finally (without prejudice to and in enlargement of the authority above conferred) to execute each and every instrument, to undertake each and every obligation, and to take from time to time any and all action of whatsoever nature and with relation to

any matters whatsoever, whether or not specifically mentioned herein, and to exercise in respect thereto as full and complete power and discretion as I myself might or could do.

My attorney shall exercise or fail to exercise the powers and authorities granted herein in each case as my attorney in my attorney's own absolute discretion deems desirable or appropriate under existing circumstances. I hereby ratify and confirm as good and effectual, at law or in equity, all that my attorney, and any agents and attorneys appointed by my attorney, and their agents, associates and substitutes, may do by virtue hereof. However, despite the above provisions, nothing herein shall be construed as imposing a duty on my attorney to act or assume responsibility for any matters referred to above or other matters even though my attorney may have power or authority hereunder to do so.

If any power or authority hereby sought to be conferred upon my attorney should be invalid or unexercisable for any cause or not recognized by any person or organization dealing with my attorney, the remaining powers and authorities given to my attorney hereunder shall nevertheless continue in full force and effect.

Each person, partnership, corporation or other legal entity relying or acting upon this power of attorney shall be entitled to presume conclusively that this power of attorney is in full force and effect unless written notice shall have been given by me to such person, partnership, corporation or other legal entity that this power has been revoked.

No person, partnership, corporation or legal entity relying upon this

power of attorney shall be required to see to the application and disposition of any moneys, stocks, bonds, securities or other property paid to or delivered to my attorney, or my attorney's substitute, pursuant to the provisions hereof.

This power of attorney shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected by my incompetence, incapacity or disability, it being my intent that the power granted herein shall continue without interruption until my death unless previously revoked by me.

Additionally, I designate my sisters-in-law, Stephanie Bielawski and Lorraine Reynolds, to be appointed as conservators of my person and estate in the **This Document is the property of** event that I am adjudged incompetent by any court and I direct that no bond, surety or other security shall be required of such conservators.

The laws of the State of Indiana shall govern the interpretation and validity of the provisions of this instrument.



Specimen signatures of my attorneys:

Stephanie Bielawski

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing signatures and have set my hand and seal to the foregoing power of attorney this <u>lo</u> day of <u>lagrap</u> Cylightent is

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I, <u>Mesar R Gerescelle</u>, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that Anne Szczur, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that she signed and delivered the said instrument as her free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this day of lugust the Lake County Recorder!

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This instrument was prepared by:

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