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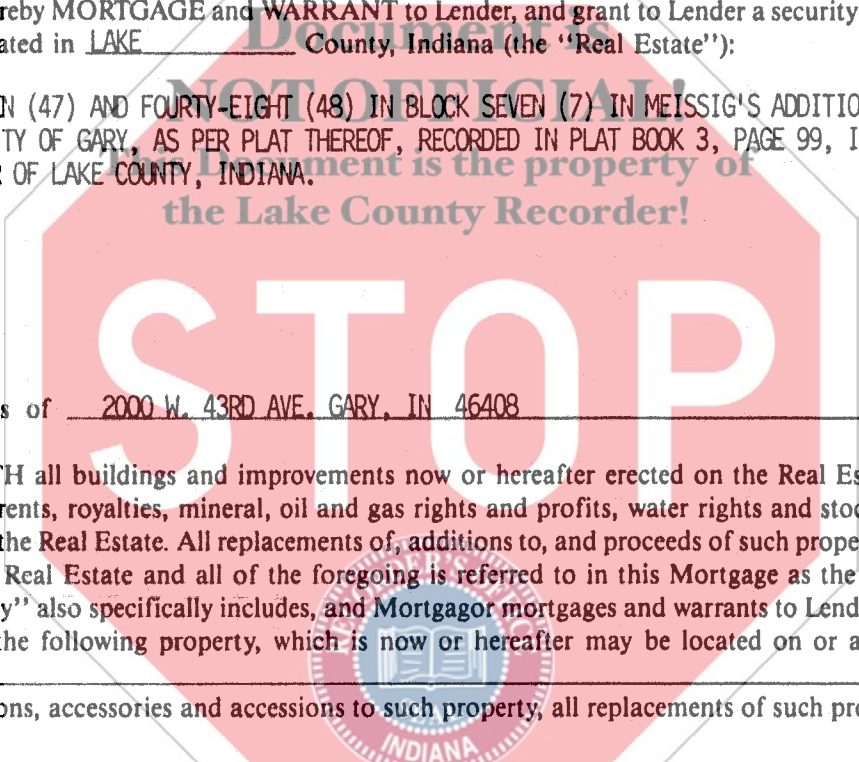
MARGARETTE CLEVELAND  
RECORDER

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**MORTGAGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT**  
(Simple Interest Obligation)

THIS MORTGAGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT ("Mortgage") is given on FEBRUARY 26, 19 96. The mortgagor is CATHA L. STRONG ("Borrower"). This Mortgage is given to UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION, which is organized and existing under the laws of LOUISIANA, and whose address is 1559 EAST 85TH AVENUE MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410 ("Lender"). Borrower owes Lender the principal sum of THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NO/100 Dollars (U.S. \$ 38,800.00). This debt is evidenced by Borrower's note dated the same date as this Mortgage ("Note"), which provides for monthly payments, with the full debt, if not paid earlier, due and payable on MARCH 1, 2011. This Mortgage secures to Lender: (a) the repayment of the debt evidenced by the Note, with interest and other charges due under the Note, and all renewals, extensions and modifications thereof; (b) the payment of all other sums advanced under paragraph 7 and paragraph 23 to protect the security of this Mortgage, with interest; and (c) the performance of Borrower's covenants and agreements under this Mortgage and the Note. For this purpose, Borrower does hereby MORTGAGE and WARRANT to Lender, and grant to Lender a security interest in the following described property located in LAKE County, Indiana (the "Real Estate"):

LOTS FORTY-SEVEN (47) AND FORTY-EIGHT (48) IN BLOCK SEVEN (7) IN MEISSIG'S ADDITION TO GLEN PARK, IN THE CITY OF GARY, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 99, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.



which has the address of 2000 W. 43RD AVE. GARY, IN 46408, Indiana ("Property Address");

TOGETHER WITH all buildings and improvements now or hereafter erected on the Real Estate and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock, and all fixtures now or hereafter located on the Real Estate. All replacements of, additions to, and proceeds of such property shall also be covered by this Mortgage. The Real Estate and all of the foregoing is referred to in this Mortgage as the "Property."

The term "Property" also specifically includes, and Mortgagor mortgages and warrants to Lender, and grants to Lender a security interest in, the following property, which is now or hereafter may be located on or a fixture upon the Real Estate:

together with all additions, accessories and accessions to such property, all replacements of such property, and all proceeds of such property.

**BORROWER COVENANTS** that Borrower is lawfully seized of the estate hereby conveyed and has the right to mortgage, grant and convey the Property and that the Property is unencumbered, except for mortgages, liens, encumbrances and security interests identified in Section 25 of this Mortgage. Borrower warrants and will defend generally the title to the Property against all claims and demands, subject only to the mortgages, liens, security interests and encumbrances identified in Section 25 of this Mortgage.

Borrower covenant(s) and agree(s) as follows:

**1. Payment of Principal and Interest; Prepayment and Late Charges.** Borrower shall promptly pay when due the principal of and interest on the debt evidenced by the Note and any minimum finance charges, prepayment premiums and late charges due under the Note.

**2. Funds for Taxes and Insurance.** Subject to applicable law or to a written waiver by Lender, Borrower shall pay to Lender on the day monthly payments are due under the Note, until the Note is paid in full, a sum ("Funds") equal to one-twelfth of: (a) yearly taxes and assessments which may become a lien against all or any part of the Property; (b) yearly leasehold payments or ground rents on the Property, if any; (c) yearly hazard insurance premiums; and (d) yearly mortgage insurance premiums, if any. These items are called "escrow items." Lender may estimate the Funds due on the basis of current data and reasonable estimates of future escrow items.

The Funds shall be held in an institution the deposits or accounts of which are insured or guaranteed by a federal or state agency (including Lender if Lender is such an institution). Lender shall apply the Funds to pay the escrow items. Lender may not charge for holding and applying the Funds, analyzing the account or verifying the escrow items, unless Lender pays Borrower interest on the Funds and applicable law permits Lender to make such a charge. Borrower and Lender may agree in writing that interest shall be paid on the Funds. Unless an agreement is made or applicable law requires interest to be paid, Lender shall not be required to pay Borrower any interest or earnings on the Funds. Lender shall give to Borrower, without charge, an annual accounting of the Funds showing credits and debits to the Funds and the purpose for which each debit to the Funds was made. The Funds are pledged as additional security for the sums secured by this Mortgage.

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If the amount of the Funds held by Lender, together with the future monthly payments of Funds payable prior to the due dates of the escrow items, shall exceed the amount required to pay the escrow items when due, the excess shall be, at Borrower's option, either promptly repaid to Borrower or credited to Borrower on monthly payments of Funds. If the amount of the Funds held by Lender is not sufficient to pay the escrow items when due, Borrower shall pay to Lender any amount necessary to make up the deficiency in one or more payments as required by Lender.

Upon payment in full of all sums secured by this Mortgage, Lender shall promptly refund to Borrower any Funds held by Lender. If under paragraph 19 the Property is sold or acquired by Lender, Lender shall apply, no later than immediately prior to the sale of the Property or its acquisition by Lender, any Funds held by Lender at the time of application as a credit against the sums secured by the Mortgage.

**3. Application of Payments.** Unless applicable law provides otherwise, all payments received by Lender under paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be applied: first, to late charges due under the Note; second, to prepayment charges due under the Note; third, to amounts payable under paragraph 2; fourth, to interest due; and last, to principal due.

**4. Charges; Liens.** Borrower shall pay all taxes, assessments, charges, fines and impositions attributable to the Property which may become a lien against all or any part of the Property, and leasehold payments or ground rents, if any. Borrower shall pay these obligations in the manner provided in paragraph 2, or if not paid in that manner, Borrower shall pay them on time directly to the person owed payment. Borrower shall promptly furnish to Lender all notices of amounts to be paid under this paragraph. If Borrower makes these payments directly, Borrower shall promptly furnish to Lender receipts evidencing the payments.

Borrower will pay when due the indebtedness, taxes and charges secured by the liens identified in paragraph 25 of this Mortgage. Borrower shall promptly discharge any lien that has priority over this Mortgage unless Borrower: (a) agrees in writing to the payment of the obligation secured by the lien in a manner acceptable to Lender; (b) contests in good faith the lien by, or defends against enforcement of the lien in, legal proceedings which in the Lender's opinion operate to prevent the enforcement of the lien or forfeiture of any part of the Property; or (c) secures from the holder of the lien an agreement satisfactory to Lender subordinating the lien to this Mortgage. If Lender determines that any part of the Property is subject to a lien which may attain priority over this Mortgage, Lender may give Borrower a notice identifying the lien. Borrower shall satisfy the lien or take one or more of the actions set forth above within 10 days of the giving of notice.

**5. Hazard Insurance.** Borrower shall keep the improvements now existing or hereafter erected on the Property insured against loss by fire, hazards included within the term "extended coverage" and any other hazards for which Lender requires insurance. This insurance shall be maintained in the amounts and for the periods that Lender requires. The insurance carrier providing the insurance shall be chosen by Borrower subject to Lender's approval which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

All insurance policies and renewals shall be acceptable to Lender and shall include a standard mortgage clause. Lender shall have the right to hold the policies and renewals. If Lender requires, Borrower shall promptly give to Lender all receipts of paid premiums and renewal notices. In the event of loss, Borrower shall give prompt notice to the insurance carrier and Lender. Lender may make proof of loss if not made promptly by Borrower.

Unless Lender and Borrower otherwise agree in writing, insurance proceeds shall be applied to restoration or repair of the Property damaged, if the restoration or repair is economically feasible and Lender's security is not lessened. If the restoration or repair is not economically feasible or Lender's security would be lessened, the insurance proceeds shall be applied to the sums secured by this Mortgage, whether or not then due, with any excess paid to Borrower. If Borrower abandons the Property, or does not answer within 30 days a notice from Lender that the insurance carrier has offered to settle a claim, then Lender may collect the insurance proceeds. Lender may use the proceeds to repair or restore the Property or to pay sums secured by this Mortgage, whether or not then due. The 30-day period will begin when the notice is given.

Unless Lender and Borrower otherwise agree in writing, any application of proceeds to principal shall not extend or postpone the due date of the monthly payments referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 or change the amount of the payments. If under paragraph 19 the Property is acquired by Lender, Borrower's right to any insurance policies and proceeds resulting from damage to the Property prior to the acquisition shall pass to Lender to the extent of the sums secured by this Mortgage immediately prior to the acquisition.

**6. Preservation and Maintenance of Property; Leaseholds.** Borrower shall not destroy, damage or substantially change the Property, allow the Property to deteriorate or commit waste. If this Mortgage is on a leasehold, Borrower shall comply with the provisions of the lease, and if Borrower acquires fee title to the Property, the leasehold and fee title shall not merge unless Lender agrees to the merger in writing.

**7. Protection of Lender's Rights in the Property; Mortgage Insurance.** If Borrower fails to perform the covenants and agreements contained in this Mortgage, or there is a legal proceeding that may significantly affect Lender's rights in the Property (such as a proceeding in bankruptcy, probate, for condemnation or to enforce laws or regulations), then Lender may do and pay for whatever is necessary to protect the value of the Property and Lender's rights in the Property. Lender's actions may include paying any sums secured by a lien which has priority over this Mortgage, appearing in court, paying reasonable attorneys' fees and entering on the Property to make repairs. Although Lender may take action under this paragraph 7, Lender does not have to do so.

Any amounts disbursed by Lender under this paragraph 7 and paragraph 23 shall become additional debt of Borrower secured by this Mortgage. Unless Borrower and Lender agree to other terms of payment, these amounts shall bear interest from the date of disbursement at the Note interest rate and shall be payable, with interest, upon notice from Lender to Borrower requesting payment.

If Lender required mortgage insurance as a condition of making the loan secured by this Mortgage, Borrower shall pay the premiums required to maintain the insurance in effect until such time as the requirement for the insurance terminates in accordance with Borrower's and Lender's written agreement or applicable law.

**8. Inspection.** Lender or its agent may make reasonable entries upon and inspections of the Property. Lender shall give Borrower notice at the time of or prior to an inspection specifying reasonable cause for the inspection.

**9. Condemnation.** The proceeds of any award or claim for damages, direct or consequential, in connection with any condemnation or other taking of any part of the Property, or for conveyance in lieu of condemnation, are hereby assigned and shall be paid to Lender.

In the event of a total taking of the Property, the proceeds shall be applied to the sums secured by this Mortgage, whether or not then due, with any excess paid to Borrower. In the event of a partial taking of the Property, unless Borrower and



Lender otherwise agree in writing, the sums secured by this Mortgage shall be reduced by the amount of the proceeds multiplied by the following fraction: (a) the total amount of the sums secured immediately before the taking, divided by (b) the fair market value of the Property immediately before the taking. Any balance shall be paid to Borrower.

If the Property is abandoned by Borrower, or if, after notice by Lender to Borrower that the condemnor offers to make an award or settle a claim for damages, Borrower fails to respond to Lender within five (5) days after the date the notice is given, Lender is authorized to collect and apply the proceeds at its option, either to restoration or repair of the Property or to the sums secured by this Mortgage, whether or not then due.

Unless Lender and Borrower otherwise agree in writing, any application of proceeds to principal shall not extend or postpone the due date of the monthly payments referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 or change the amount of such payments.

**10. Borrower Not Released; Forbearance By Lender Not a Waiver.** Extension of the time for payment or modification of amortization of the sums secured by this Mortgage granted by Lender to any successor in interest of Borrower shall not operate to release the liability of the original Borrower or Borrower's successors in interest. Lender shall not be required to commence proceedings against any successor in interest or refuse to extend time for payment or otherwise modify amortization of the sums secured by this Mortgage by reason of any demand made by the original Borrower or Borrower's successors in interest. Any forbearance by Lender in exercising any right or remedy shall not be a waiver of or preclude the exercise of any right or remedy.

**11. Successors and Assigns Bound; Joint and Several Liability; Co-signers.** The covenants and agreements of this Mortgage shall bind and benefit the successors and assigns of Lender and Borrower, subject to the provisions of paragraph 17. Borrower's covenants and agreements shall be joint and several. Any Borrower who co-signs this Mortgage but does not execute the Note, and is not bound to pay the debt evidenced by the Note by guaranty or otherwise: (a) is co-signing this Mortgage only to mortgage and warrant that Borrower's interest in the Property under the terms of this Mortgage; (b) is not personally obligated to pay the sums secured by this Mortgage; and (c) agrees that Lender and any other Borrower may agree to extend, modify, forbear or make any accommodations with regard to the terms of this Mortgage or the Note without that Borrower's consent.

**12. Loan Charges.** If the loan secured by this Mortgage is subject to a law which sets maximum loan charges, and that law is finally interpreted so that the interest or other loan charges collected or to be collected in connection with the loan exceed the permitted limits, then: (a) any such loan charge shall be reduced by the amount necessary to reduce the charge to the permitted limit; and (b) any sums already collected from Borrower which exceeded permitted limits will be refunded to Borrower. Lender may choose to make this refund by reducing the principal owed under the Note or by making a direct payment to Borrower. If a refund reduces principal, the reduction will be treated as a partial prepayment without any prepayment charge under the Note.

**13. Legislation Affecting Lender's Rights.** If enactment or expiration of applicable laws has the effect of rendering any provision of the Note or this Mortgage unenforceable according to its terms, Lender, at its option, may require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Mortgage and may invoke any remedies permitted by paragraph 19. If Lender exercises this option, Lender shall take the steps specified in the second paragraph of paragraph 17.

**14. Notices.** Any notice to Borrower provided for in this Mortgage shall be given by delivering it or by mailing it by first class mail unless applicable law requires use of another method. The notice shall be directed to the Property Address or any other address Borrower designates by notice to Lender. Any notice to Lender shall be given by first class mail to Lender's address stated herein or any other address Lender designates by notice to Borrower. Any notice provided for in this Mortgage shall be deemed to have been given to Borrower or Lender when given as provided in this paragraph.

**15. Governing Law; Severability.** This Mortgage shall be governed by federal law and the law of the State of Indiana, to the extent Indiana law is not preempted by federal law. In the event that any provision or clause of this Mortgage or the Note conflicts with applicable law, such conflict shall not affect other provisions of this Mortgage or the Note which can be given effect without the conflicting provision. To this end the provisions of this Mortgage and the Note are declared to be severable.

**16. Borrower's Copy.** Borrower shall be given one conformed copy of the Note and of this Mortgage.

**17. Transfer of the Property or a Beneficial Interest in Borrower.** If all or any part of the Property or any interest in it is sold or transferred (or if a beneficial interest in Borrower is sold or transferred and Borrower is not a natural person), or if Borrower enters into a contract for the sale or transfer of all or any part of the Property or any interest in it, without Lender's prior written consent, Lender may, at its option, require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Mortgage. However, this option shall not be exercised by Lender if exercise is prohibited by federal law as of the date of this Mortgage.

If Lender exercises this option, Lender shall give Borrower notice of acceleration. The notice shall provide a period of not less than 30 days from the date the notice is delivered or mailed within which Borrower must pay all sums secured by this Mortgage. If Borrower fails to pay these sums prior to the expiration of this period, Lender may invoke any remedies permitted by this Mortgage without further notice or demand on Borrower.

**18. Borrower's Right to Reinstate.** If Borrower meets certain conditions, Borrower shall have the right to have enforcement of this Security Instrument discontinued at any time prior to (a) entry of a judgment of foreclosure, provided that Borrower (i) pays Lender all sums which then would be due under this Security Instrument and the Note had no acceleration occurred; (ii) cures any default of any other covenants or agreement; (iii) pays all expenses incurred in enforcing this Security Instrument, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees; and (iv) takes such action as Lender may reasonably require to assure that the lien of this Security Instrument, Lender's rights in the Property and Borrower's obligation to pay the sums secured by the Security Instrument shall continue unchanged; or (b) sale of the Property pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure, provided that Borrower pays the amount of the judgment, interest and costs, as required by applicable law. Upon reinstatement by Borrower, this Security Instrument and the obligations secured hereby shall remain fully effective as if no acceleration had occurred. However, the right to reinstate before entry of a judgment of foreclosure shall not apply in the case of acceleration under paragraphs 13 or 17.

**19. Acceleration; Remedies.** Lender shall give notice to Borrower prior to acceleration following Borrower's breach of any covenant or agreement in this Mortgage (but not prior to acceleration under paragraphs 13 and 17 unless applicable law provides otherwise). The notice shall specify: (a) the default; (b) the action required to cure the default; (c) a date, not less than 30 days from the date the notice is given to Borrower, by which the default must be cured; and (d) that failure to cure the default on or before the date specified in the notice may result in acceleration of the sums secured by this Mortgage, foreclosure by judicial proceeding and sale of the Property. The notice shall further inform Borrower of the right to reinstate after acceleration and the right to assert in the foreclosure proceeding the non-existence of a default or any other



defense of Borrower to acceleration and foreclosure. If the default is not cured on or before the date specified in the notice, Lender at its option may require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Mortgage without further demand and may foreclose this Mortgage by judicial proceeding. To the extent permitted by applicable law, Lender shall be entitled to collect all expenses incurred in pursuing the remedies provided in this paragraph 19, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees and costs of title evidence.

**20. Lender in Possession.** Upon acceleration under paragraph 19 or abandonment of the Property, Lender (by judicially appointed receiver) shall be entitled to enter upon, take possession of and manage the Property and to collect the rents of the Property including those past due. Any rents collected by Lender or the receiver shall be applied first to payment of the costs of management of the Property and collection of rents, including, but not limited to, receiver's fees, premiums on receiver's bonds and reasonable attorneys' fees, and then to the sums secured by this Mortgage.

**21. Release.** Upon payment of all sums secured by this Mortgage, Lender shall release this Mortgage without charge to Borrower.

**22. Waiver of Valuation and Appraisal.** Borrower waives all right of valuation and appraisal.

**23. Application of Uniform Commercial Code.** This Mortgage shall be deemed to be a security agreement in support of any financing statement that may be executed and filed with respect to the Property, or any part thereof. In addition, this Mortgage, when duly recorded, shall serve as a fixture filing, and for that purpose the address of Borrower is the Property Address, and the address of Lender is its address stated in the first paragraph of this Mortgage. The remedies of Lender under this Mortgage shall include all of the remedies of a secured party under the Indiana Uniform Commercial Code.

Borrower authorizes Lender to sign and file any financing statement and continuation statement that Lender deems necessary or appropriate to perfect or continue the perfection of the security interests intended to be created by this Mortgage, signed only by Lender. Borrower agrees to sign all financing statements, and amendments or continuations thereof, and all other documents that Lender deems necessary or appropriate to establish, perfect, or continue the perfection of the liens and security interests intended to be created by this Mortgage. Borrower shall reimburse Lender, upon demand by Lender, for all costs and expenses incurred by Lender in connection therewith.

**24. Riders to this Mortgage.** If one or more riders are executed by Borrower and recorded together with this Mortgage, the covenants and agreements of each such rider shall be incorporated into and shall amend and supplement the covenants and agreements of this Mortgage as if the rider(s) were a part of this Mortgage.

Riders: \_\_\_\_\_

**25. Other Liens.** Borrower represents and warrants to Lender that the Property is not subject to any mortgage, lien, security interest or other encumbrance except: (a) this Mortgage; (b) current real estate taxes and assessments not delinquent; and (c) \_\_\_\_\_

BY SIGNING BELOW, Borrower accepts and agrees to the terms and covenants contained in this Mortgage and in any rider(s) executed by Borrower and recorded with it.

**NOTICE TO ASSIGNEE:** This is a mortgage subject to special rules under the Federal Truth-in-Lending Act. Purchasers or assignees of this mortgage could be liable for all claims and defenses with respect to the mortgage that the borrower could assert against the creditor.

Catha L. Strong  
Printed: CATHA L. STRONG ("Borrower")

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_ ("Borrower")



STATE OF INDIANA )  
 ) SS:  
COUNTY OF LAKE )

On this 26th day of February, 19 96, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Indiana, personally appeared Catha L. Strong and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Mortgage.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal this 26th day of February, 19 96.

K. Schmitt  
Notary Public  
Kevin Schmitt  
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I am a resident of LAKE County, Indiana.

My commission expires: 7-9-99

This instrument was prepared by Lori Bogdan Return to \_\_\_\_\_

**UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORP.**  
1559 E. 85TH AVENUE  
MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410