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Aetna Casualty & Surety Company of America  
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STATE OF INDIANA  
LAKE COUNTY  
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Bond No. 11 S 101056793 BCM  
RECORDER

LICENSE OR PERMIT BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, CARPETLAND U.S.A., INC., 8201 Calumet Ave., Munster IN 47321, as Principal, and AETNA CASUALTY & SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Connecticut, and authorized to do business in the State of Indiana, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto All Cities, Towns and Municipalities in Lake County, Indiana, as Obligee, in the penal sum of Five Thousand (\$ 5,000.00) Dollars, for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally by these presents.

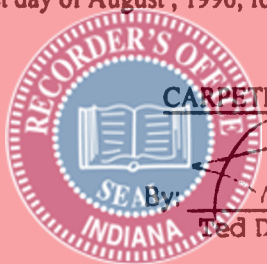
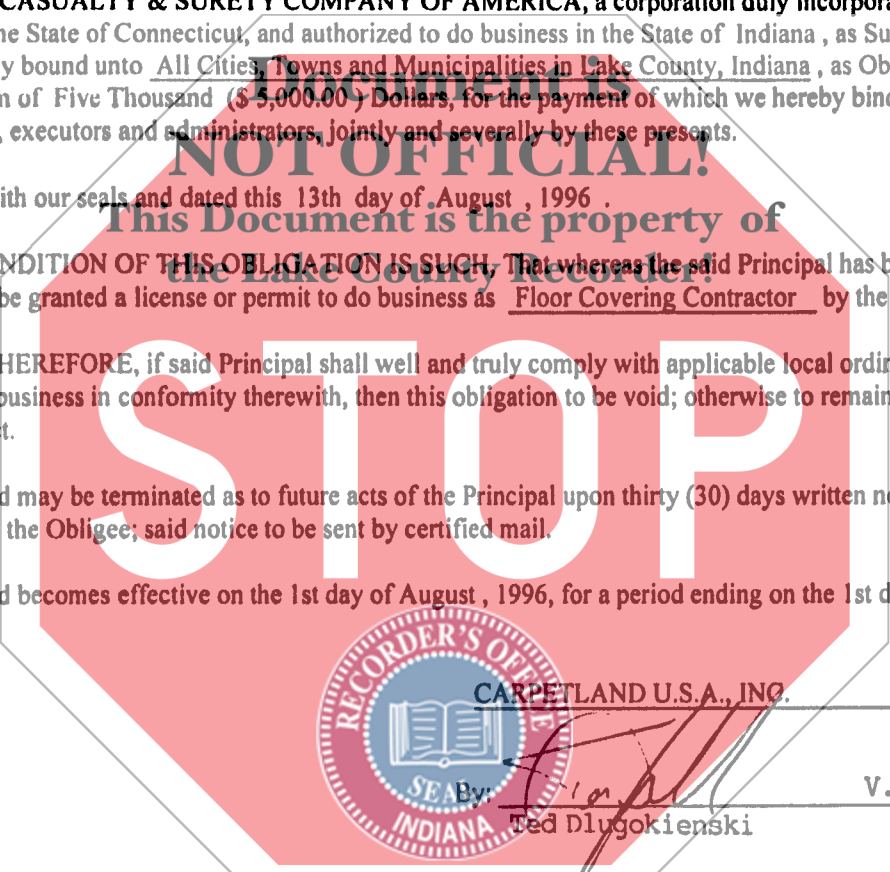
Sealed with our seals and dated this 13th day of August, 1996.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas the said Principal has been or is about to be granted a license or permit to do business as Floor Covering Contractor by the Obligee.

NOW, THEREFORE, if said Principal shall well and truly comply with applicable local ordinances, and conduct business in conformity therewith, then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

This bond may be terminated as to future acts of the Principal upon thirty (30) days written notice by the Surety to the Obligee; said notice to be sent by certified mail.

This bond becomes effective on the 1st day of August, 1996, for a period ending on the 1st day of August, 1997.



CARPETLAND U.S.A., INC. Principal

By: Ted Dlugokienski V.P. of Finance Title

AETNA CASUALTY & SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA

BY: Virginia B. McManus, Attorney-on-fact

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY AND CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY OF ATTORNEY(S)-IN-FACT**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT AETNA CASUALTY & SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, and having its principal office in the City of Hartford, County of Hartford, State of Connecticut, hath made, constituted and appointed, and does by these presents make, constitute and appoint Vincent D. Forte, R. Larry McKenzie, John W. Bailey, Paul M. Damm, M. Brent Burns, Virginia B. McManus, Irma Knight, Kelley E. McHale, James L. Forshey, Lisa Kozack, Anne Porter or Karen L. Freed --

of Atlanta, GA, its true and lawful Attorneys-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, execute and acknowledge, at any place within the United States, or, if the following line be filled in, within the area there designated

, the following instrument(s):

by his sole signature and act, any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any and all consents incident thereto

and to bind AETNA CASUALTY & SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, thereby as fully and to the same extent as if the same were signed by the duly authorized officers of AETNA CASUALTY & SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, and all the acts of said Attorneys-in-Fact, pursuant to the authority herein given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This appointment is made under and by authority of the following Standing Resolutions of said Company which Resolutions are now in full force and effect: VOTED: That each of the following officers: President, Any Executive Vice President, Any Senior Vice President, Any Vice President, Any Assistant Vice President, Any Secretary, Any Assistant Secretary, may from time to time appoint Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries, Attorneys-in-Fact, and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give any such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors may at any time remove any such appointee and revoke the power and authority given him or her.

VOTED: That any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, an Executive Vice President, a Senior Vice President, a Vice President, an Assistant Vice President or by a Resident Vice President, pursuant to the power prescribed in the certificate of authority of such Resident Vice President, and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary or by a Resident Assistant Secretary, pursuant to the power prescribed in the certificate of authority of such Resident Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate of authority.

This Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following Standing Resolution voted by the Board of Directors of AETNA CASUALTY & SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA which Resolution is now in full force and effect:

VOTED: That the signature of each of the following officers: President, Any Executive Vice President, Any Senior Vice President, Any Vice President, Any Assistant Vice President, Any Secretary, Any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, AETNA CASUALTY & SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA has caused this instrument to be signed by its Vice President, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 29th day of September, 1995

AETNA CASUALTY & SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA

By Terry F. Lukow  
Terry F. Lukow  
Vice President

State of Connecticut }  
County of Hartford } ss. Hartford

On this 29th day of September, 1995, before me personally came TERRY F. LUKOW to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he/she is Vice President of AETNA CASUALTY & SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he/she knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; and that he/she executed the said instrument on behalf of the corporation by authority of his/her office under the Standing Resolutions thereof.



Dorothy L. Marti  
My commission expires August 31, 1998  
Dorothy L. Marti  
Notary Public

**CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of AETNA CASUALTY & SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, a stock corporation of the State of Connecticut, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that the Standing Resolutions of the Board of Directors, as set forth in the Certificate of Authority, are now in force.

Signed and Sealed at the Home Office of the Company, in the City of Hartford, State of Connecticut. Dated this 13th day of August, 1996



By Rose Gonsoulin  
Rose Gonsoulin  
Assistant Secretary