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**MORTGAGE, ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS, SECURITY AGREEMENT**

THIS MORTGAGE, ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS, SECURITY AGREEMENT IS MADE AS OF JULY 27, 1999, by Roger A. Ladd and Carole Ladd, whose address is 6616 West Lincoln Highway, Crown Point, IN 46307 (referred to below as "Grantor") for the benefit of The First National Bank of Chicago, whose address is 4730 W. 79 Street, Chicago, IL 60652 (referred to below as "Lender").

**GRANT OF MORTGAGE.** For valuable consideration, Grantor mortgages, warrants, and conveys to Lender all of Grantor's right, title, and interest in and to the following described real property, together with all Improvements (as defined below); all tenant security deposits, utility deposits and all proceeds (including without limitation premium refunds) of each policy of insurance relating to any of the Improvements, the Personal Property or the Real Property; all rents, issues, profits, revenues, royalties or other benefits of the Improvements, the Personal Property or the Real Property; all easements, rights of way, and appurtenances; all water, water rights, watercourses and ditch rights (including stock in utilities with ditch or irrigation rights); and all other rights, royalties, and profits relating to the real property, including without limitation all minerals, oil, gas, geothermal and similar matters, located in Lake County, State of Indiana (the "Real Property");

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes intended.

The Real Property or its address is commonly known as 6616 West Lincoln Highway, Crown Point, IN . The Real Property tax identification number is 13-128-4 and 5.

**FIXTURE FILING.** THIS INSTRUMENT WHEN RECORDED SHALL CONSTITUTE A "FIXTURE FILING" FOR PURPOSES OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE. The Grantor herein is the "Debtor" and the Lender herein is the "Secured Party" for purposes of the Uniform Commercial Code. The address of the Lender/Secured Party shown above is the address at which information concerning the security interest of the Lender/Secured Party may be obtained.

**DEFINITIONS.** The following words shall have the following meanings when used in this Mortgage. Terms not otherwise defined in this Mortgage shall have the meanings attributed to such terms in the Uniform Commercial Code. All references to dollar amounts shall mean amounts in lawful money of the United States of America.

**Borrower.** The word "Borrower" means each and every person or entity signing the Note, including without

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limitation Roger A. Ladd.

**Grantor.** The word "Grantor" means any and all persons and entities executing this Mortgage, including without limitation all Grantors named above. The Grantor is the mortgagor under this Mortgage. Any Grantor who signs this Mortgage, but does not sign the Note, is signing this Mortgage only to grant and convey that Grantor's interest in the Real Property and to grant a security interest in Grantor's interest in the Rents and Personal Property to Lender and is not personally liable under the Note except as otherwise provided by contract or law.

**Guarantor.** The word "Guarantor" means and includes without limitation, each and all of the guarantors, sureties, and accommodation parties in connection with the Indebtedness.

**Improvements.** The word "Improvements" means and includes without limitation all existing and future improvements, fixtures, buildings, structures, mobile homes affixed on the Real Property, facilities, additions, replacements and other construction on the Real Property.

**Indebtedness.** The word "Indebtedness" means the indebtedness evidenced by the Note, including all principal and accrued interest thereon, together with all other liabilities, costs and expenses for which Grantor is responsible under this Mortgage or under any of the Related Documents.

**Leases.** The word "Leases" means all right, title and interest of Grantor in and to all leases relating to the Real Property, together with all modifications, extensions and guaranties thereof, presently existing or hereafter arising.

**Lender.** The word "Lender" means The First National Bank of Chicago, its successors and assigns. The Lender is the mortgagee under this Mortgage.

**Mortgage.** The word "Mortgage" means this Mortgage, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement by Grantor for the benefit of Lender, as may hereafter be amended or modified.

**Note.** The word "Note" means the promissory note dated July 27, 1999, in the original principal amount of \$120,000.00 from Borrower to Lender, together with all renewals of, extensions of, modifications of, refinancings of, consolidations of, and substitutions for such promissory note. The Note evidences a revolving line of credit.

**Personal Property.** The words "Personal Property" mean all equipment, fixtures, and other articles of personal property now or hereafter owned by Grantor, and now or hereafter attached or affixed to, or located on, the Real Property; together with all accessions, parts, and additions to, all replacements of, and all substitutions for, any of such property; and together with all proceeds (including without limitation all insurance proceeds and refunds of premiums) from any sale or other disposition of the Property.

**Property.** The word "Property" means collectively the Real Property and the Personal Property.

**Real Property.** The words "Real Property" mean the property, interests and rights described above in the "Grant of Mortgage" section.

**Related Documents.** The words "Related Documents" mean and include without limitation the Note and all credit agreements, loan agreements, environmental agreements, guaranties, security agreements, mortgages, deeds of trust, and all other instruments, agreements and documents, whether now or hereafter existing, executed in connection with the Note.

**Rents.** The word "Rents" means all present and future rents, revenues, income, issues, royalties, profits, and other benefits derived from the Property, including, without limitation, all Rents from all Leases.

**THIS MORTGAGE, INCLUDING THE ASSIGNMENT OF LEASES AND RENTS AND THE SECURITY INTEREST IN THE RENTS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, IS GIVEN TO SECURE (1) PAYMENT OF THE INDEBTEDNESS AND (2) PERFORMANCE OF ALL OBLIGATIONS OF GRANTOR UNDER THIS MORTGAGE AND THE RELATED DOCUMENTS. THIS MORTGAGE IS GIVEN AND ACCEPTED ON THE FOLLOWING TERMS:**

**GRANTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.** Grantor warrants that: (a) this Mortgage is executed at Borrower's request and not at the request of Lender; (b) Grantor has the full power, right, and authority to enter into this Mortgage and to hypothecate the Property; (c) the provisions of this Mortgage do not conflict with, or result in a default under any agreement or other instrument binding upon Grantor and do not result in a violation of any law, regulation, court decree or order applicable to Grantor; (d) Grantor has established adequate means of obtaining from Borrower on a continuing basis information about Borrower's financial condition; and (e) Lender has made no representation to Grantor about Borrower (including without limitation the creditworthiness of Borrower).

**POSSESSION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTY.** Grantor and Borrower agree that Grantor's possession and use of the Property shall be governed by the following provisions:

**Possession and Use.** Until in default, Grantor may remain in possession and control of and operate and manage the Property and collect the Rents from the Property.

**Duty to Maintain.** Grantor shall maintain the Property in condition and promptly perform all repairs, replacements, and maintenance necessary to preserve its value. Grantor shall also observe and comply with all conditions and requirements (if any) necessary to preserve and extend all rights, easements, licenses, permits (including, without limitation, zoning variations and any non-conforming uses and structures), privileges, franchises and concessions applicable to the Real Property or contracted for in connection with any present or future use of the Real Property.

**Hazardous Substances.** The terms "hazardous waste," "hazardous substance," "disposal," "release," and

"threatened release," as used in this Mortgage, shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601, et seq. ("CERCLA"), the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-499 ("SARA"), the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, 49 U.S.C. Section 1801, et seq., the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 49 U.S.C. Section 6901, et seq., or other applicable state or Federal laws, rules, or regulations adopted pursuant to any of the foregoing. The terms "hazardous waste" and "hazardous substance" shall also include, without limitation, petroleum and petroleum by-products or any fraction thereof and asbestos. Except as previously disclosed to and acknowledged by Lender in writing, Grantor represents and warrants to Lender that: (a) During the period of Grantor's ownership of the Property, there has been no use, generation, manufacture, storage, treatment, disposal, release or threatened release of any hazardous waste or substance by any person on, under, about or from the Property; (b) Grantor has no knowledge of, or reason to believe that there has been, (i) any use, generation, manufacture, storage, treatment, disposal, release, or threatened release of any hazardous waste or substance on, under, about or from the Property by any prior owners or occupants of the Property or (ii) any actual or threatened litigation or claims of any kind by any person relating to such matters; (c) Neither Grantor nor any tenant, contractor, agent or other authorized user of the Property shall use, generate, manufacture, store, treat, dispose of, or release any hazardous waste or substance on, under, about or from the Property and any such activity shall be conducted in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances, including without limitation those laws, regulations, and ordinances described above; and (d) There are and have been no underground storage tanks on or under the Real Property and all underground storage tanks located on or under the Real Property have been and shall be maintained in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances, including, without limitation, those laws, regulations and ordinances described above. Grantor authorizes Lender and its agents to enter upon the Property to make such inspections and tests, at Grantor's expense, as Lender may deem appropriate to determine compliance of the Property with this section of the Mortgage. Any inspections or tests made by Lender shall be for Lender's purposes only and shall not be construed to create any responsibility or liability on the part of Lender to Grantor or to any other person. The representations and warranties contained herein are based on Grantor's due diligence in investigating the Property for hazardous waste and hazardous substances. Grantor hereby (a) releases and waives any future claims against Lender for indemnity or contribution in the event Grantor becomes liable for cleanup or other costs under any such laws, and (b) agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Lender against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, damages, penalties, and expenses which Lender may directly or indirectly sustain or suffer resulting from a breach of this section of the Mortgage or as a consequence of any use, generation, manufacture, storage, disposal, release or threatened release of a hazardous waste or substance on the properties. The provisions of this section of the Mortgage, including the obligation to indemnify, shall survive the payment of the Indebtedness and the satisfaction and reconveyance of the lien of this Mortgage and shall not be affected by Lender's acquisition of any interest in the Property, whether by foreclosure or otherwise.

**Nuisance, Waste.** Grantor shall not cause, conduct or permit any nuisance nor commit, permit, or suffer any stripping of or waste on or to the Property or any portion of the Property. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Grantor will not remove, or grant to any other party the right to remove, any timber, minerals (including oil and gas), soil, gravel or rock products without the prior written consent of Lender.

**Alteration of Improvements.** Grantor shall not make any material alterations in the Improvements (including, without limitation demolish or remove any Improvements from the Real Property) without the prior written consent of Lender. As a condition to the removal of any Improvements, Lender may require Grantor to make arrangements satisfactory to Lender to replace such Improvements with Improvements of at least equal value.

**Lender's Right to Enter.** Lender and its agents and representatives may enter upon the Real Property at all reasonable times to attend to Lender's interests and to inspect the Property for purposes of Grantor's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Mortgage.

**Compliance with Governmental Requirements.** Grantor shall promptly comply with all laws, ordinances, and regulations, now or hereafter in effect, of all governmental authorities applicable to the use or occupancy of the Property, including without limitation, the Americans With Disabilities Act. Grantor may contest in good faith any such law, ordinance, or regulation and withhold compliance during any proceeding, including appropriate appeals, so long as Grantor has notified Lender in writing prior to doing so and so long as, in Lender's sole opinion, Lender's interests in the Property are not jeopardized. Lender may require Grantor to post adequate security or a surety bond, reasonably satisfactory to Lender, to protect Lender's interest.

**Duty to Protect.** Grantor agrees neither to abandon nor leave unattended the Property. Grantor shall do all other acts, in addition to those acts set forth above in this section, which from the character and use of the Property are reasonably necessary to protect and preserve the Property.

#### **ASSIGNMENT OF LEASES AND RENTS.**

**Assignment of Leases.** Grantor hereby assigns to Lender all Leases including all of Grantor's rights and power to modify, terminate, accept, surrender or waive or release tenants from performance or observation of any obligations or conditions of the Leases. Prior to an Event of Default, Grantor shall have the right, without joinder of Lender, to enforce the Leases, unless Lender directs otherwise.

**Assignment of Rents.** Grantor does hereby absolutely and unconditionally assign, transfer and set over to Lender all Rents, subject, however, to a license hereby granted by Lender to Grantor to collect and receive all of the Rents (such license evidenced by Lender's acceptance hereof) and to the terms and conditions hereof; provided, however, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default hereunder or upon the occurrence of any

event or circumstance which with the lapse of time or the giving of notice or both would constitute an Event of Default hereunder, such license shall automatically and immediately terminate and Grantor shall hold all Rents paid to Grantor thereafter in trust for the use and benefit of Lender and Lender shall have the right, power and authority, whether or not it takes possession of the Property, to seek enforcement of any such lease, contract or bond and to demand, collect, receive, sue for and recover in its own name any and all of the above described amounts assigned hereby and to apply the sum(s) collected, first to the payment of expenses incident to the collection of the same, and the balance to the payment of the Indebtedness; provided further, however, that Lender shall not be deemed to have taken possession of the Property except on the exercise of its option to do so, evidenced by its demand and overt act for such purpose. It shall not be necessary for Lender to institute any type of legal proceedings or take any other action whatsoever to enforce the assignment provisions contained herein. Notwithstanding anything contained herein or in any of the other Related Documents to the contrary, the assignment in this Paragraph is an absolute, unconditional and presently effective assignment and not merely a security interest.

**Right to Rely.** Grantor hereby irrevocably authorizes and directs the tenants under the Leases to pay Rents to Lender upon written demand by Lender without further consent of Grantor, and the tenants may rely upon any written statement delivered by Lender to the tenants. Any such payment to Lender shall constitute payment to Grantor under the Leases. The provisions this Paragraph are intended solely for the benefit of the tenants and shall never inure to the benefit of Grantor or any person claiming through or under Grantor, other than a tenant who has not received such notice. The Assignment of Rents set forth herein is not contingent upon any notice or demand by Lender to the tenants.

**Warranties Concerning Leases and Rents.** Grantor represents and warrants that: (a) Grantor has good title to the Leases and Rents and authority to assign them, and no other person or entity has any right, title or interest therein; (b) all existing Leases are valid, unmodified and in full force and effect, except as indicated herein, and no default exists thereunder; (c) unless otherwise provided herein, no Rents have been or will be assigned, mortgaged or pledged; (d) no Rents have been or will be waived, released, discounted or compromised; and (e) Grantor has not collected Rents more than one (1) month in advance.

**Grantor's Covenants of Performance.** Grantor covenants to: (a) perform all of its obligations under the Leases; (b) give immediate notice to Lender of any notice Grantor receives from any tenant or subtenant under any Leases, specifying any claimed default by any party under such Leases; (c) enforce the tenant's obligations under the Leases; (d) defend, at Grantor's expense, any proceeding pertaining to the Leases, including, if Lender so requests, any such proceeding to which Lender is a party; (e) neither create nor permit any encumbrance upon its interest as lessor of the Leases except as provided hereunder; and (f) deliver to Lender upon its request executed originals of all Leases and copies of all records relating thereto.

**Prior Approval for Actions Affecting Leases.** Grantor shall not, without the prior written consent of Lender: (a) receive or collect Rents more than one month in advance; (b) encumber or assign future Rents or Leases; (c) waive or release any obligation of any tenant under the Leases; (d) cancel, terminate or materially modify any of the Leases, except upon default by the tenant thereunder; or (e) enter into any Leases after the date hereof.

**Lender in Possession.** Lender's acceptance of this assignment shall not, prior to entry upon and taking possession of the Property by Lender, be deemed to constitute Lender a "mortgagee in possession," nor obligate Lender to appear in or defend any proceedings relating to any of the Leases or to the Property, take any action hereunder, expend any money, incur any expenses or perform any obligation or liability under the Leases, or assume any obligation for any deposits delivered to Grantor by any tenant and not delivered to Lender. Lender shall not be liable for any injury or damage to any person or property in or about the Property.

**DUE ON SALE - CONSENT BY LENDER.** Lender may, at its option, declare immediately due and payable all sums secured by this Mortgage upon the sale or transfer, without the Lender's prior written consent, of all or any part of the Real Property, or any interest in the Real Property. A "sale or transfer" means the conveyance of Real Property or any right, title or interest therein; whether legal, beneficial or equitable; whether voluntary or involuntary; whether by outright sale, deed, instalment sale contract, land contract, contract for deed, lease-option contract, or by sale, assignment, or transfer of any beneficial interest in or to any land trust holding title to the Real Property, or by any other method of conveyance of Real Property interest. If any Grantor is a corporation (unless such Grantor's stock is publicly traded), partnership or limited liability company, "sale or transfer" also includes any change in ownership without the prior written consent of Lender of the voting stock, partnership interests or limited liability company interests, as the case may be, of Grantor. However, this option shall not be exercised by Lender if such exercise is prohibited by federal law or by Indiana law.

#### TAXES AND LIENS.

**Payment.** Grantor shall pay when due all taxes, assessments, water charges and sewer services charges levied or assessed against the Property, or any part thereof, and shall pay when due all claims for work done on or for services rendered or material furnished to the Property. Grantor shall maintain the Property free and clear of all liens, except for liens of taxes and assessments not due and except as otherwise provided herein.

**Right To Contest.** Grantor may withhold payment of any tax, assessment, or claim in connection with a good faith dispute over the obligation to pay, so long as Lender's interest in the Property is not jeopardized. If a lien arises or is filed as a result of nonpayment, Grantor shall within fifteen (15) days after the lien arises or, if a lien is filed, within fifteen (15) days after Grantor has notice of the filing, secure the discharge of the lien, or if requested by Lender, deposit with Lender cash or a sufficient corporate surety bond or other security satisfactory to Lender in an amount sufficient to discharge the lien plus any costs and attorneys' fees or other charges that could accrue as a result of a foreclosure or sale under the lien. In any contest,

Grantor shall defend itself and Lender and shall satisfy any adverse judgment before enforcement against the Property. Grantor shall name Lender as an additional obligee under any surety bond furnished in the contest proceedings.

**Evidence of Payment.** Grantor shall upon demand furnish to Lender satisfactory evidence of payment of the taxes or assessments and shall authorize the appropriate governmental official to deliver to Lender at any time a written statement of the taxes and assessments against the Property.

**Notice of Construction.** Grantor shall notify Lender at least fifteen (15) days before any work is commenced, any services are furnished, or any materials are supplied to the Property, if any mechanic's lien, materialmen's lien, or other lien could be asserted on account of the work, services, or materials. Grantor will upon request of Lender furnish to Lender advance assurances satisfactory to Lender that Grantor can and will pay the cost of such improvements.

#### PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE.

**Maintenance of Insurance.** Grantor shall procure and maintain policies of fire insurance with standard extended coverage endorsements on a replacement basis for the full insurable value covering all improvements on the Real Property in an amount sufficient to avoid application of any coinsurance clause, and with a standard mortgagee clause in favor of Lender. Grantor shall also procure and maintain comprehensive general liability insurance in such coverage amounts as Lender may request with Lender being named as additional insured in such liability insurance policies. Additionally, Grantor shall procure and maintain such other insurance, including but not limited to hazard, business interruption and boiler insurance as Lender may require. Policies shall be written by such insurance companies and in such form as may be reasonably acceptable to Lender. Grantor shall deliver to Lender certificates of coverage from each insurer containing a stipulation that coverage will not be cancelled or diminished without a minimum of thirty (30) days' prior written notice to Lender and not containing any disclaimer of the insurer's liability for failure to give such notice. Each insurance policy also shall include an endorsement providing that coverage in favor of Lender will not be impaired in any way by any act, omission or default of Grantor or any other person. Should the Real Property at any time become located in an area designated by the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a special flood hazard area, Grantor agrees to obtain and maintain Federal Flood Insurance for the full unpaid principal balance of the loan, up to the maximum policy limits set under the National Flood Insurance Program, or as otherwise required by Lender, and to maintain such insurance for the term of the loan.

**Application of Proceeds.** Grantor shall promptly notify Lender of any loss or damage to the Property. Lender may make proof of loss if Grantor fails to do so within fifteen (15) days of the casualty. Whether or not Lender's security is impaired, Lender may, at its election, apply the proceeds to the reduction of the Indebtedness, payment of any lien affecting the Property, or the restoration and repair of the Property. If Lender elects to apply the proceeds to restoration and repair, Grantor shall repair or replace the damaged or destroyed improvements in a manner satisfactory to Lender. Lender shall, upon satisfactory proof of such expenditure, pay or reimburse Grantor from the proceeds for the reasonable cost of repair or restoration if Grantor is not in default under this Mortgage. Any proceeds which have not been disbursed within 180 days after their receipt and which Lender has not committed to the repair or restoration of the Property shall be used first to pay any amount owing to Lender under this Mortgage, then to prepay accrued interest, and the remainder, if any, shall be applied to the principal balance of the Indebtedness. If Lender holds any proceeds after payment in full of the Indebtedness, such proceeds shall be paid to Grantor. Lender is hereby appointed attorney-in-fact for Grantor, such power being coupled with an interest, to make proof of loss or damage if Grantor fails to do so within fifteen (15) days, to receive any sums collected under such policies and, in the event any insurance losses are paid by check, draft or other instrument payable to Grantor, Lender may endorse Grantor's name thereon and take such further steps on behalf of Grantor as are necessary to realize on any such instrument. Application of insurance proceeds to the payment of the Indebtedness will not extend, postpone or waive any payments otherwise due or change the amount of such payment to be made and the proceeds may be applied in such order and in such amounts as Lender may elect.

**Unexpired Insurance at Sale.** Any unexpired insurance shall inure to the benefit of, and pass to, the purchaser of the Property covered by this Mortgage at any trustee's sale or other sale held under the provisions of this Mortgage, or at any foreclosure sale of such Property.

**Grantor's Report on Insurance.** Upon request of Lender, however not more than once a year, Grantor shall furnish to Lender a report on each existing policy of insurance showing: (a) the name of the insurer; (b) the risks insured; (c) the amount of the policy; (d) the property insured, the then current replacement value of such property, and the manner of determining that value; and (e) the expiration date of the policy. Grantor shall, upon request of Lender, have an independent appraiser satisfactory to Lender determine the cash value replacement cost of the Property.

**TAX AND INSURANCE RESERVES.** Subject to any limitations set by applicable law, Lender may require Grantor to maintain with Lender reserves for payment of annual taxes, assessments, and insurance premiums, which reserves shall be created by advance payment or monthly payments of a sum estimated by Lender to be sufficient to produce amounts at least equal to the taxes, assessments, and insurance premiums to be paid. The reserve funds shall be held by Lender as a general deposit from Grantor, which Lender may satisfy by payment of the taxes, assessments, and insurance premiums required to be paid by Grantor as they become due. Lender shall have the right to draw upon the reserve funds to pay such items, and Lender shall not be required to determine the validity or accuracy of any item before paying it. Nothing in the Mortgage shall be construed as requiring Lender to advance other monies for such purposes, and Lender shall not incur any liability for anything it may do or omit to do with respect to the reserve account. Subject to any limitations set by applicable law, if

the reserve funds disclose a shortage or deficiency, Grantor shall pay such shortage or deficiency as required by Lender. All amounts in the reserve account are hereby pledged to further secure the Indebtedness, and Lender is hereby authorized to withdraw and apply such amounts on the Indebtedness upon the occurrence of an Event of Default. Lender shall not be required to pay any interest or earnings on the reserve funds unless required by law or agreed to by Lender in writing. Lender does not hold the reserve funds in trust for Grantor, and Lender is not Grantor's agent for payment of the taxes and assessments required to be paid by Grantor.

**EXPENDITURES BY LENDER.** If Grantor fails to comply with any provision of this Mortgage, or if any action or proceeding is commenced that would materially affect Lender's interests in the Property, Lender on Grantor's behalf may, but shall not be required to, take any action that Lender deems appropriate. Any amount that Lender expends in so doing will bear interest at the rate provided for in the Note from the date incurred or paid by Lender to the date of repayment by Grantor. All such expenses will be payable on demand and shall be secured by this instrument. The rights provided for in this paragraph shall be in addition to any other rights or any remedies to which Lender may be entitled on account of the default. Any such action by Lender shall not be construed as curing the default so as to bar Lender from any remedy that it otherwise would have had.

**WARRANTY; DEFENSE OF TITLE.**

**Title.** Grantor warrants that: (a) Grantor holds good and marketable title of record to the Real Property in fee simple, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances other than those set forth in the legal description of the Real Property set forth herein or attached hereto or in any title insurance policy, title report, or final title opinion issued in favor of, and accepted by, Lender in connection with this Mortgage, and (b) Grantor has the full right, power, and authority to execute and deliver this Mortgage to Lender.

**Defense of Title.** Subject to the exception in the paragraph above, Grantor warrants and will forever defend the title to the Property against the lawful claims of all persons. In the event any action or proceeding is commenced that questions Grantor's title or the interest of Lender under this Mortgage, Grantor shall defend the action at Grantor's expense. Grantor may be the nominal party in such proceeding, but Lender shall be entitled to participate in the proceeding and to be represented in the proceeding by counsel of Lender's own choice, and Grantor will deliver, or cause to be delivered, to Lender such instruments as Lender may request from time to time to permit such participation.

**No Other Liens.** Grantor will not, without the prior written consent of Lender, create, place, or permit to be created or placed, or through any act or failure to act, acquiesce in the placing of, or allow to remain, any mortgage, voluntary or involuntary lien, whether statutory, constitutional or contractual (except for a lien for ad valorem taxes on the Real Property which are not delinquent), security interest, encumbrance or charge, against or covering the Property, or any part thereof, other than as permitted herein, regardless if same are expressly or otherwise subordinate to the lien or security interest created in this Mortgage, and should any of the foregoing become attached hereafter in any manner to any part of the Property without the prior written consent of Lender, Grantor will cause the same to be promptly discharged and released.

**Compliance With Laws.** Grantor warrants that the Property and Grantor's use of the Property complies with all existing applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of governmental authorities.

**Solvency of Grantor.** As of the date hereof, and after giving effect to this document and the completion of all other transactions contemplated by Grantor at the time of the execution hereof, (i) Grantor is and will be solvent, (ii) the fair saleable value of Grantor's assets exceeds and will continue to exceed Grantor's liabilities (both fixed and contingent), (iii) Grantor is paying and will continue to be able to pay its debts as they mature, and (iv) if Grantor is not an individual, Grantor has and will have sufficient capital to carry on Grantor's businesses and all businesses in which Grantor is about to engage.

**CONDEMNATION.**

**Application of Net Proceeds.** If all or any part of the Property is condemned by eminent domain proceedings or by any proceeding or purchase in lieu of condemnation, Lender may at its discretion require that all or any portion of the net proceeds of the award be applied to the Indebtedness or the repair or restoration of the Property. The net proceeds of the award shall mean the award after payment of all reasonable costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees incurred by Lender in connection with the condemnation.

**Proceedings.** If any proceeding in condemnation is filed, Grantor shall promptly notify Lender in writing, and Grantor shall promptly take such steps as may be necessary to defend the action and obtain the award. Grantor may be the nominal party in such proceeding, but Lender shall be entitled to participate in the proceeding and to be represented in the proceeding by counsel of its own choice, and Grantor will deliver or cause to be delivered to Lender such instruments as may be requested by it from time to time to permit such participation.

**Attorney-In-Fact.** Lender is hereby authorized, in the name of Grantor, to execute and deliver valid acquittances for condemnation awards paid to Grantor. Lender is hereby irrevocably appointed Grantor's attorney-in-fact, such power being coupled with an interest, to receive any sums due in connection with such condemnation, and, in the event any such proceeds are paid by check, draft or other instrument payable to Grantor, Lender may endorse Grantor's name thereon and take such further steps on behalf of Grantor as are necessary to realize on any such instrument. Any application of condemnation proceeds to the payment of the Indebtedness will not extend, postpone or waive any payments otherwise due or change the amount of such payment to be made, and the proceeds may be applied in such order and in such amounts as Lender may elect.

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**SECURITY AGREEMENT; FINANCING STATEMENTS.**

**Security Agreement.** Grantor hereby grants to Lender a security interest in all Personal Property and Rents to secure payment of the Indebtedness. This instrument shall constitute a security agreement and a financing statement, and Lender shall have all of the rights of a secured party under the Uniform Commercial Code as amended from time to time.

**Security Interest.** Upon request by Lender, Grantor shall execute financing statements and take whatever other action is requested by Lender to perfect and continue Lender's security interest in the Rents and Personal Property. Grantor hereby appoints Lender as Grantor's attorney in fact for the purpose of executing any documents necessary to perfect or continue the security interest granted in the Rents and Personal Property. Lender may sign and file financing statements without Grantor's signature. In addition to recording this Mortgage in the real property records, Lender may, at any time and without further authorization from Grantor, file executed counterparts, copies or reproductions of this Mortgage as a financing statement. Grantor shall reimburse Lender for all expenses incurred in perfecting or continuing this security interest. Upon default, Grantor shall assemble the Personal Property in a manner and at a place reasonably convenient to Grantor and Lender and make it available to Lender within three (3) days after receipt of written demand from Lender.

**Addresses.** The mailing addresses of Grantor (debtor) and Lender (secured party), from which information concerning the security interest granted by this Mortgage may be obtained (each as required by the Uniform Commercial Code), are as stated on the first page of this Mortgage.

**FURTHER ASSURANCES; ATTORNEY-IN-FACT.**

**Further Assurances.** At any time, and from time to time, upon request of Lender, Grantor will make, execute and deliver, or will cause to be made, executed or delivered, to Lender or to Lender's designee, and when requested by Lender, cause to be filed, recorded, refiled, or rerecorded, as the case may be, at such times and in such offices and places as Lender may deem appropriate, any and all such mortgages, deeds of trust, security deeds, security agreements, financing statements, continuation statements, instruments of further assurance, certificates, and other documents as may, in the sole opinion of Lender, be necessary or desirable in order to effectuate, complete, perfect, continue, or preserve (a) the obligations of Grantor and Borrower under the Note, this Mortgage, and the other Related Documents, and (b) the liens and security interests created by this Mortgage as first and prior liens on the Property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired by Grantor. Unless prohibited by law or agreed to the contrary by Lender in writing, Grantor shall reimburse Lender for all costs and expenses incurred in connection with recording, perfecting or continuing the lien created hereby and the matters referred to in this paragraph.

**Attorney-in-Fact.** If Grantor fails to do any of the things referred to in the preceding paragraph, Lender may do so for and in the name of Grantor and at Grantor's expense. For such purposes, Grantor hereby irrevocably appoints Lender as Grantor's attorney-in-fact for the purpose of making, executing, delivering, filing, recording, and doing all other things as may be necessary or desirable, in Lender's sole opinion, to accomplish the matters referred to in the preceding paragraph.

**Lien Not Released.** The lien, security interest and other security rights of Lender hereunder shall not be impaired by any indulgence, moratorium or release granted by Lender, including but not limited to, the following: (a) any renewal, extension, increase or modification of any of the Indebtedness; (b) any surrender, compromise, release, renewal, extension, exchange or substitution granted in respect of any of the Property; (c) any release or indulgence granted to any endorser, guarantor or surety of any of the Indebtedness; (d) any release of any other collateral for any of the Indebtedness; (e) any acquisition of any additional collateral for any of the Indebtedness; (f) any consent to the granting of any easement with respect to the Real Property; and (g) any waiver or failure to exercise any right, power or remedy granted herein, by law or in any of the Related Documents.

**FULL PERFORMANCE.** If Borrower pays all the Indebtedness when due, and otherwise performs all the obligations imposed upon Grantor under this Mortgage, Lender shall execute and deliver to Grantor a suitable satisfaction of this Mortgage and suitable statements of termination of any financing statement on file evidencing Lender's security interest in the Rents and the Personal Property. Grantor will pay, if permitted by applicable law, any reasonable termination fee as determined by Lender from time to time.

**DEFAULT.** Each of the following, at the option of Lender, shall constitute an event of default ("Event of Default") under this Mortgage:

**Default on Indebtedness.** Failure of Borrower to make any payment when due on the Indebtedness or any other indebtedness or obligation now or hereafter owing to Lender.

**Other Defaults.** Failure to comply with any other term, obligation, covenant or condition contained in this Mortgage, the Note, in any of the other Related Documents or in any other agreement now existing or hereafter arising between Lender and Grantor.

**False Statements.** Any warranty, representation or statement made or furnished to Lender under this Mortgage, the Note or any of the other Related Documents is false or misleading in any material respect.

**Default to Third Party.** The occurrence of any event which permits the acceleration of the maturity of any indebtedness owing by Borrower, Grantor or any Guarantor to any third party under any agreement or undertaking.

**Bankruptcy or Insolvency.** If the Borrower, Grantor or any Guarantor: (i) becomes insolvent, or makes a transfer in fraud of creditors, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or admits in writing its

inability to pay its debts as they become due; (ii) generally is not paying its debts as such debts become due; (iii) has a receiver, trustee or custodian appointed for, or take possession of, all or substantially all of the assets of such party or any of the Collateral, either in a proceeding brought by such party or in a proceeding brought against such party and such appointment is not discharged or such possession is not terminated within sixty (60) days after the effective date thereof or such party consents to or acquiesces in such appointment or possession; (iv) files a petition for relief under the United States Bankruptcy Code or any other present or future federal or state insolvency, bankruptcy or similar laws (all of the foregoing hereinafter collectively called "**Applicable Bankruptcy Law**") or any involuntary petition for relief is filed against such party under any Applicable Bankruptcy Law and such involuntary petition is not dismissed within sixty (60) days after the filing thereof, or an order for relief naming such party is entered under the any Applicable Bankruptcy Law, or any composition, rearrangement, extension, reorganization or other relief of debtors now or hereafter existing is requested or consented to by such party; (v) fails to have discharged within a period of sixty (60) days any attachment, sequestration or similar writ levied upon any property of such party; or (vi) fails to pay within thirty (30) days any final money judgment against such party.

**Liquidation, Death and Related Events.** If Borrower, Grantor or any Guarantor is an entity, the liquidation, dissolution, merger or consolidation of any such entity or, if any of such parties is an individual, the death or legal incapacity of any such individual.

**Abandonment.** Grantor abandons all or a portion of the Property.

**Action by Other Lienholder.** The holder of any lien or security interest on the Property (without hereby implying the consent of Lender to the existence or creation of any such lien or security interest) declares a default thereunder or institutes foreclosure or other proceedings for the enforcement of its remedies thereunder.

**Destruction of Property.** The Property is so demolished, destroyed or damaged that, in the judgment of Lender, it cannot be restored or rebuilt with available funds to a profitable condition within a reasonable period of time.

**Condemnation.** So much of the Property is taken in condemnation, or sold in lieu of condemnation, or the Property is so diminished in value due to any injury or damage to the Property, that the remainder thereof cannot, in the judgment of Lender, continue to be operated profitably for the purpose for which it was being used immediately prior to such taking, sale or diminution.

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

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

**UCC Remedies.** With respect to all or any part of the Personal Property, Lender shall have all the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Uniform Commercial Code.

**Appoint Receiver.** Lender shall have the right 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 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.

**Judicial Foreclosure.** Lender may obtain a judicial decree foreclosing Grantor's interest in all or any part of the Property.

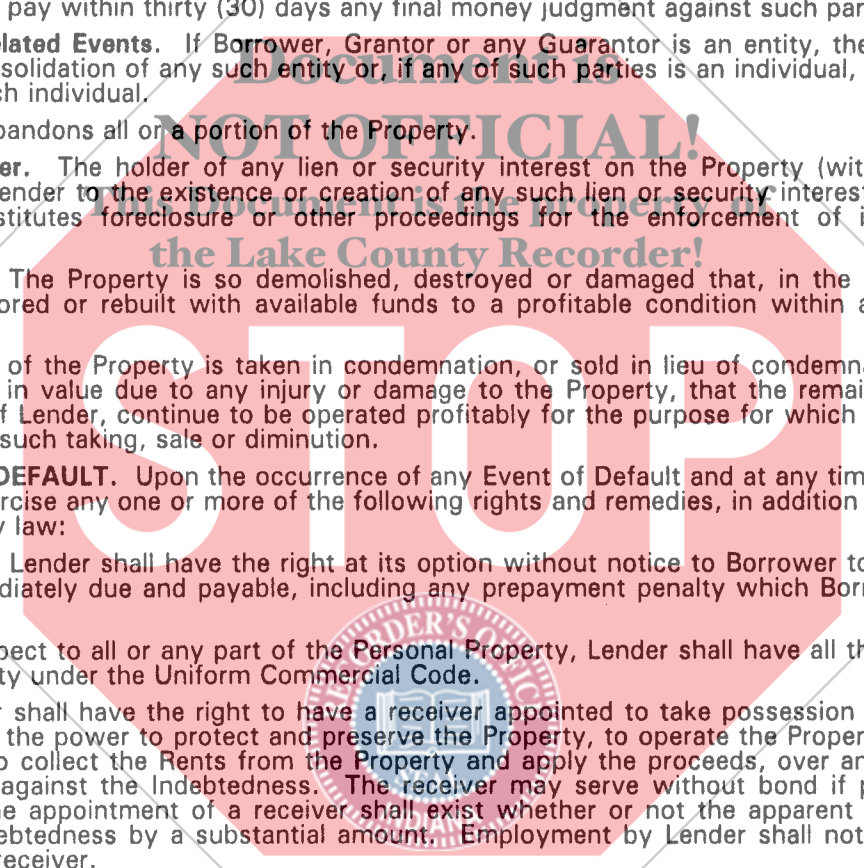
**Deficiency Judgment.** With respect to any Grantor who also is personally liable on the Note, Lender may obtain a judgment for any deficiency remaining in the Indebtedness due to Lender after application of all amounts received from the exercise of the rights provided in this section.

**Other Remedies.** Lender shall have all other rights and remedies provided in this Mortgage or the Note or available at law or in equity.

**Sale of the Property.** To the extent permitted by applicable law, Grantor or Borrower hereby waive any and all right to have the property marshalled. In exercising its rights and remedies, Lender shall be free to sell all or any part of the Property together or separately, in one sale or by separate sales. Lender shall be entitled to bid at any public sale on all or any portion of the Property.

**Notice of Sale.** Lender shall give Grantor reasonable notice of the time and place of any public sale of the Personal Property or of the time after which any private sale or other intended disposition of the Personal Property is to be made. Reasonable notice shall mean notice given at least ten (10) days before the time of the sale or disposition.

**Waiver; Election of Remedies.** A waiver by any party of a breach of a provision of this Mortgage 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 shall not exclude pursuit of any other remedy, and an election to make expenditures or take action to perform an obligation of Grantor or Borrower under this Mortgage after failure of Grantor or Borrower to perform shall not affect Lender's right to declare a default and exercise its remedies under this Mortgage.





**Attorneys' Fees; Expenses.** If Lender institutes any suit or action to enforce any of the terms of this Mortgage, Lender shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees. Whether or not any court action is involved, all reasonable expenses incurred by Lender 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 from the date of expenditure until repaid at the rate provided for in the Note. Expenses covered by this paragraph include, without limitation, however subject to any limits under applicable law, Lender's reasonable attorneys' fees and Lender's legal expenses whether or not there is a lawsuit, including reasonable attorneys' fees 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), surveyors' reports, environmental reports and appraisal fees, and title insurance, to the extent permitted by applicable law. Grantor also will pay any court costs, in addition to all other sums provided by law.

**NOTICES TO GRANTOR AND OTHER PARTIES.** Any notice under this Mortgage, including without limitation any notice of default and any notice of sale to Grantor, shall be in writing and shall be effective when actually delivered, or when deposited with a nationally recognized overnight courier, or, if mailed, shall be deemed effective three (3) days after deposited in the United States mail first class, certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, directed to the addresses shown near the beginning of this Mortgage. Any party may change its address for notices under this Mortgage by giving formal written notice to the other parties, specifying that the purpose of the notice is to change the party's address. All copies of notices of foreclosure from the holder of any lien which has priority over this Mortgage shall be sent to Lender's address, as shown near the beginning of this Mortgage. For notice purposes, Grantor agrees to keep Lender informed at all times of Grantor's current address.

**MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

**Amendments.** This Mortgage, together with any Related Documents, constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the parties as to the matters set forth in this Mortgage. No alteration of or amendment to this Mortgage 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.

**Financial Statements.** As long as the Indebtedness remains unpaid in whole or in part, Grantor agrees to furnish Lender upon request by Lender, financial statements concerning Grantor, including, without limitation, such information with respect to the Real Property, at such time and in such form and detail as reasonably requested by Lender.

**Appraisals.** Grantor agrees that Lender may obtain from time to time in Lender's sole discretion, an appraisal or re-appraisal of the Real Property and Grantor shall be responsible, and shall promptly reimburse Lender for all costs associated therewith, including without limitation, the cost of any appraisal reviews; provided, however, Grantor will be obligated to pay for the cost of any such appraisals or re-appraisals no more than one (1) time in any twelve (12) month period.

**Indemnity.** Grantor hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Lender, and its officers, directors, employees, agents and representatives (each an "Indemnified Person") from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, claims, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind or nature (collectively, the "Claims") which may be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against, any Indemnified Person (whether or not caused by any Indemnified Person's sole, concurrent or contributory negligence) arising in connection with the Related Documents, the Indebtedness or the Property (including, without limitation, the enforcement of the Related Documents and the defense of any Indemnified Person's action and/or inaction in connection with the Related Documents), except to the limited extent that the Claims against the Indemnified Person are proximately caused by such Indemnified Person's gross negligence or willful misconduct. The indemnification provided for in this Section shall survive the termination of this instrument and shall extend and continue to benefit each individual or entity who is or has any time been an Indemnified Person hereunder.

**Applicable Law.** This Agreement has been delivered to Lender and accepted by Lender in the State of Illinois. Subject to the provisions on arbitration in any Related Document, this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois without regard to any conflict of laws or provisions thereof.

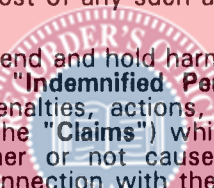
**JURY WAIVER.** THE UNDERSIGNED AND LENDER (BY ITS ACCEPTANCE HEREOF) HEREBY VOLUNTARILY, KNOWINGLY, IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO HAVE A JURY PARTICIPATE IN RESOLVING ANY DISPUTE (WHETHER BASED UPON CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE) BETWEEN OR AMONG THE UNDERSIGNED AND LENDER ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO THIS DOCUMENT OR ANY OTHER RELATED DOCUMENT, OR ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LENDER AND BORROWER. THIS PROVISION IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT TO LENDER TO PROVIDE THE FINANCING DESCRIBED HEREIN OR IN THE OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS.

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

**Merger.** There shall be no merger of the interest or estate created by this Mortgage 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.

**Severability.** If a court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision of this Mortgage to be invalid or unenforceable as to any person or circumstance, such finding shall not render that provision invalid or unenforceable as to any other persons or circumstances. If feasible, any such offending provision shall be deemed to be modified to be within the limits of enforceability or validity; however, if the offending provision

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cannot be so modified, it shall be stricken and all other provisions of this Mortgage in all other respects shall remain valid and enforceable.

**Successors and Assigns.** Subject to the limitations stated in this Mortgage on transfer of Grantor's interest, this Mortgage 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 Mortgage and the Indebtedness by way of forbearance or extension without releasing Grantor from the obligations of this Mortgage or liability under the Indebtedness.

**Time is of the Essence.** Time is of the essence in the performance of this Mortgage.

**Waivers and Consents.** Lender shall not be deemed to have waived any rights under this Mortgage (or under the Related Documents) unless such waiver is 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 any party of a provision of this Mortgage shall not constitute a waiver of or prejudice the party's right otherwise to demand strict compliance with that provision or any other provision. No prior waiver by Lender, nor any course of dealing between Lender and Grantor or Borrower, shall constitute a waiver of any of Lender's rights or any of Grantor or Borrower's obligations as to any future transactions. Whenever consent by Lender is required in this Mortgage, the granting of such consent by Lender in any instance shall not constitute continuing consent to subsequent instances where such consent is required.

**GRANTOR ACKNOWLEDGES HAVING READ ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THIS MORTGAGE, AND GRANTOR AGREES TO ITS TERMS.**

GRANTOR:

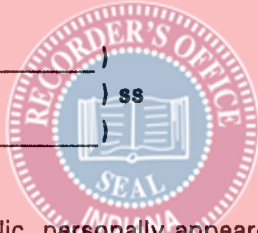
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INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF Illinois

COUNTY OF Cook



*Roger A. Carole*

On this day before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Ladd and Ladd, to me known to be the individuals described in and who executed the MORTGAGE, ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS, SECURITY AGREEMENT, and acknowledged that they signed the Mortgage as their free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Given under my hand and official seal this 30th day of July, 1999.

By Nancy A. Wojcik Residing at Lansing, ILLINOIS

Printed Name of Notary Public: NANCY A. WOJCICK

Notary Public in and for the State of ILLINOIS

My commission expires 8-15-00



**EXHIBIT "A" LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

**Borrower:** Roger A. Ladd  
dba: R.A.L. Landscaping  
6616 West Lincoln Highway  
Crown Point, IN 46307

**Lender:** The First National Bank of Chicago  
Chicago 79th Street LPO  
4730 W. 79 Street  
Chicago, IL 60652

This EXHIBIT "A" LEGAL DESCRIPTION is attached to and by this reference is made a part of the Deed of Trust or Mortgage dated July 27, 1999, and executed in connection with a loan or other financial accommodations between The First National Bank of Chicago and Roger A. Ladd.

Parcel 1: The North 1054.8 feet of the following described parcel: Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14 and part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, all in Township 35 North, Range 9 West of the 2nd Principal Meridian, in Lake County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point on the North line of said tract which is 412.8 feet West of the Northeast corner thereof, thence West along the North line of said tract 283.7 feet; thence South 1493 feet to the center line of the New Lincoln Highway; thence South 71 degrees 28 minutes East along the center line of said highway 299.2 feet thence North 1588.1 feet to the place of beginning; this parcel is otherwise described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of said tract which is 412.8 feet West of the Northeast corner thereof and running thence West along the North line of said tract 283.7 feet; thence South 1054.8 feet; thence East 283.7 feet; thence North 1054.8 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2: Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14 and part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, all in Township 35 North, Range 9 West of the 2nd Principal Meridian, in Lake County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point in the center line of Doffin Road 695.5 feet West from the East line of said Section 14; thence West along said center line a distance of 302 feet to a point joining tract No. 1, in the certificate of survey prepared by George W. Sosnowski, surveyor; thence South a distance of 1391.86 feet to a point in the center line of the New Lincoln Highway in Section 23; thence South 71 degrees 28 minutes East along said center line a distance of 318.4 feet to a point; thence North a distance of 1493 feet to the point of beginning also known and described as tract No. 2, in said certificate of survey.