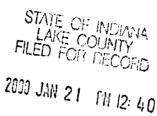
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TAX TITLE DEED TO COUNTY OF

WHEREAS, Lake County did, on the 6th day of December, 1999 produced to the County of Lake in the State of Indiana, a certificate of sale dated the 15th day of March, 1999 signed by Peter Benjamin who, at the date of sale, was Auditor of the County, from which it appears that said County on the 15th day of March, 1999 obtained, pursuant to law, the real property described in this indenture for the sum of Fifty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars and twenty-two cents (\$57,987.22), being the amount due on the following tracts of land returned delinquent in the name MERRICK CLANTHIA A. & RODNEY for 1998 and prior years, namely:

25-44-0051-0040

COMMON ADDRESS: 801 W 6TH AVE GARY, IN. 46402 LOT 40, BLOCK 51, GARY LAND COMPANY'S FIRST SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF GARY, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 15, IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

Such real property has been recorded in the Office of the Lake County Auditor as delinquent for the nonpayment of taxes and proper notice of the sale has been given. It appearing that Lake County is the owner of the certificate of sale, that the time for redeeming such real property has expired, that the property has not been redeemed, that the Lake County Commissioners have demanded a deed for the real property described in the certificate of sale, that the records of the Lake County Auditor's Office state that the real property was legally liable for taxation, and the real property has been duly assessed and properly charged on the duplicate with the taxes and special assessments for 1998 and prior years.

THEREFORE, this indenture, made this 6th day of December, 1999, between the State of Indiana by Peter Benjamin, Auditor of Lake County, of the first part, and Lake County of the second part, witnesseth; That the party of the first part, for and in consideration of the premises, has granted and bargained and conveyed to the party of the second part, the real property described in the certificate of sale, situated in the County of Lake, and State of Indiana, namely and more particularly described as follows;

25-44-0051-0040

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To have and to hold such real property, with the appurtenances belonging thereto, in as full and ample a manner as the Auditor of said County is empowered by law to convey the same.

In testimony whereof, Peter Benjamin, Auditor of Lake County, has hereunto set his hand, and affixed the seal of the Board of County Commissioners, the day and year last above mentioned.

Witness

Peter Benjamin, Auditor of Lake County

Attest: Peggy Hollinga Katoh Treasurer: Lake County

State OF INDIANA

}SS.

County of Lake

Before me the undersigned, Anna Anton, in and for said County, this day, personally came the above named Peter Benjamin, Auditor of said County, and acknowledged that he signed and sealed the foregoing deed for the users and purposes therein mentioned.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this

Anna Anton, Clerk of Lake County

This instrument prepared by Lee J. Christakis.

7870 Broadway, Suite G, Merrillville, IN 46410

Post Office address of grantee:

2293 NORTH MAIN STREET **CROWN POINT, INDIANA 46307**

DULY ENTERED FOR TAXATION SUBJECT TO FINAL ACCEPTANCE FOR TRANSFER.

JAN 1 & 2000

PETER DELL'AMILI MIKE GOUSSTY AUDITOR 00905

(L.S.)

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