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MORTGAGE

THIS MORTGAGE is made this day of March 23, 2000, between the Mortgagor, STEVEN E. STEELE, and CAROLE A. STEELE, HUSBAND AND WIFE (herein "Borrower"), whose address is 2648 GLENWOOD ST HIGHLAND IN 46322 and the Mortgagee, First Union Home Equity Bank, N.A., a national banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, whose address is NC-0361 CHARLOTTE, NC 28288 (herein "Lender").

WHEREAS, Borrower is indebted to Lender in the principal sum of U.S. \$34,400.00, which indebtedness is evidenced by Borrower's note dated March 23, 2000 and extensions, renewals and modifications thereof (herein "Note"), providing for monthly installments of principal and interest, with the balance of indebtedness, if not sooner paid, due and payable on March 28, 2015;

TO SECURE to Lender the repayment of the indebtedness evidenced by the Note, with interest thereon; the payment of all other sums, with interest thereon, advanced in accordance herewith to protect the security of this Mortgage; and the performance of the covenants and agreements of Borrower herein contained, Borrower does hereby mortgage, grant and convey to Lender the following described property located in the County of LAKE, State of Indiana:

SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE A.



which has the address of 2648 GLENWOOD ST HIGHLAND IN 46322

(herein "Property Address");

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TOGETHER with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, rights, appurtenances and rents all of which shall be deemed to be and remain a part of the property covered by this Mortgage; and all of the foregoing, together with said property (or the leasehold estate if this Mortgage is on a leasehold) are hereinafter referred to as the "Property."

Any Rider ("Rider") attached hereto and executed of even date is incorporated herein and the covenant and agreements of the Rider shall amend and supplement the covenants and agreements of this Mortgage, as if the Rider were a part hereof.

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 encumbrances of record. Borrower covenants that Borrower warrants and will defend generally the title to the Property against all claims and demands, subject to encumbrances of record.

UNIFORM COVENANTS. Borrower and Lender covenant and agree as follows:

1. **Payment of Principal and Interest.** Borrower shall promptly pay when due the principal and interest indebtedness evidenced by the Note and late charges as provided in the Note, all without relief from valuation and appraisal laws. This Mortgage secures payment of said Note according to its terms, which are incorporated herein by reference.
2. **Application of Payments.** Unless applicable law provides otherwise, all payments received by Lender under the Note and paragraph 1 hereof shall be applied by Lender first to interest due on the Note, second to the principal due on the Note, and then to other charges, if any, due on the Note.
3. **Prior Mortgages and Deeds of Trust; Charges; Liens.** Borrower shall perform all of Borrower's obligations, under any mortgage, deed of trust or other security agreement with a lien which has priority over this Mortgage, including Borrower's covenants to make payments when due. Borrower shall pay or cause to be paid all taxes, assessments and other charges, fines and impositions attributable to the Property which may attain a priority over this Mortgage, and leasehold payments or ground rents, if any.
4. **Hazard Insurance.**
 - a) 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, including floods or flood, 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. If Borrower fails to maintain coverage described above, Lender may, at Lender's option, obtain coverage to protect Lender's rights in the Property in accordance with paragraph 6.
 - b) 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 to the insurance carrier and Lender. Lender may make proof of loss if not made promptly to Borrower.
 - c) 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 Security Instrument, 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 Security Instrument, whether or not then due. The 30-day period will begin when the notice is given.
 - d) Except as provided in subparagraph 4(c) below, should partial or complete destruction or damage occur to the Property, Borrower hereby agrees that any and all instruments evidencing insurance proceeds received by Lender as a result of said damage or destruction, shall be placed in a non-interest bearing escrow account with Lender. At Lender's discretion, Lender may release some or all of the proceeds from escrow after Borrower presents Lender with a receipt(s), invoice(s), written estimates(s) or other document(s) acceptable to Lender which relates to the repair and/or improvements of the Property necessary as a result of said damage and/or destruction. Absent an agreement to the contrary, Lender shall not be required to pay Borrower any interest on the proceeds held in the escrow account. Any amounts remaining in the account after all repairs and/or improvements have been made to the Lender's satisfaction, shall be applied to the sums secured by this Deed of Trust, Deed to Secure Debt, or Mortgage. Borrower further agrees to cooperate with Lender by endorsing all, checks, drafts and/or other instruments evidencing insurance proceeds; and any necessary documents. Should Borrower fail to provide any required endorsement and/or execution within thirty (30) days after Lender sends borrower notice that Lender has received an instrument evidencing insurance proceeds, or document(s) requiring Borrower's signature, Borrower hereby authorizes Lender to endorse said instrument and/or document(s) on Borrowers behalf, and collect and apply said proceeds at Lender's option, either to restoration or repair of the Property or to sums secured by this Deed of Trust, Deed to Secure Debt, or Mortgage. It is not the intention of either party that this escrow provision, and/or Lender's endorsement or execution of an instrument(s) and/or document(s) on behalf of Borrower create a fiduciary or agency relationship between Lender and Borrower.

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e) 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 16 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 Security Instrument.

5. Preservation and Maintenance of Property; Leaseholds; Condominiums; Planned Unit Developments. Borrower shall keep the Property in good repair and shall not commit waste or permit impairment or deterioration of the Property and shall comply with the provisions of any lease if this Mortgage is on a leasehold. If this Mortgage is on a unit in a condominium or a planned unit development, Borrower shall perform all of Borrower's obligations under the declaration or covenants creating or governing the condominium or planned unit development, the by-laws and regulations of the condominium or planned unit development, and constituent documents.

6. Protection of Lender's Security. If Borrower fails to perform the covenants and agreements contained in this Mortgage, or if any action or proceeding is commenced which materially affects Lender's interest in the Property, then Lender, at Lender's option, upon notice to Borrower, may make such appearances, disburse such sums, including reasonable attorneys' fees, and take such actions as is necessary to protect Lender's interest.

Any amounts disbursed by Lender pursuant to this paragraph 6, with interest thereon, at the Note rate, shall become additional indebtedness of Borrower secured by this Mortgage. Unless Borrower and Lender agree to other terms of payment, such amounts shall be payable upon notice from Lender to Borrower requesting payment thereof. Nothing contained in this paragraph 6 shall require Lender to incur any expense or take any action hereunder.

7. Inspection. Lender may make or cause to be made reasonable entries upon and inspections of the Property, provided that Lender shall give Borrower notice prior to any such inspection specifying reasonable cause therefor related to Lender's interest in the Property.

8. Condemnation. The proceeds of any award or claim for damages, direct or consequential, in connection with any condemnation or other taking of the Property, or part thereof, or for conveyance in lieu of condemnation, are hereby assigned and shall be paid to Lender subject to the terms of any mortgage, deed of trust or other security agreement with a lien which has priority over this Mortgage.

9. Borrower Not Released; Forbearance By Lender Not a Waiver. The Borrower shall remain liable for full payment of the principal and interest on the Note (or any advancement or obligation) secured hereby, notwithstanding any of the following: (a) The sale of all or a part of the premises, (b) the assumption by another party of the Borrower's obligations hereunder, (c) the forbearance or extension of time for payment or performance of any obligation hereunder, whether granted to Borrower or a subsequent owner of the property, and (d) the release of all or any part of the premises securing said obligations or the release of any party who assumes payment of the same. None of the foregoing shall in any way affect the full force and effect of the lien of this Mortgage or impair Lender's right to a deficiency judgment (in the event of foreclosure) against Borrower or any party assuming the obligations hereunder.

Any forbearance by Lender in exercising any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise afforded by applicable law, shall not be a waiver of or preclude the exercise of any such right or remedy.

10. Successors and Assigns Bound; Joint and Several Liability; Co-signers. The covenants and agreements herein contained shall bind, and the rights hereunder shall inure to, the respective successors and assigns of Lender and Borrower, subject to the provisions of paragraph 15 hereof. All covenants and agreements of Borrower shall be joint and several. Any Borrower who co-signs this Mortgage, but does not execute the Note: (a) is co-signing this Mortgage only to mortgage, grant and convey that Borrower's interest in the Property to Lender under the terms of this Mortgage, (b) is not personally liable on the Note or under this Mortgage, and (c) agrees that Lender and any other Borrower hereunder may agree to extend, modify, forbear, or make any other accommodations with regard to the terms of this Mortgage or the Note without that Borrower's consent and without releasing that Borrower or modifying this Mortgage as to that Borrower's interest in the Property.

11. Notice. Except for any notice required under applicable law to be given in another manner, (a) any notice to Borrower provided for in this Mortgage shall be given by delivering it or by mailing such notice by first class mail addressed to Borrower or the current owner at the Property Address or at such other address as Borrower may designate by notice to Lender as provided herein, and any other person personally liable on this Note as these person's names and addresses appear in the Lender's records at the time of giving notice and (b) any notice to Lender shall be given by first class mail to Lender's address stated herein or to such other address as lender may designate by notice to Borrower as provided herein. Any notice provided for in this Mortgage shall be deemed to have been given to Borrower or Lender when given in the manner designated herein.

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12. Governing Law; Severability. The state and local laws applicable to this Mortgage shall be the laws of the jurisdiction in which the Property is located. The foregoing sentence shall not limit the applicability of Federal law to this Mortgage. In the event that any provision or clause of this Mortgage or the Note conflicts with applicable law, such conflicts shall not affect other provisions of this Mortgage or the Note which can be given effect without the conflicting provision, and to this end the provisions of this Mortgage and the Note are declared to be severable. As used herein "costs", "expenses" and "attorneys' fees" include all sums to the extent not prohibited by applicable law or limited herein.

13. Borrower's Copy. Borrower shall be furnished a conformed copy of the Note, this Mortgage and Rider(s) at the time of execution or after recordation hereof.

14. Rehabilitation Loan Agreement. Borrower shall fulfill all of Borrower's obligations under any home rehabilitation, improvement, repair, or other loan agreement which Borrower enters into with Lender. Lender, at Lender's option, may require Borrower to execute and deliver to Lender, in a form acceptable to Lender, an assignment of any rights, claims or defenses which Borrower may have against parties who supply labor, materials or services in connection with improvements made to the Property.

15. Transfer of the Property or a Beneficial Interest in Borrower, Assumption. If all or any part of the Property or any interest in it is sold or transferred or conveyed by any means (or if a beneficial interest in Borrower is sold or transferred and Borrower is not a natural person) without Lender's prior written consent, Lender may, at Lender's option, for any reason, declare all the sums secured by this Mortgage to be immediately due and payable. 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. If Borrower fails to pay in full 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.

This Mortgage may not be assumed by a purchaser without the Lender's consent. If an assumption is allowed, the Lender may charge an assumption fee and require the person(s) assuming the loan to pay additional charges as authorized by law.

NON-UNIFORM COVENANTS. Borrower and Lender further covenant and agree as follows:

16. Acceleration; Remedies. Upon Borrower's breach of any covenant or agreement of Borrower in this Mortgage, including the covenants to pay when due any sums under the Note secured by this Mortgage, Lender, at Lender's option may declare all sums secured by this Mortgage, to be immediately due and payable without demand or notice to Borrower and may foreclose this Mortgage by judicial proceeding. Lender shall be entitled to collect in such proceeding all expenses of foreclosure, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of documentary evidence, abstracts and title reports.

17. Assignment of Rents; Appointment of Receiver. As additional security hereunder, Borrower hereby assigns to Lender the rents of the Property, provided that Borrower shall, prior to acceleration under paragraph 16 hereof or abandonment of the Property, have the right to collect and retain such rents as they become due and payable.

Upon acceleration under paragraph 16 hereof or abandonment of the Property, Lender shall be entitled to have a receiver appointed by a court to enter upon, take possession of and manage the Property and to collect the rents of the Property including those past due. All rents collected by 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. The receiver shall be liable to account only for those rents actually received.

18. 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 permitted limits, then: (1) any such loan charges shall be reduced by the amount necessary to reduce the charge to the permitted limit; and (2) 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 mailing a direct payment to Borrower. If a refund reduces principal, the reduction will be treated as a partial prepayment under the Note.

19. Legislation. If, after the date hereof, enactment or expiration of applicable laws have the effect either of rendering the provisions of the Note, the Mortgage or any Rider, unenforceable according to their terms, or all or any part of the sums secured hereby uncollectible, as otherwise provided in this Mortgage or the Note, or of diminishing the value of Lender's security, then Lender, at Lender's option, may declare all sums secured by the Mortgage to be immediately due and payable.

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20. Release. Upon payment of all sums secured by this Mortgage, this Mortgage shall become null and void and Lender or Trustee shall release this Mortgage without charge to Borrower. Lender, at Lender's option, may allow a partial release of the Property on terms acceptable to Lender and Lender may charge a release fee. Borrower shall pay all costs of recordation, if any.

21. Waiver of Valuation and Appraisalment. Borrower hereby waives all rights of valuation and appraisalment.

22. Hazardous Substances. Borrower shall not cause or permit the presence, use, disposal, storage, or release of any Hazardous Substances on or in the Property. Borrower shall not do, nor allow anyone else to do, anything affecting the Property that is in violation of any Environmental Law. The preceding two sentences shall not apply to the presence, use, or storage on the Property of small quantities of Hazardous Substances that are generally recognized to be appropriate to normal residential uses and to maintenance of the Property.

Borrower shall promptly give Lender written notice of any investigation, claim, demand, lawsuit, or other action by any governmental or regulatory agency or private party involving the Property and any Hazardous Substance or Environmental Law of which Borrower has actual knowledge. If Borrower learns, or is notified by any governmental or regulatory authority, that any removal, or other remediation of any Hazardous Substance affecting the Property is necessary, Borrower shall promptly take all necessary remedial actions in accordance with Environmental Law.

As used in this paragraph 22, "Hazardous Substances" are those substances defined as toxic or hazardous substances by Environmental Law and the following substances: gasoline, kerosene, other flammable or toxic petroleum products, toxic pesticides and herbicides, volatile solvents, materials containing asbestos or formaldehyde, and radioactive materials. As used in this paragraph 22, "Environmental law" means federal laws and laws of the jurisdiction where the Property is located that relate to health, safety, or environmental protection.

REQUEST FOR NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE UNDER SUPERIOR MORTGAGES OR DEEDS OF TRUST

Borrower and Lender request the holder of any mortgage, deed of trust or other encumbrance with a lien which has priority over this Mortgage to give Notice to Lender, at Lender's address set forth on page one of this Mortgage, of any default under the superior encumbrance and of any sale or other foreclosure action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Borrower has executed this Mortgage on the date above written.

Steven E. Steele [SEAL]
STEVEN E. STEELE,
Carole A. Steele [SEAL]
CAROLE A. STEELE,

STATE OF Indiana)

COUNTY OF Lake)

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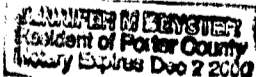
Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, this 23 day of March 2000, personally appeared STEVEN E. STEELE and CAROLE A. STEELE, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing mortgage.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal

Signature: [Signature]

Printed Name: _____

Notary Public



My Commission Expires: _____

My County of Residence is: _____

This instrument was prepared by Angela Sittler

Legal Description

Exhibit A

**In Re: Steven E. Steele and Carole A. Steele, husband and wife
2648 Glenwood
Highland, Indiana, 46322**

**LOT 24 IN BLOCK 2 IN HIGHLAND ESTATES IN THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND, AS PER
PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 27 PAGE 84, IN THE OFFICE OF THE
RECORDER OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.**

