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**REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE**

(With Future Advance Clause)

1. **DATE AND PARTIES.** The date of this Mortgage (Security Instrument) is ..... MAY 9, 2002 .....  
The parties and their addresses are:

**MORTGAGOR:**

RONALD M. PIERCE AND THOMAS H. JEROME  
821 WEST GLEN PARK AVENUE  
GRIFFITH, IN 46319

If checked, refer to the attached Addendum incorporated herein, for additional Mortgagors, their signatures and acknowledgments.

**LENDER:**

SAND RIDGE BANK  
ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF INDIANA  
P.O. BOX 1929  
HIGHLAND, IN 46322

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2. **CONVEYANCE.** For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, and to secure the Secured Debt (defined below) and Mortgagor's performance under this Security Instrument, Mortgagor grants, bargains, conveys, mortgages and warrants to Lender the following described property:

Parcel 1: The West 68 feet, except the West 8 feet thereof (embraced in alley), of the South 120 feet of the North 153 feet of the East Half of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 36 North, Range 9 West of the Second Principal Meridian, in the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana.

Parcel 2: The East 124.64 feet of the North 23.94 feet of Lot 1, except the South 39.67 feet thereof in Oman's Addition to the Town of Griffith, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 49 page 89, in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana.

The property is located in LAKE ..... at .....  
(County) .....  
821 WEST GLEN PARK AVENUE ..... GRIFFITH ..... Indiana ..... 46319  
(Address) ..... (City) ..... (ZIP Code)

Together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, royalties, mineral rights, oil and gas rights, crops, timber, all diversion payments or third party payments made to crop producers, all water and riparian rights, wells, ditches, reservoirs, and water stock and all existing and future improvements, structures, fixtures, and replacements that may now, or at any time in the future, be part of the real estate described above (all referred to as "Property").

3. **MAXIMUM OBLIGATION LIMIT.** The total principal amount secured by this Security Instrument at any one time shall not exceed \$ 184,000.00 ..... This limitation of amount does not include interest and other fees and charges validly made pursuant to this Security Instrument. Also, this limitation does not apply to advances made under the terms of this Security Instrument to protect Lender's security and to perform any of the covenants contained in this Security Instrument.

4. **SECURED DEBT AND FUTURE ADVANCES.** The term "Secured Debt" is defined as follows:  
A. Debt incurred under the terms of all promissory note(s), contract(s), guaranty(s) or other evidence of debt described below and all their extensions, renewals, modifications or substitutions. (When referencing the debts below it is suggested that you include items such as borrowers' names, note amounts, interest rates, maturity dates, etc.)

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B. All future advances from Lender to Mortgagee or other future obligations of Mortgagee to Lender under any promissory note, contract, guaranty, or other evidence of debt existing now or executed after this Security Instrument whether or not this Security Instrument is specifically referenced. If more than one person signs this Security Instrument, each Mortgagee agrees that this Security Instrument will secure all future advances and future obligations that are given to or incurred by any one or more Mortgagee, or any one or more Mortgagee even though all or part may not yet be advanced. All future advances and other future obligations are secured by this Security Instrument as if made on the date of this Security Instrument. Nothing in this Security Instrument shall constitute a commitment to make additional or future loans or advances in any amount. Any such commitment must be agreed to in a separate writing.

C. All obligations Mortgagee owes to Lender, which now exist or may later arise, to the extent not prohibited by law, including, but not limited to, liabilities for overdrafts relating to any deposit account D. All additional sums advanced and expenses incurred by Lender for insuring, preserving or otherwise protecting the Property and its value and any other sums advanced and expenses incurred by Lender under the terms of this Security Instrument.

This Security Instrument will not secure any other debt if Lender fails to give any required notice of the right of rescission.

5. **PAYMENTS.** Mortgagee agrees that all payments under the Secured Debt will be paid when due and in accordance with the terms of the Secured Debt and this Security Instrument.

6. **WARRANTY OF TITLE.** Mortgagee and has the right to grant, bargain, convey, sell, mortgage and warrant conveyed by this Security Instrument and has the right to grant, bargain, convey, sell, mortgage and warrant the Property. Mortgagee also warrants that the Property is unencumbered, deed of trust, security agreement or other lien document that created a prior security interest or encumbrance on the Property, Mortgagee agrees:

7. **PRIOR SECURITY INTERESTS.** With regard to any other mortgage, deed of trust, security agreement or other lien document that created a prior security interest or encumbrance on the Property, Mortgagee agrees:

A. To make all payments when due and to perform or comply with all covenants.

B. To promptly deliver to Lender any notices that Mortgagee receives from the holder.

C. Not to allow any modification or extension of, nor to request any future advances under any note or agreement secured by the lien document without Lender's prior written consent.

8. **CLAIMS AGAINST TITLE.** Mortgagee will pay all taxes, assessments, liens, encumbrances, lease payments, ground rents, utilities, and other charges relating to the Property when due. Lender may require Mortgagee to provide to Lender copies of all notices that such amounts are due and the receipts evidencing Mortgagee's payment. Mortgagee agrees to assign to Lender, as requested by Lender, any rights, claims or defenses Mortgagee may have against parties who supply labor or materials to maintain or improve the Property.

9. **DUE ON SALE OR ENCUMBRANCE.** Lender may, at its option, declare the entire balance of the Secured Debt to be immediately due and payable upon the creation of, or contract for the creation of, any lien, encumbrance, transfer or sale of the Property. This right is subject to the restrictions imposed by federal law, (12 C.F.R. 591), as applicable. This covenant shall run with the Property and shall remain in effect until the Secured Debt is paid in full and this Security Instrument is released.

10. **TRANSFER OF AN INTEREST IN THE MORTGAGE.** If Mortgagee is an entity other than a natural person (such as a corporation or other organization), Lender may demand immediate payment if:

A. A beneficial interest in Mortgagee is sold or transferred.

B. There is a change in either the identity or number of members of a partnership or similar entity or similar C. There is a change in ownership of more than 25 percent of the voting stock of a corporation or similar entity.

However, Lender may not demand payment in the above situations if it is prohibited by law as of the date of this Security Instrument.

11. **ENTITY WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS.** If Mortgagee is an entity other than a natural person (such as a corporation or other organization), Mortgagee makes to Lender the following warranties and representations which shall continue as long as the Secured Debt remains outstanding:

A. Mortgagee is duly organized and validly existing in all states in which Mortgagee transacts business. Mortgagee has the power and authority to own the Property and to carry on its business as now being conducted and, as applicable, is qualified to do so in each state in which Mortgagee operates.

B. The execution, delivery and performance of this Security Instrument by Mortgagee and the obligations evidenced by the Secured Debt are within the power of Mortgagee, have been duly authorized, have received all necessary governmental approval, and will not violate any provision of law, or order of court or governmental agency.

C. Other than previously disclosed in writing to Lender, Mortgagee has not changed its name within the last ten years and has not used any other trade or fictitious name. Without Lender's prior written consent, Mortgagee does not and will not use any other name and will preserve its existing name, trade names and franchises until the Secured Debt is satisfied.

12. **PROPERTY CONDITION, ALTERATIONS AND INSPECTION.** Mortgagee will keep the Property in good condition and make all repairs that are reasonably necessary. Mortgagee shall not commit or allow any waste, impairment, or deterioration of the Property. Mortgagee will keep the Property free of noxious weeds and grasses. Mortgagee agrees that the nature of the occupancy and use will not substantially change without Lender's prior written consent. Mortgagee will not permit any change in any license, restrictive covenant or easement without Lender's prior written consent. Mortgagee will notify Lender of all demands, proceedings, claims, and actions against Mortgagee, and of any loss or damage to the Property.

No portion of the Property will be removed, demolished or materially altered without Lender's prior written consent except that Mortgagee has the right to remove items of personal property comprising a part of the Property that become worn or obsolete, provided that such personal property is replaced with other personal property at least equal in value to the replaced personal property. Such replacement of personal property shall not partition or subdivide the Property without agreement or other encumbrance. Interest created by this Security Instrument shall not partition or subdivide the Property without Lender's prior written consent.

Lender or Lender's agents may, at Lender's option, enter the Property at any reasonable time for the purpose of inspecting the Property. Lender shall give Mortgagor notice at the time of or before an inspection specifying a reasonable purpose for the inspection. Any inspection of the Property shall be entirely for Lender's benefit and Mortgagor will in no way rely on Lender's inspection.

**13. AUTHORITY TO PERFORM.** If Mortgagor fails to perform any duty or any of the covenants contained in this Security Instrument, Lender may, without notice, perform or cause them to be performed. Mortgagor appoints Lender as attorney in fact to sign Mortgagor's name or pay any amount necessary for performance. Lender's right to perform for Mortgagor shall not create an obligation to perform, and Lender's failure to perform will not preclude Lender from exercising any of Lender's other rights under the law or this Security Instrument. If any construction on the Property is discontinued or not carried on in a reasonable manner, Lender may take all steps necessary to protect Lender's security interest in the Property, including completion of the construction.

**14. ASSIGNMENT OF LEASES AND RENTS.** Mortgagor grants, bargains, conveys and warrants to Lender as additional security all the right, title and interest in and to any and all:

A. Existing or future leases, subleases, licenses, guaranties and any other written or verbal agreements for the use and occupancy of any portion of the Property, including any extensions, renewals, modifications or substitutions of such agreements (all referred to as "Leases").

B. Rents, issues and profits (all referred to as "Rents"), including but not limited to security deposits, minimum rent, percentage rent, additional rent, common area maintenance charges, parking charges, real estate taxes, other applicable taxes, insurance premium contributions, liquidated damages following default, cancellation premiums, "loss of rents" insurance, guest receipts, revenues, royalties, proceeds, bonuses, accounts, contract rights, general intangibles, and all rights and claims which Mortgagor may have that in any way pertain to or are on account of the use or occupancy of the whole or any part of the Property.

In the event any item listed as Leases or Rents is determined to be personal property, this Security Instrument will also be regarded as a security agreement.

Mortgagor will promptly provide Lender with true and correct copies of all existing and future Leases. Mortgagor may collect, receive, enjoy and use the Rents so long as Mortgagor is not in default. Mortgagor will not collect in advance any Rents due in future lease periods, unless Mortgagor first obtains Lender's written consent. Upon default, Mortgagor will receive any Rents in trust for Lender and Mortgagor will not commingle the Rents with any other funds. Any amounts collected shall be applied at Lender's discretion to payments on the Secured Debt as therein provided, to costs of managing the Property, including, but not limited to, all taxes, assessments, insurance premiums, repairs, and commissions to rental agents, and to any other necessary related expenses including Lender's attorneys' fees and court costs. Mortgagor acknowledges that this assignment is immediately effective between the parties to this assignment and effective as to third parties on the recording of this Mortgage. Mortgagor agrees that Lender is entitled to notify Mortgagor or Mortgagor's tenants to make payments of Rents due or to become due directly to Lender after such recording, however Lender agrees not to notify Mortgagor's tenants until Mortgagor defaults and Lender notifies Mortgagor of the default and demands that Mortgagor and Mortgagor's tenants pay all Rents due or to become due directly to Lender. Immediately after Lender gives Mortgagor the notice of default, Mortgagor agrees that either Lender or Mortgagor may immediately notify the tenants and demand that all future Rents be paid directly to Lender. On receiving the notice of default, Mortgagor will endorse and deliver to Lender any payments of Rents. If Mortgagor becomes subject to a voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy, then Mortgagor agrees that Lender is entitled to receive relief from the automatic stay in bankruptcy for the purpose of making this assignment effective and enforceable under state and federal law and within Mortgagor's bankruptcy proceedings.

Mortgagor warrants that no default exists under the Leases or any applicable landlord law. Mortgagor also agrees to maintain, and to require the tenants to comply with, the Leases and any applicable law. Mortgagor will promptly notify Lender of any noncompliance. If Mortgagor neglects or refuses to enforce compliance with the terms of the Leases, then Lender may, at Lender's option, enforce compliance. Mortgagor will obtain Lender's written authorization before Mortgagor consents to sublet, modify, cancel, or otherwise alter the Leases, to accept the surrender of the Property covered by such Leases (unless the Leases so require), or to assign, compromise or encumber the Leases or any future Rents. If Lender acts to manage, protect and preserve the Property, Lender does not assume or become liable for its maintenance, depreciation, or other losses or damages, except those due to Lender's gross negligence or intentional torts. Otherwise, Mortgagor will hold Lender harmless and indemnify Lender for any and all liability, loss or damage that Lender may incur as a consequence of the assignment under this section.

**15. LEASEHOLDS; CONDOMINIUMS; PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS.** Mortgagor agrees to comply with the provisions of any lease if this Security Instrument is on a leasehold. If the Property includes a unit in a condominium or a planned unit development, Mortgagor will perform all of Mortgagor's duties under the covenants, by-laws, or regulations of the condominium or planned unit development.

**16. DEFAULT.** Mortgagor will be in default if any of the following occur:

- A. Any party obligated on the Secured Debt fails to make payment when due;
- B. A breach of any term or covenant in this Security Instrument or any other document executed for the purpose of creating, securing or guarantying the Secured Debt;
- C. The making or furnishing of any verbal or written representation, statement or warranty to Lender that is false or incorrect in any material respect by Mortgagor or any person or entity obligated on the Secured Debt;
- D. The death, dissolution, or insolvency of, appointment of a receiver for, or application of any debtor relief law to, Mortgagor or any other person or entity obligated on the Secured Debt;
- E. A good faith belief by Lender at any time that Lender is insecure with respect to any person or entity obligated on the Secured Debt or that the prospect of any payment is impaired or the value of the Property is impaired;
- F. A material adverse change in Mortgagor's business including ownership, management, and financial conditions, which Lender in its opinion believes impairs the value of the Property or repayment of the Secured Debt; or
- G. Any loan proceeds are used for a purpose that will contribute to excessive erosion of highly erodible land or to the conversion of wetlands to produce an agricultural commodity, as further explained in 7 C.F.R. Part 1940, Subpart G, Exhibit M.



- L. Notwithstanding any of the language contained in this Security Instrument to the contrary, the terms of this section shall survive any foreclosure or satisfaction of any or all of the Property, the terms of defenses to the contrary are hereby waived.
- 20. **CONDEMNATION.** Mortgagee will give Lender prompt notice of any pending or threatened action, by private or public entities to purchase or take any or all of the Property through condemnation, eminent domain, or any other means. Mortgagee authorizes Lender to intervene in Mortgagee's name in any of the above described actions or claims. Mortgagee shall be deemed to have agreed to the terms of the damages connected with a condemnation or other taking of all or any part of the Property. Such proceeds shall be considered payments and will be applied as provided in this Security Instrument. This assignment of proceeds is subject to the terms of any prior mortgage, deed of trust, security agreement or other lien document.
- 21. **INSURANCE.** Mortgagee agrees to maintain insurance as follows:
  - A. Mortgagee shall keep the Property insured against loss by fire, flood, theft and other hazards and risks in the amounts and for the periods that Lender requires. The insurance carrier providing the insurance shall be chosen by Mortgagee subject to Lender's approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. If Mortgagee fails to maintain the coverage described above, Lender may, at Lender's option, obtain coverage to protect Lender's rights in the Property according to the terms of this Security Instrument. All insurance policies and renewals shall be acceptable to Lender and shall include a standard "mortgage clause" and, where applicable, "loss payee clause." Mortgagee shall immediately notify Lender of cancellations or termination of the insurance. Lender shall have the right to hold the policies and renewals. If Lender requires, Mortgagee shall give immediate notice to the insurance carrier and Lender may make proof of loss if not made immediately by Mortgagee.
  - Unless otherwise agreed in writing, all insurance proceeds shall be applied to restoration or repair of the Property or to the Secured Debt, whether or not then due, at Lender's option. Any application of proceeds to principal shall not extend or postpone the due date of scheduled payment not change the amount of any payment. Any excess will be paid to the Mortgagee. If the Property is acquired by Lender, Mortgagee's right to any insurance policies and proceeds resulting from damage to the Property before the acquisition.
  - B. Mortgagee agrees to maintain comprehensive general liability insurance naming Lender as an additional insured in an amount acceptable to Lender, insuring against claims arising from any accident or occurrence in or on the Property.
  - C. Mortgagee agrees to maintain rental loss or business interruption insurance, as required by Lender, in an amount equal to at least coverage of one year's debt service, and required escrow account deposits (if agreed to separately in writing), under a form of policy acceptable to Lender.
- 22. **ESCROW FOR TAXES AND INSURANCE.** Unless otherwise provided in a separate agreement, Mortgagee will not be required to pay to Lender funds for taxes and insurance in escrow.
- 23. **FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS.** Mortgagee will provide to Lender upon request, any financial statement or information Lender may deem reasonably necessary. Mortgagee agrees to sign, deliver, and file any additional documents or certifications that Lender may consider necessary to perfect, continue, and preserve Mortgagee's obligations under this Security Instrument and Lender's lien status on the Property.
- 24. **JOINT AND INDIVIDUAL LIABILITY; CO-SIGNERS; SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS BOUND.** All duties under this Security Instrument are joint and individual. If Mortgagee signs this Security Instrument but does not sign an evidence of debt, Mortgagee does not agree to mortgage Mortgagee's interest in the Property to secure payment of the Secured Debt and Mortgagee does not agree to be personally liable on the Secured Debt. If this Security Instrument secures a guaranty between Lender and Mortgagee, Mortgagee agrees to waive any rights that may prevent Lender from bringing any action or claim against Mortgagee or any party indebted under the obligation. Mortgagee agrees that Lender and any party to this Security Instrument or one-action laws. Mortgagee agrees that Lender and any party to this Security Instrument may extend, modify or make any change in the terms of this Security Instrument or any evidence of debt without Mortgagee's consent. Such a change will not release Mortgagee from the terms of this Security Instrument and assignor's benefits of this Security Instrument shall bind and benefit the successors and assigns of Mortgagee and Lender. Laws of the jurisdiction in which Lender is located, except to the extent otherwise required by the laws of the jurisdiction where the Property is located. This Security Instrument is complete and fully integrated. This Security Instrument may not be amended or modified by oral agreement. Any section in this Security Instrument that conflicts with written agreement. If any section of this Security Instrument cannot be enforced according to the Secured Debt that conflicts with applicable law will not affect the enforceability of the remainder of this Security Instrument. Whenever used, the singular shall include the plural and the plural the singular. The captions and headings of the sections of this Security Instrument are for convenience only and are not to be used to interpret or define the terms of this Security Instrument. Time is of the essence in this Security Instrument.
- 26. **NOTICE.** Unless otherwise required by law, any notice shall be given by delivering it or by mailing it by first class mail to the appropriate party's address on page 1 of this Security Instrument, or to any other address designated in writing. Notice to one mortgagee will be deemed to be notice to all mortgagees.
- 27. **WAIVERS.** Except to the extent prohibited by law, Mortgagee waives and releases any and all rights and remedies Mortgagee may now have or acquire in the future relating to redemption, reinstatement, and the marshalling of liens and assets. Mortgagee waives all rights of valuation and appraisal.

28. U.C.C. PROVISIONS. If checked, the following are applicable to, but do not limit, this Security Instrument:

- Construction Loan.** This Security Instrument secures an obligation incurred for the construction of an improvement on the Property.
- Fixture Filing.** Mortgagor grants to Lender a security interest in all goods that Mortgagor owns now or in the future and that are or will become fixtures related to the Property.
- Crops; Timber; Minerals; Rents, Issues, and Profits.** Mortgagor grants to Lender a security interest in all crops, timber and minerals located on the Property as well as all rents, issues, and profits of them including, but not limited to, all Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Payment in Kind (PIK) payments and similar governmental programs (all of which shall also be included in the term "Property"). Lender may file a financing statement signed by Lender instead of Mortgagor with appropriate public officials.
- Personal Property.** Mortgagor grants to Lender a security interest in all personal property located on or connected with the Property, including all farm products, inventory, equipment, accounts, documents, instruments, chattel paper, general intangibles, and all other items of personal property Mortgagor owns now or in the future and that are used or useful in the construction, ownership, operation, management, or maintenance of the Property (all of which shall also be included in the term "Property"). The term "personal property" specifically excludes that property described as "household goods" secured in connection with a "consumer" loan as those terms are defined in applicable federal regulations governing unfair and deceptive credit practices. Lender may file a financing statement signed by Lender instead of Mortgagor with appropriate public officials.
- Filing As Financing Statement.** Mortgagor agrees and acknowledges that this Security Instrument also suffices as a financing statement and any carbon, photographic or other reproduction may be filed of record for purposes of Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

29. OTHER TERMS. If checked, the following are applicable to this Security Instrument:

- Line of Credit.** The Secured Debt includes a revolving line of credit provision. Although the Secured Debt may be reduced to a zero balance, this Security Instrument will remain in effect until released.
- Additional Terms.**

**SIGNATURES:** By signing below, Mortgagor agrees to the terms and covenants contained in this Security Instrument and in any attachments. Mortgagor also acknowledges receipt of a copy of this Security Instrument on the date stated on page 1.

Entity Name: RONALD M. PIERCE AND THOMAS H. JEROME  
 Entity Name: JEROME  
 (Signature) *Ronald M. Pierce* (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ Entity Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) *Thomas H. Jerome* (Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

(Individual) STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF LAKE } ss.  
 Before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledged the execution of the annexed mortgage.  
 (Seal) (Notary Public)

(Business or Entity Acknowledgment) STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF LAKE } ss.  
 Before me, CYNTHIA ONDAS, a Notary Public this 9TH day of MAY, 2002.  
 of RONALD M. PIERCE AND THOMAS H. JEROME (Name of Business Entity)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledged the execution of the annexed mortgage of the business or entity.  
 My commission expires: APRIL 27, 2008  
 (Seal) (Notary Public) *Cynthia Ondas*  
 (Notary's County) LAKE

This instrument was prepared by WALTER BANKE - VICE PRESIDENT