LICENSE AND PERMIT BOND

Bond No. 08793990
Effective Date: January 11, 2005

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT, WE <u>Hearth & Home Technologies dba Fireplace and Patio</u> as Principal, and <u>Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland</u> a <u>Maryland</u> Corporation, with principal office at <u>1400 American Lane Tower I, 19th Floor, Schaumburg, IL 60196-1056</u>, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto <u>All Cities and Towns in Lake County, Indiana,</u> in the sum of <u>Ten Thousand and No/100</u> Dollars (\$10,000.00), for the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our personal representatives, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal has applied to the Obligee for a license from All Cities and Towns in Lake County, Indiana to do business as Fireplace Installer

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That if the Principal shall, during the period on the aforesaid date, faithfully observe and honestly comply with such Ordinances, Rules and Regulations, and any Amendments thereto, as require the execution of this bond, then the above obligation shall be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect, however to the following condition:

This bond may be cancelled and the Surety relieved of all further liability hereunder by the Surety's giving thirty (30) days written notice thereof to the Principal and Obligee.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED this 11th day of January, 2005.

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Hearth & Home Technologies dba Fireplace and Patio
Principal

By:

Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland
Surety

Laura E. Coon, Attorney-in-Fact

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Power of Attorney FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, and the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, corporations of the State of Maryland, by M. P. HAMMOND, Vice President, and ERIC D. BARNES, Assistant Secretary, in pursuance of authority granted by Article VI, Section 2, of the By-Laws of said Companies, which are set forth on the reverse side hereof and are hereby certified to be in full force and effect on the date hereof, does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Melissa D. EVANS, Debra J. SCARBOROUGH, Kathy M. LOFTUS, Claudia MANDATO, Christy M. ALCANT, Mary T. FLANIGAN, Carolyn van HAAREN and Laura E. COON, all of Ransas City, Missouri, Ed. Hits true and lawful agent and Attorney-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and delivery for and or its behalf ad Organ, and as its act and deed: any and all bonds and undertakings, and the execution of such bonds of undertakings in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Companies, as fully and amply, to all interest and purposes, as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company at its office in Baltimore, Md., in their own proper persons. This power of attorney revokes that issued on behalf of Melissa D. EVANS, Debra J. SCARBOROUGH, Kathy M. LOFTUS, Claudia MANDATO, Christy M. MCCART, Mary T. FLANIGAN, Sandra BURNETT, Carolyn van HAAREN, Laura E. COON, dated July 19,

The said Assistant Secretary does hereby certify that the extract set forth on the reverse side hereof is a true copy of Article VI, Section 2, of the By-Laws of said Companies, and is now in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Vice-President and Assistant Secretary have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed the Corporate Seals of the said FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, and the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, this 3rd day of December, A.D. 2004.

ATTEST:

FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY

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Eric D. Barnes

the Lake County Recorder!

Assistant Secretary By:

M. P. Hammond

Vice President

State of Maryland City of Baltimore

On this 3rd day of December, A.D. 2004, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, duly commissioned and qualified, came M. P. HAMMOND, Vice President, and ERIC D. BARNES, Assistant Secretary of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, and the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, to me personally known to be the individuals and officers described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and they each acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, severally and each for himself deposeth and saith, that they are the said officers of the Companies aforesaid, and that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument is the Corporate Seals of said Companies, and that the said Corporate Seals and their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year first above written.

Dennis R. Hayden

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: February 1, 2005

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EXTRACT FROM BY-LAWS OF FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND

"Article VI, Section 2. The Chairman of the Board, or the President, or any Executive Vice-President, or any of the Senior Vice-Presidents or Vice-Presidents specially authorized so to do by the Board of Directors or by the Executive Committee, shall have power, by and with the concurrence of the Secretary or any one of the Assistant Secretaries, to appoint Resident Vice-Presidents, Assistant Vice-Presidents and Attorneys-in-Fact as the business of the Company may require, or to authorize any person or persons to execute on behalf of the Company any bonds, undertaking, recognizances, stipulations, policies, contracts, agreements, deeds, and releases and assignments of judgements, decrees, mortgages and instruments in the nature of mortgages,...and to affix the seal of the Company thereto."

EXTRACT FROM BY-LAWS OF COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY

"Article VI, Section 2. The Chairman of the Board, or the President, or any Executive Vice-President, or any of the Senior Vice-Presidents or Vice-Presidents specially authorized so to do by the Board of Directors or by the Executive Committee, shall have power, by and with the concurrence of the Secretary or any one of the Assistant Secretaries, to appoint Resident Vice-Presidents, Assistant Vice-Presidents and Attorneys-in-Fact as the business of the Company may require, or to authorize any person or persons to execute on behalf of the Company any bonds, undertaking, recognizances, stipulations, policies, contracts, agreements, deeds, and releases and assignments of judgements, decrees, mortgages and instruments in the nature of mortgages,...and to affix the seal of the Company thereto."

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, and the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney is still in full force and effect on the date of this certificate; and I do further certify that the Vice-President who executed the said Power of Attorney was one of the additional Vice-Presidents specially authorized by the Board of Directors to appoint any Attorney-in-Fact as provided in Article VI, Section 2, of the respective By-Laws of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, and the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY.

This Power of Attorney and Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at a meeting duly called and held on the 10th day of May, 1990 and of the Board of Directors of the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 5th day of May, 1994.

RESOLVED: "That the facsimile or mechanically reproduced seal of the company and facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any Vice-President, Secretary, or Assistant Secretary of the Company, whether made heretofore or hereafter, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed."

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seals of the said Companies,

JAN 1 1 2005 day of this Assistant Secretary



THIS IMPORTANT DISCLOSURE NOTICE IS PART OF YOUR BOND

Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, Colonial American Casualty and Surety Company, Zurich American Insurance Company, and American Guarantee and Liability Insurance Company are making the following informational disclosures in compliance with The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002. No action is required on your part.

Disclosure of Terrorism Premium

The premium charge for risk of loss resulting from acts of terrorism (as defined in the Act) under this bond is \$__waived__. This amount is reflected in the total premium for this bond.

Disclosure of Availability of Coverage for Terrorism Losses

As required by the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, we have made available to you coverage for losses resulting from acts of terrorism (as defined in the Act) with terms, amounts, and limitations that do not differ materially as those for losses arising from events other than acts of terrorism.

Disclosure of Federal Share of Insurance Company's Terrorism Losses

The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 establishes a mechanism by which the United States government will share in insurance company losses resulting from acts of terrorism (as defined in the Act) after a insurance company has paid losses in excess of an annual aggregate deductible. For 2002, the insurance company deductible is 1% of direct earned premium in the prior year; for 2003, 7% of direct earned premium in the prior year; for 2004, 10% of direct earned premium in the prior year, and for 2005, 15% of direct earned premium in the prior year. The federal share of an insurance company's losses above its deductible is 90%. In the event the United States government participates in losses, the United States government may direct insurance companies to collect a terrorism surcharge from policyholders. The Act does not currently provide for insurance industry or United States government participation in terrorism losses that exceed \$100 billion in any one calendar year.

Definition of Act of Terrorism

The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act defines "act of terrorism" as any act that is certified by the Secretary of the Treasury, in concurrence with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General of the United States:

- 1. to be an act of terrorism;
- 2. to be a violent act or an act that is dangerous to human life, property or infrastructure;
- 3. to have resulted in damage within the United States, or outside of the United States in the case of an air carrier (as defined in section 40102 of title 49, United 17 States Code) or a United States flag vessel (or a vessel based principally in the United States, on which United States income tax is paid and whose insurance coverage is subject to regulation in the United States), or the premises of a United States mission; and
- 4. to have been committed by an individual or individuals acting on behalf of any foreign person or foreign interest as part of an effort to coerce the civilian population of the United States or to influence the policy or affect the conduct of the United States Government by coercion.

But, no act shall be certified by the Secretary as an act of terrorism if the act is committed as part of the course of a war declared by Congress (except for workers' compensation) or property and casualty insurance losses resulting from the act, in the aggregate, do not exceed \$5,000,000.

These disclosures are informational only and do not modify your bond or affect your rights under the bond.

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