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In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned,

Gregory Alan Holmes; Philip Andrew Deal; David Wayne Tatum

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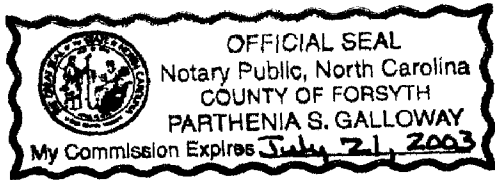
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Craig Alan Holmes (L.S.) *Jama Wayne Dutton* DWT (L.S.)
Philip Andrew Deal PAD (L.S.) _____ (L.S.)

State of North Carolina

County of Forsyth

Before me this 28th day of September, 2000 personally appeared Gregory Alan Holmes; Philip Andrew Deal and David Wayne Tatum to me personally known to be the person(s) who is/are described in and who executed the above instrument, and he/they acknowledged to me that he/they executed the same of his/their own free will for the purposes therein set forth.



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