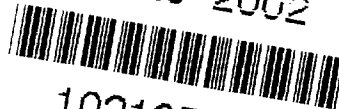


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**AND WHEREAS**, AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES COMPANY, INC., a subsidiary of AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York having its principal place of business and mailing address at General Counsel's Office, American Express Tower, World Financial Center, New York, New York 10285-4900, is desirous of memorializing its interest therein;

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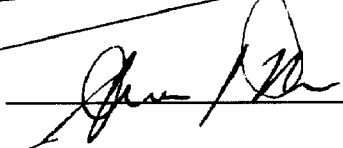
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