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Dated: May 3, 2004

Oyelayo O. Ajayi  
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Jeffrey G. Hershberger  
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On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2004, before me a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared the above named persons, who are personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed same instrument as their free and voluntary act and for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

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