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Name: Sabine Diller

Date: 07-20-2004

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Witness (Michael Schütz)

Signature: Renate Grassl
Name: Renate Grassl

Date: 22.07.2004

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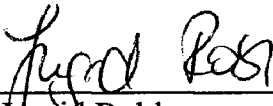
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Signature: Stefan Miller
Name: Stefan Miller

Date: 07-20-2004

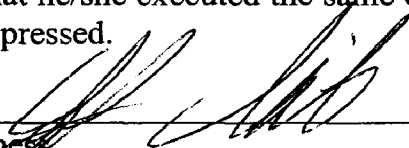
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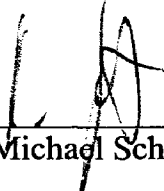
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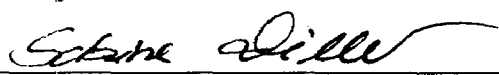
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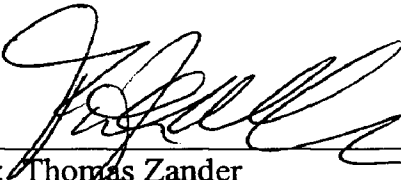

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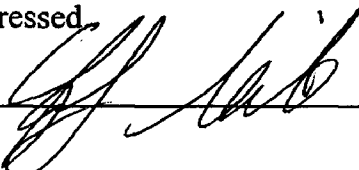
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Signature: 
Name: Thomas Zander

Date: 07-23-2004

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