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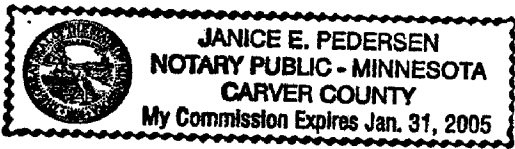
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John M. Swoyer
John M. Swoyer

State of Minnesota)
County of Carver) ss:

On this 15th day of November, 2004 before me, Janice E. Pedersen
Notary Public, personally appeared John M. Swoyer personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity, and that by his/her/their signature on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Janice E. Pedersen
Signature of Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

Date: _____

Ahmed Elmouelhi

State of _____)
County of _____) ss:

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me, _____,
Notary Public, personally appeared Ahmed Elmouelhi personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity, and that by his/her/their signature on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature of Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

ASSIGNMENT

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Date: _____

John M. Swoyer

State of _____)
) ss:
County of _____)

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me, _____,
Notary Public, personally appeared John M. Swoyer personally known to me (or proved to me on the
basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name is/are subscribed to the within instrument
and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity, and that
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Signature of Notary Public
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Date: 12/16/04

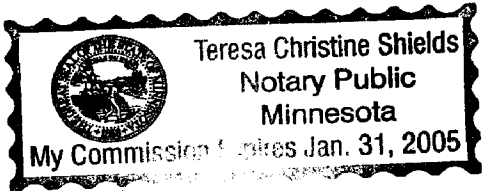
Ahmed Elmouelhi
Ahmed Elmouelhi

State of Minnesota)
) ss:
County of Anoka)

On this 16th day of December, 2004, before me, Teresa Shields,
Notary Public, personally appeared Ahmed Elmouelhi personally known to me (or proved to me on the
basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name is/are subscribed to the within instrument
and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity, and that
by his/her/their signature on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s)
acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Teresa C. Shields
Signature of Notary Public
My Commission Expires:



Date: 12/20/2004

Mark A. Christopherson

Mark A. Christopherson

State of Minnesota)
County of Ramsey) ss:

On this 20th day of December, 2004, before me, Teresa C. Shields
Notary Public, personally appeared Mark A. Christopherson personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity, and that by his/her/their signature on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Teresa C. Shields
Signature of Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

Date: _____

Shahn S. Sage

State of _____)
County of _____) ss:

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me, _____,
Notary Public, personally appeared Shahn S. Sage personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity, and that by his/her/their signature on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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Signature of Notary Public
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Date: _____
Mark A. Christopherson

State of _____)
) ss:
County of _____)

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me, _____,
Notary Public, personally appeared Mark A. Christopherson personally known to me (or proved to me on
the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name is/are subscribed to the within
instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized
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which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature of Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

Date: 12-15-04

Shahn S. Sage
Shahn S. Sage

State of Minnesota)
) ss:
County of Anoka)

On this 15th day of December, 2004, before me, Shahn S. Sage,
Notary Public, personally appeared Shahn S. Sage personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis
of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name is/~~are~~ subscribed to the within instrument and
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WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Helen M. Terway
Signature of Notary Public
My Commission Expires: January 31, 2007