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Signature: Arvind D. Patel Date: 5/5/05  
 Printed Name: Arvind D. Patel

COUNTY OF Harris )  
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, personally appeared Arvind D. Patel, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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Signature: Emanuel Stamatakis Date: May 5, 2005  
 Printed Name: Emanuel Stamatakis

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, personally appeared Emanuel Stamatakis, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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