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WARRANT AND COVENANT that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been or will be made to others by the undersigned, and that the full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned;

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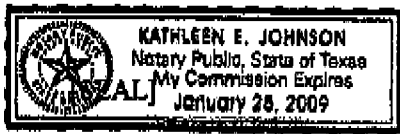
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Signature: Baldwin E. Zahn  
Name: Baldwin E. Zahn

Date: 12-7-05

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005, personally appeared Baldwin E. Zahn, 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.



Kathleen E. Johnson  
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Signature: Mark J. Phillip  
Name: Mark J. Phillip

Date: 12-7-05

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005, personally appeared Mark J. Phillip, 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.



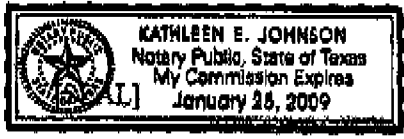
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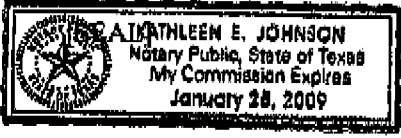
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