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For other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,

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JoAnn Whitney Hebner

Signature of JoAnn Whitney Hebner

Date: 2/17/2006

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Signature of Royden Thomas Kern

Date: 2/17/06

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Signature of David Lee Merrifield

Date: 2/17/06

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Lexington, Kentucky

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Lore A. Woods  
Notary Public

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