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PERFORMANCE BOND

(Public Contract Code Section 20129)

Division 00600

WHEREAS, County of Monterey "COUNTY" has awarded to Principal,
Staples Construction Company, Inc.

as CONTRACTOR, for the following project (**Check One Box**):

PROJECT NO. JOC 2018, BID NO. FACILITIES 2018-01

OR

PROJECT NO. JOC 2018, BID NO. FACILITIES 2018-02;

OR

PROJECT NO. JOC 2018, BID NO. FACILITIES 2018-03 and

WHEREAS, Principal, as CONTRACTOR, is required to furnish a bond in connection with said Contract, to secure the faithful performance of said Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, we Staples Construction Company, Inc.

as Principal, and Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland

as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the County of Monterey, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter called "COUNTY"), in the penal sum of Two Million, Five Hundred Thousand (\$2,500,000), for the payment of which sum in lawful money of the United States, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH THAT:

If the Principal, as CONTRACTOR, or Principal's heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, (1) shall in all things stand to and abide by and well and truly keep and perform the covenants, conditions, and agreements in said Contract and any alteration thereof made as therein provided, on Principal's part to be kept and performed, at the time and in the manner therein specified and in all respects according to their true intent and meaning, and (2) shall indemnify, defend, and save harmless the County, the members of its board of supervisors, and its officers, agents, and employees as therein stipulated, then this obligation shall become null and void; otherwise, it shall be and remain in full force and virtue.


Surety hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration, or addition to the terms of the Contract or the call for bids, or to the Work to be performed thereunder, or the specifications accompanying the same, shall in any way affect its obligation under this bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of said Contract or the call for bids, or to the Work, or to the specifications.


Whenever the Principal, as CONTRACTOR, is in default, and is declared in default, under the Contract by the County of Monterey, the County of Monterey having performed its obligation under the Contract, Surety may promptly remedy the default, or shall promptly:

1. Complete the Contract in accordance with its terms or conditions, or
2. Obtain a bid or bids for submission to County of Monterey for completing the Contract in accordance with its terms or conditions, and upon determination by the County of Monterey and Surety of the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, arrange for a Contract between such bidder and the County of Monterey, and make available as Work progresses (even though there should be a default or succession of defaults under the Contract or Contracts of completion arranged under this paragraph) sufficient funds to pay the cost of completion less the balance of the Contract price.

If suit is brought upon this bond by the COUNTY and judgment is recovered, the Surety shall pay all litigation expenses incurred by the COUNTY in such suit, including attorneys' fees, court costs, expert witness fees, and investigation expenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above-bonded parties have executed this instrument under their several seals this 28th day of August, 2018, the name and corporate seal of each corporate party being hereto affixed and these presents duly signed by its undersigned representative, pursuant to authority of its governing body.

(Corporate Seal) Staples Construction Company, Inc.
Principal
By:  David Staples
Title: President

(Corporate Seal) Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland
Surety
By:  Mike Melshenker
Title: Attorney In Fact

Attach: 1) Copy of authorization for signature for Principal, and 2) original or certified copy of unrevoked appointment, Power of Attorney, Attorney-in-Fact Certificate bylaws or other instrument entitling or authorizing person executing bond on behalf of Surety to do so.

CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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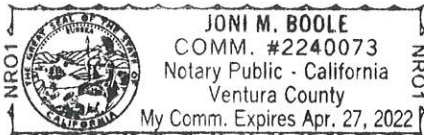
State of: California
County of Ventura

On 8/28/2018 before me, Joni M. Boole, Notary Public,
personally appeared Mike Melshenker

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies) and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I Certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of The State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Joni M. Boole
Signature of Notary Public

OPTIONAL

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DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

- INDIVIDUAL
 CORPORATE OFFICER

TITLES(S)

TITLE OR TYPE OF DOCUMENT

- PARTNERS LIMITED
 GENERAL

NUMBER OF PAGES

- ATTORNEY-IN-FACT
 TRUSTEE(S)
 GUARDIAN/CONSERVATOR
 OTHER

DATE OF DOCUMENT

SIGNER IS REPRESENTING:
NAME OF PERSON(S) OR ENTITY(IES)

SIGNER(S) OTHER THAN NAMED ABOVE

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
STAPLES CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Staples Construction Co., Inc. was held in the conference room at 1501 Eastman Avenue, Ventura, CA on November 24, 2009.

The following directors were present:

David R. Staples, also known as David Staples
Tonya R. Staples

The following persons officiated at the meeting:

Chairman of the meeting: David R. Staples, aka David Staples
Secretary of the meeting: Tonya R. Staples

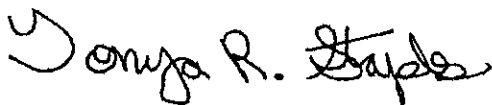
The chairman initiated a discussion regarding a corporate resolution to confirm who is authorized to execute contract documents or to execute bid submittals.

After discussion, it was decided that both David R. Staples, aka David Staples, and Tonya R. Staples would have the authority.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That David R. Staples, also known as David Staples, and/or Tonya R. Staples will be the authorized persons to execute all contract documents and bid submittals for all projects contracted for or bid upon by Staples Construction Co., Inc.

There being no further business, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.



Tonya R. Staples
Secretary - Treasurer

Staples Construction Company,
Inc. A California Corporation
1501 Eastman Ave.
Ventura, CA 93003

Corporate Seal

**ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY
COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY
FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND
POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation of the State of New York, the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, a corporation of the State of Maryland, and the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND a corporation of the State of Maryland (herein collectively called the "Companies"), by **MICHAEL BOND, Vice President**, in pursuance of authority granted by Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of said Companies, which are set forth on the reverse side hereof and are hereby certified to be in full force and effect on the date hereof, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint **Mike MELSHEK, Kip KELLER, Shirley RHOADS, Achara TRUJILLO, Barbara L. AYERLE, Ronald F. COSSA, Cynthia GONZALEZ, Joni Marie BOOLE and Jarel GUERRERO, all of Ventura, California, EACH** its true and lawful agent and Attorney-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver, for, and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed: **any and all bonds and undertakings**, and the execution of such bonds or undertakings in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Companies, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY at its office in New York, New York., the regularly elected officers of the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY at its office in Owings Mills, Maryland., and the regularly elected officers of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at its office in Owings Mills, Maryland., in their own proper persons.


The said Vice President does hereby certify that the extract set forth on the reverse side hereof is a true copy of Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of said Companies, and is now in force.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Vice-President has hereunto subscribed his/her names and affixed the Corporate Seals of the said **ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, and FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND**, this 13th day of August, A.D. 2018.

ATTEST:

**ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY
COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY
FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND**



By: 
*Assistant Secretary
Dawn E. Brown*


*Vice President
Michael Bond*

**State of Maryland
County of Baltimore**

On this 13th day of August, A.D. 2018, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, duly commissioned and qualified, **MICHAEL BOND, Vice President, and DAWN E. BROWN, Assistant Secretary**, of the Companies, to me personally known to be the individuals and officers described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and acknowledged the execution of same, and being by me duly sworn, depose and saith, that he/she is the said officer of the Company aforesaid, and that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument are the Corporate Seals of said Companies, and that the said Corporate Seals and the signature as such officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year first above written.





Constance A. Dunn, Notary Public
My Commission Expires: July 9, 2019

EXTRACT FROM BY-LAWS OF THE COMPANIES

"Article V, Section 8, Attorneys-in-Fact. The Chief Executive Officer, the President, or any Executive Vice President or Vice President may, by written instrument under the attested corporate seal, appoint attorneys-in-fact with authority to execute bonds, policies, recognizances, stipulations, undertakings, or other like instruments on behalf of the Company, and may authorize any officer or any such attorney-in-fact to affix the corporate seal thereto; and may with or without cause modify or revoke any such appointment or authority at any time."

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Vice President of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, and the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney is still in full force and effect on the date of this certificate; and I do further certify that Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of the Companies is still in force.

This Power of Attorney and Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 15th day of December 1998.

RESOLVED: "That the signature of the President or a Vice President and the attesting signature of a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the Seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any Power of Attorney...Any such Power or any certificate thereof bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company."

This Power of Attorney and Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 5th day of May, 1994, and the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at a meeting duly called and held on the 10th day of May, 1990.

RESOLVED: "That the facsimile or mechanically reproduced seal of the company and facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any Vice-President, Secretary, or Assistant Secretary of the Company, whether made heretofore or hereafter, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seals of the said Companies, this 28th day of August, 2018.



David D. Vicker

David McVicker, Vice President

TO REPORT A CLAIM WITH REGARD TO A SURETY BOND, PLEASE SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION TO:

Zurich American Insurance Co.
Attn: Surety Claims
1299 Zurich Way
Schaumburg, IL 60196-1056

PAYMENT BOND
(Civil Code Section 9550)
Division 00610

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey ("COUNTY") has awarded to Principal,

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as CONTRACTOR, a Contract for the following (**Check One Box**):

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- PROJECT NO. JOC 2018, BID NO. FACILITIES 2018-02;**
- PROJECT NO. JOC 2018, BID NO. FACILITIES 2018-03, and**

WHEREAS, Principal, as CONTRACTOR, is required to furnish a bond in connection with said Contract, to secure the payment of claims of laborers, mechanics, material providers, and other persons furnishing labor and materials on the project, as provided by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, we Staples Construction Company, Inc.

as Principal, and Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland

as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the County of Monterey, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter called "COUNTY"), and to the persons named in California Civil Code Section 9100 in the penal sum of Two Million, Five Hundred Thousand (\$2,500,000), for the payment of which sum in lawful money of the United States, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH THAT:

If Principal or any of Principal's heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, or subcontractors (1) fails to pay in full all of the persons named in Civil Code Section 9100 with respect to any labor or materials furnished by said persons on the project described above, or (2) fails to pay in full all amounts due under the California Unemployment Insurance Code with respect to work or labor performed under the Contract on the project described above, or (3) fails to pay for any amounts required to be deducted, withheld, and paid over to the Employment Development Department from the wages of employees of the Principal and subcontractors pursuant to Unemployment Insurance Code Section 13020 with respect to such Work and labor, then the Surety shall pay for the same.

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This bond inures to the benefit of any of the persons named in Civil Code Section 9100, and such persons or their assigns shall have a right of action in any suit brought upon this bond, subject to any limitations set forth in Civil Code Sections 9550 et seq. (Civil Code, Division 4, Part 6, Title 3, Chapter 5: Payment Bond for Public Works).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the above bounden parties have executed this instrument under their several seals this 28th day of August, 2018, the name and corporate seal of each corporate party being hereto affixed and these presents duly signed by its undersigned representative, pursuant to authority of its governing body.

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David Staples

Title: President

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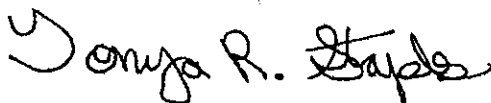
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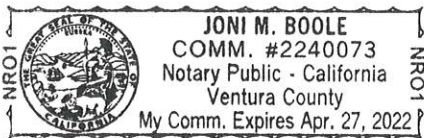
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[Signature]
 Signature of Notary Public

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 TITLE OR TYPE OF DOCUMENT
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 NUMBER OF PAGES
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SIGNER IS REPRESENTING:
 NAME OF PERSON(S) OR ENTITY(IES)

 SIGNER(S) OTHER THAN NAMED ABOVE

**ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY
COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY
FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND
POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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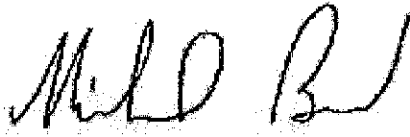
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ATTEST:

**ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY
COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY
FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND**



By: 
*Assistant Secretary
Dawn E. Brown*


*Vice President
Michael Bond*

**State of Maryland
County of Baltimore**

On this 13th day of August, A.D. 2018, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, duly commissioned and qualified, **MICHAEL BOND, Vice President, and DAWN E. BROWN, Assistant Secretary**, of the Companies, to me personally known to be the individuals and officers described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and acknowledged the execution of same, and being by me duly sworn, depose and saith, that he/she is the said officer of the Company aforesaid, and that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument are the Corporate Seals of said Companies, and that the said Corporate Seals and the signature as such officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year first above written.





Constance A. Dunn, Notary Public
My Commission Expires: July 9, 2019

EXTRACT FROM BY-LAWS OF THE COMPANIES

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CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Vice President of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, and the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney is still in full force and effect on the date of this certificate; and I do further certify that Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of the Companies is still in force.

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David D. Vicker

David McVicker, Vice President

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Zurich American Insurance Co.
Attn: Surety Claims
1299 Zurich Way
Schaumburg, IL 60196-1056



Zurich North America Surety
Los Angeles Branch
777 S. Figueroa Street, Suite 3900
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Phone: 213 270-0717
Fax: 213 270-0845

August 28th, 2018

Re: Staples Construction Company, Inc.

Re: Bonding Capacity

Zurich American Insurance Company and/or its subsidiary, Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, have provided surety credit to **Staples Construction Company, Inc.** for single projects of \$15,000,000 and an aggregate uncompleted backlog of \$30,000,000. Zurich/F&D is rated "A+" (Excellent) with a financial size category of XV (\$2 billion +) by AM Best and has a US Treasury Limit exceeding \$600 million.

If **Staples Construction Company, Inc.** is awarded a contract for the referenced project and requests that we provide the necessary Performance and/or Payment Bonds, we will consider executing the bonds subject to our acceptable review of the contract terms and conditions, bond forms, appropriate contract funding and any other underwriting considerations at the time of the request.

Our consideration and issuance of bonds is a matter solely between **Staples Construction Company, Inc.** and ourselves, and we assume no liability to third parties or to you by the issuance of this letter.

We trust that this information meets with your satisfaction. If there are further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mike Melshenker, Attorney-In-Fact
805-585-6115
Zurich American Insurance Company
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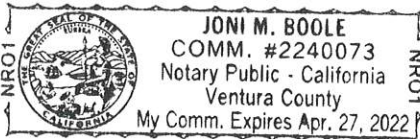
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DATE OF DOCUMENT

SIGNER IS REPRESENTING:
NAME OF PERSON(S) OR ENTITY(IES)

SIGNER(S) OTHER THAN NAMED ABOVE

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FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND
POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation of the State of New York, the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, a corporation of the State of Maryland, and the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND a corporation of the State of Maryland (herein collectively called the "Companies"), by **MICHAEL BOND, Vice President**, in pursuance of authority granted by Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of said Companies, which are set forth on the reverse side hereof and are hereby certified to be in full force and effect on the date hereof, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint **Mike MELSHENKER, Kip KELLER, Shirley RHOADS, Achara TRUJILLO, Barbara L. AYERLE, Ronald F. COSSA, Cynthia GONZALEZ, Joni Marie BOOLE and Jarel GUERRERO, all of Ventura, California, EACH** its true and lawful agent and Attorney-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver, for, and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed: **any and all bonds and undertakings**, and the execution of such bonds or undertakings in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Companies, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY at its office in New York, New York., the regularly elected officers of the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY at its office in Owings Mills, Maryland., and the regularly elected officers of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at its office in Owings Mills, Maryland., in their own proper persons.

The said Vice President does hereby certify that the extract set forth on the reverse side hereof is a true copy of Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of said Companies, and is now in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Vice-President has hereunto subscribed his/her names and affixed the Corporate Seals of the said **ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, and FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND**, this 13th day of August, A.D. 2018.

ATTEST:

**ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY
COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY
FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND**



By: _____

Dawn E. Brown

*Assistant Secretary
Dawn E. Brown*

Michael Bond

*Vice President
Michael Bond*

State of Maryland
County of Baltimore

On this 13th day of August, A.D. 2018, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, duly commissioned and qualified, **MICHAEL BOND, Vice President, and DAWN E. BROWN, Assistant Secretary**, of the Companies, to me personally known to be the individuals and officers described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and acknowledged the execution of same, and being by me duly sworn, depose and saith, that he/she is the said officer of the Company aforesaid, and that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument are the Corporate Seals of said Companies, and that the said Corporate Seals and the signature as such officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year first above written.

Constance A. Dunn



Constance A. Dunn, Notary Public
My Commission Expires: July 9, 2019

EXTRACT FROM BY-LAWS OF THE COMPANIES

"Article V, Section 8, Attorneys-in-Fact. The Chief Executive Officer, the President, or any Executive Vice President or Vice President may, by written instrument under the attested corporate seal, appoint attorneys-in-fact with authority to execute bonds, policies, recognizances, stipulations, undertakings, or other like instruments on behalf of the Company, and may authorize any officer or any such attorney-in-fact to affix the corporate seal thereto; and may with or without cause modify or revoke any such appointment or authority at any time."

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Vice President of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, and the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney is still in full force and effect on the date of this certificate; and I do further certify that Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of the Companies is still in force.

This Power of Attorney and Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 15th day of December 1998.

RESOLVED: "That the signature of the President or a Vice President and the attesting signature of a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the Seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any Power of Attorney...Any such Power or any certificate thereof bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company."

This Power of Attorney and Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 5th day of May, 1994, and the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at a meeting duly called and held on the 10th day of May, 1990.

RESOLVED: "That the facsimile or mechanically reproduced seal of the company and facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any Vice-President, Secretary, or Assistant Secretary of the Company, whether made heretofore or hereafter, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seals of the said Companies, this 28th day of August, 2018.



David D. Vicker

David McVicker, Vice President

TO REPORT A CLAIM WITH REGARD TO A SURETY BOND, PLEASE SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION TO:

Zurich American Insurance Co.
Attn: Surety Claims
1299 Zurich Way
Schaumburg, IL 60196-1056