

This conveyance, however, is made and accepted subject to:

A. Any and all restrictions, encumbrances, easements, covenants, conditions, outstanding mineral interests held by third parties, and reservations, if any, relating to the hereinabove described property as the same are filed for record in the County Clerk's Office of Williamson County, Texas.

B. The arbitration provision referred to on Exhibit "A" attached hereto (the "Arbitration Provision").

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described premises, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging unto the said Grantee, Grantee's heirs, executors, administrators, successors and/or assigns forever; and Grantor does hereby bind Grantor, Grantor's heirs, executors, administrators, successors and/or assigns to WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND all and singular the said premises unto the said Grantee, Grantee's heirs, executors, administrators, successors and/or assigns, against every person whomsoever claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, by, through, or under Grantor, but not otherwise.

But it is expressly agreed that the Vendor's Lien, as well as superior title in and to the above described premises, is retained against the above described property, premises and improvements until the above described note and all interest thereon are fully paid according to the face, tenor, effect and reading thereof, when this Deed shall become absolute. Lender at the instance and request of the Grantee herein, having advanced and paid in cash to the Grantor herein that portion of the purchase price of the herein described property as is evidenced by the hereinabove described Note, the Vendor's Lien, together with the superior title to said property, is retained herein for the benefit of said Lender and the same are hereby TRANSFERRED AND ASSIGNED to said Lender, its successors and assigns.

Current ad valorem taxes on the property having been prorated, the payment thereof is assumed by Grantee.

EXHIBIT A

ARBITRATION PROVISION

A. Grantor and Grantee specifically agree that this transaction involves interstate commerce and that any Dispute (as hereinafter defined) shall first be submitted to mediation and, if not settled during mediation, shall thereafter be submitted to binding arbitration as provided by the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. §§1 et seq.) and not by or in a court of law or equity (the "Arbitration Provision". "Disputes" (whether contract, warranty, tort, statutory or otherwise) shall include, but are not limited to, any and all controversies, disputes or claims (1) arising under, or related to, this Deed, the underlying purchase agreement for the sale and conveyance of the Property, the Property, the community in which the Property is located, or any dealings between Grantee and Grantor; (2) arising by virtue of any representations, promises or warranties alleged to have been made by Grantor or Grantor's representative; and (3) relating to personal injury or property damage alleged to have been sustained by Grantee, Grantee's children or other occupants of the Property, or in the community in which the Property is located. Grantee has accepted this Deed on behalf of his or her children and other occupants of the Property with the intent that all such parties be bound hereby. Any Dispute shall be submitted for binding arbitration within a reasonable time after such Dispute has arisen. Nothing herein shall extend the time period by which a claim or cause of action may be asserted under the applicable statute of limitations or statute of repose, and in no event shall the dispute be submitted for arbitration after the date when institution of a legal or equitable proceeding based on the underlying claims in such Dispute would be barred by the applicable statute of limitations or statute of repose.

(1) Any and all mediations commenced by Grantor or Grantee shall be filed with and administered by the American Arbitration Association or any successor thereto ("AAA") in accordance with the AAA's Home Construction Mediation Procedures in effect on the date of the request. If there are no Home Construction Mediation Procedures currently in effect, then the AAA's Construction Industry Mediation Rules in effect on the date of such request shall be utilized. Any party who will be relying upon an expert report or repair estimate at the mediation shall provide the mediator and the other parties with a copy of the reports. If one or more issues directly or indirectly relate to alleged deficiencies in design, materials or construction, all parties and their experts shall be allowed to inspect, document (by photograph, videotape or otherwise) and test the alleged deficiencies prior to mediation. Unless mutually waived in writing by the Grantor and Grantee, submission to mediation is a condition precedent to either party taking further action with regard to any matter covered hereunder.

(2) If the Dispute is not fully resolved by mediation, the Dispute shall be submitted to binding arbitration and administered by the AAA in accordance with the AAA's Home Construction Arbitration Rules in effect on the date of the request. If there are no Home Construction Arbitration Rules currently in effect, then the AAA's Construction Industry Arbitration Rules in effect on the date of such request shall be utilized. Any judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in and enforced by any court having jurisdiction over such Dispute. If the claimed amount

exceeds \$250,000.00 or includes a demand for punitive damages, the Dispute shall be heard and determined by three arbitrators; however, if mutually agreed to by the parties, then the Dispute shall be heard and determined by one arbitrator. Arbitrators shall have expertise in the area(s) of Dispute, which may include legal expertise if legal issues are involved. All decisions respecting the arbitrability of any Dispute shall be decided by the arbitrator(s). At the request of any party, the award of the arbitrator(s) shall be accompanied by detailed written findings of fact and conclusions of law. Except as may be required by law or for confirmation of an award, neither a party nor an arbitrator may disclose the existence, content, or results of any arbitration hereunder without the prior written consent of both Grantor and Grantee.

(3) The waiver or invalidity of any portion of this **Exhibit "A"** shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of **Exhibit "A"** of the Deed. Grantee and Grantor further agree (1) that any Dispute involving Grantor's affiliates, directors, officers, employees and agents shall also be subject to mediation and arbitration as set forth herein, and shall not be pursued in a court of law or equity; (2) that Grantor may, at its sole election, include Grantor's contractors, subcontractors and suppliers, as well as any warranty company and insurer as parties in the mediation and arbitration; and (3) that the mediation and arbitration will be limited to the parties specified herein.

(4) To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, Grantor and Grantee agree that no finding or stipulation of fact, no conclusion of law, and no arbitration award in any other arbitration, judicial, or similar proceeding shall be given preclusive or collateral estoppel effect in any arbitration hereunder unless there is mutuality of parties. In addition, Grantor and Grantee further agree that no finding or stipulation of fact, no conclusion of law, and no arbitration award in any arbitration hereunder shall be given preclusive or collateral estoppel effect in any other arbitration, judicial, or similar proceeding unless there is mutuality of parties.

(5) Unless otherwise recoverable by law or statute, each party shall bear its own costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees, for any mediation and arbitration. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a party unsuccessfully contests the validity or scope of arbitration in a court of law or equity, the non-contesting party shall be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees, paraprofessional fees and expenses incurred in defending such contest, including such fees and costs associated with any appellate proceedings. In addition, if a party fails to abide by the terms of a mediation settlement or arbitration award, the other party shall be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees, paraprofessional fees and expenses incurred in enforcing such settlement or award.

(6) Grantee may obtain additional information concerning the rules of the AAA by visiting its website at www.adr.org or by writing the AAA at 335 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

(7) Grantor supports the principles set forth in the Consumer Due Process Protocol developed by the National Consumer Dispute Advisory Committee and agrees to the following:

(i) Notwithstanding the requirements of arbitration stated in this Section of this Deed, Grantee shall have the option, after pursuing mediation as provided herein, to seek relief in a small claims court for disputes or claims within the scope of the court's jurisdiction in lieu of proceeding to arbitration. This option does not apply to any appeal from a decision by a small claims court.

(ii) Grantor agrees to pay for one (1) day of mediation (mediator fees plus any administrative fees relating to the mediation). Any mediator and associated administrative fees incurred thereafter shall be shared equally by Grantor and Grantee.

(iii) The fees for any claim pursued via arbitration in an amount of \$10,000.00 or less shall be apportioned as provided in the Home Construction Rules of the AAA or other applicable rules.

(8) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if either Grantor or Grantee seeks injunctive relief, and not monetary damages, from a court because irreparable damage or harm would otherwise be suffered by either party before mediation or arbitration could be conducted, such actions shall not be interpreted to indicate that either party has waived the right to mediate or arbitrate. The right to mediate and arbitrate should also not be considered waived by the filing of a counterclaim by either party once a claim for injunctive relief had been filed with a court.

(9) Notwithstanding the Grantor and Grantee's obligation to submit any Dispute to mediation and arbitration, in the event that a particular dispute is not subject to the mediation or the arbitration provisions of **Exhibit "A"** of this Deed, then the Grantor and Grantee agree to the following provisions: GRANTEE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT JUSTICE WILL BEST BE SERVED IF ISSUES REGARDING THIS DEED ARE HEARD BY A JUDGE IN A COURT PROCEEDING, AND NOT A JURY. GRANTEE AND GRANTOR AGREE THAT ANY DISPUTE, CLAIM, DEMAND, ACTION, OR CAUSE OF ACTION SHALL BE HEARD BY A JUDGE IN A COURT PROCEEDING AND NOT A JURY. GRANTEE AND GRANTOR HEREBY WAIVE THEIR RESPECTIVE RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL.

(10) This **Exhibit "A"** shall run with the land and be binding upon the successors and assigns of Grantee.

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