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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA     )  
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COUNTY OF RICHLAND            )     GENERAL DURABLE  
   )     POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, MELVERICK LAMAR EDWARDS the principal, hereby designate TYRONE WESLEY EDWARDS, my brother, as my attorney in fact and agent (subsequently called my agent), and direct that he may act in my name and for my benefit.

1.     GENERAL GRANT OF POWER. To exercise or perform any act, power, duty, right or obligation whatsoever that I now have or may hereinafter acquire, relating to any person, matter, transaction or property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, now owned or hereafter acquired by me, including, without limitation, the following specifically enumerated powers. I grant to my agent full power and authority to do everything necessary in exercising any of the powers herein granted as fully as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my agent shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the powers herein granted.

(a)     POWERS OF COLLECTION AND PAYMENT. To forgive, request, demand, sue for, recover, collect, receive, hold all sums of money, debts, dues, commercial paper, checks, drafts, accounts, deposits, legacies, bequests, devises, notes, interests, stock certificates, bonds, dividends, certificates of deposit, annuities, pension, profit sharing, retirement, social security, insurance and other contractual benefits and proceeds, all documents of title, all property, real or personal, tangible or intangible property and property rights, and demands whatsoever, liquidated or unliquidated, now or hereafter owned by, or due, owing, payable or belonging to, me or in which I have or may have hereafter acquired an interest; to have, use, and take all lawful means and equitable and legal remedies and proceedings in my name for the collection and recovery thereof, and to adjust, sell, compromise, and agree for the same, and to execute and deliver for me, on my behalf, and in my name, all endorsements, releases, receipts, or other sufficient discharges for the same.

(b)     POWER TO ACQUIRE AND SELL. To acquire, purchase, exchange, grant options to sell, and sell and convey real or personal property, tangible or intangible, or interests therein, on such terms and conditions as my agent shall deem proper.

(c)     MANAGEMENT POWERS. To maintain, repair, improve, invest, manage, insure, rent, lease, encumber, and in any manner deal with any real or personal property, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, that I now own or may hereafter acquire, in my name and for my benefit, upon such terms and conditions as my agent shall deem proper, including the authority to

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transfer my assets to a trust for my benefit.

(d) **BANKING POWERS.** To make, receive and endorse checks and drafts, deposit and withdraw funds, acquire and redeem certificates of deposit, in banks, savings and loan associations and other institutions, execute or release such deeds of trust or other security agreements as may be necessary or proper in the exercise of the rights and powers herein granted.

(e) **MOTOR VEHICLES.** To apply for a Certificate of Title upon, and endorse and transfer title thereto, for any automobile, truck, pickup, van, motorcycle or other motor vehicle, and to represent in such transfer assignment that the title to said motor vehicle is free and clear of all liens and encumbrances except those specifically set forth in such transfer assignment.

(f) **BUSINESS INTERESTS.** To conduct or participate in any lawful business of whatever nature for me and in my name; execute partnership agreements and amendments thereto; incorporate, reorganize, merge, consolidate, recapitalize, sell, liquidate, or dissolve any business; elect or employ officers, directors and agents; carry out the provisions of any agreement for the sale of any business interest or the stock therein; and exercise voting rights with respect to stock, either in person or by proxy, and exercise stock options.

(g) **TAX POWERS.** To prepare, sign and file joint or separate income tax returns or declarations of estimated tax for any year or years; to prepare, sign and file gift tax returns with respect to gifts made by me for any year or years; to consent to any gift and to utilize any gift-splitting provisions or other tax election; to prepare, sign and file any claims for refund of any tax; to prepare, sign and file a power of attorney (Form 4828) with the Internal Revenue Service.

(h) **SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES.** To have access at any time or times to any safe deposit box rented by me, wheresoever located, and to remove all or any part of the contents thereof, and to surrender or relinquish said safe deposit box, and any institution in which any such safe deposit box may be located shall not incur any liability to me or my estate as a result of permitting my agent to exercise this power.

(i) **GIFTS.** To make gifts, grants or other transfers without consideration either outright or in trust (including the forgiveness of indebtedness and the completion of any charitable pledges I may have made), to such person or organizations as my agent shall select; to make payments for the college and post-graduate tuition and medical care of my spouse and dependents; to consent to the splitting of gifts under § 2513 of the Internal Revenue Code and any successor sections thereto and similar provisions of any state or local gift tax laws; to pay any gift tax that may arise by reason of such gift.

2. INTERPRETATION AND GOVERNING LAW. This instrument is to be construed and interpreted as a general durable power of attorney. The enumeration of specific powers herein is not intended to, nor does it, limit or restrict the general powers herein granted to my agent. This instrument is executed and delivered in the State of South Carolina, and the laws of the State of South Carolina shall govern all questions as to the validity of this power and the construction of its provisions.

3. THIRD-PARTY RELIANCE. Third parties may rely upon the representations of my agent as to all matters to any power granted to my agent, and no person who may act in reliance upon the representation of my agent or the authority granted to my agent shall incur any liability to me or my estate as a result of permitting my agent to exercise any power.

4. DISABILITY OF PRINCIPAL. This General Power of Attorney shall not be affected by my disability or mental incompetence which renders me incapable of managing my own estate.



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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND )  
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON )

PERSONALLY appeared before me DISHA DAVE  
MICHELLE BEACH, and made oath that  
s/he saw the within-named MELVERICK LAMAR EDWARDS sign, seal and as her act and deed  
deliver the within-written Power of Attorney and that s/he with MICHELLE BEACH  
witnessed the execution thereof.

x Alpha Dave, umbr  
Signature of Witness

Sworn to before me this  
12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

Notary Public for South Carolina

My commission expires: 10/9/2015