



FACILITY-BASED GRAIN BUYER BOND
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 SFN 52017 (05-99)

BOND NO: 103884820

PRINCIPAL

Name General Mills Operations, Inc.			
Address 2-5th St. North Ste. 200	City Great Falls	State MT	Zip Code 59401

SURETY

Name Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America			
Address One Tower Square	City Hartford	State CT	Zip Code 06183

We, the above named PRINCIPAL and SURETY are bound to the State of North Dakota in the penal sum of Three Hundred Thousand and No/100 *** (\$300,000.00) *** Dollars. The payment of the penal sum shall bind ourselves, our heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally.

The PRINCIPAL has made application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission), to be licensed as a "Facility-Based Grain Buyer", entitled to do business as such within the State of North Dakota at the following facilities: Northgate, ND

The facility(ies) described above is (are) to be operated pursuant to the law for receiving grain for buying, selling, or shipping for compensation. The surety bond shall cover the facility(ies) operated by the PRINCIPAL as a whole and not a specific amount for each.

The condition of this obligation is as follows: if the PRINCIPAL shall (1) faithfully perform all duties as a facility based grain buyer, (2) comply with the provisions of law and the rules of the Commission relating to the purchase of grain by a facility based grain buyer, and (3) pay for all grain purchased and all sums for which the PRINCIPAL shall become liable to the holders of receipts, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise it shall remain in effect, provided, however, that this surety bond shall not accrue to the benefit of any person entering into a credit-sale contract with the PRINCIPAL.

Liability for this undertaking commences on August 1, 2002, and shall be continuous unless the SURETY by certified mail notifies the PRINCIPAL and the Commission that the surety bond has been canceled. The cancellation notice shall state that the surety bond will be canceled ninety (90) days after the receipt of the cancellation notice or on a later date specified by the SURETY. In no event shall the aggregate liability of the SURETY accumulate for each successive annual license renewal period during which the bond is in force but, for losses during any annual license renewal period, shall be limited in the aggregate to the bond amount stated or changed by appropriate endorsement or rider.

The liability of the SURETY for any violation of the obligations hereof by the PRINCIPAL during the period of time the bond remains in effect, shall remain in force thereafter for such period of time as may be permitted under the laws of the State of North Dakota.

This bond, including definitions of the terms used herein, are governed by the provisions of Chapter 60-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code.

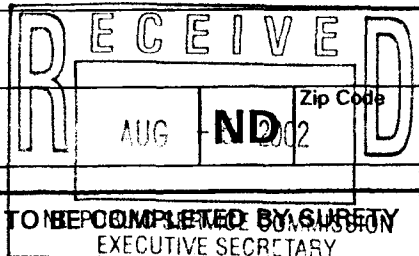
Countersigned by North Dakota Resident Agent:
 Name/Signature

Not Required

Address

City

Zip Code

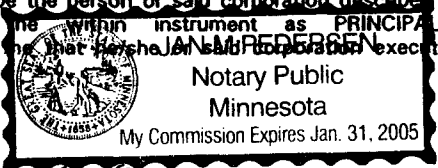


THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PRINCIPAL

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

State of Minnesota)
 County of Hennepin) ss.
 On this 25 day of July, 2002

before me personally appeared Dennis SOLEAN
 known to me to be the person or said corporation described in and who executed the within instrument as PRINCIPAL and acknowledged to me that he/she/it/they executed the same.



Annex A. Olson
 Signature of Principal

Jan M. Pedersen
 Notary Public

My Commission expires 31-JAN-05

(SEAL)

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY SURETY

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY
 (Corporate Officer)

State of Missouri)
 County of St. Louis) ss.
 On this 24th day of July, 2002

before me personally appeared Cynthia L. Hanak
 known to me to be Attorney-In-Fact
 of said corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument as SURETY, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Cynthia L. Hanak, Attorney-In-Fact
 Name and Title of Person Signing for Surety

Cynthia L. Hanak
 Signature

Janella L. Hanak
 Notary Public

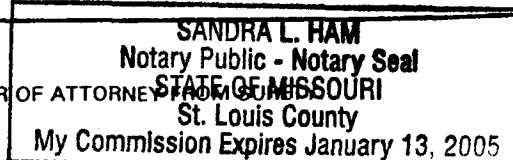
My Commission expires January 13, 2005

(SEAL)

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ATTORNEY-IN-FACT MUST ATTACH VALID POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM SURETY



**TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY
FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY
Hartford, Connecticut 06183-9062
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF ILLINOIS
Naperville, Illinois 60563-8458**

POWER OF ATTORNEY AND CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY OF ATTORNEY(S)-IN-FACT

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY and FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY, corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, and having their principal offices in the City of Hartford, County of Hartford, State of Connecticut, and TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF ILLINOIS, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, and having its principal office in the City of Naperville, County of DuPage, State of Illinois, (hereinafter the "Companies") hath made, constituted and appointed, and do by these presents make, constitute and appoint: Pamela A. Beelman, Karen A. Visnovske, Heidi A. Notheisen, Cynthia L. Hanak, David R. Schaake or Debra C. Schneider * *

of St. Louis, MO, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, execute and acknowledge, at any place within the United States, or, if the following line be filled in, within the area there designated the following instrument(s):

by his/her sole signature and act, any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking and any and all consents incident thereto

and to bind the Companies, thereby as fully and to the same extent as if the same were signed by the duly authorized officers of the Companies, and all the acts of said Attorney(s)-in-Fact, pursuant to the authority herein given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This appointment is made under and by authority of the following Standing Resolutions of said Companies, which Resolutions are now in full force and effect:

VOTED: That the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her.

VOTED: That the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary.

VOTED: That any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary, or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority.

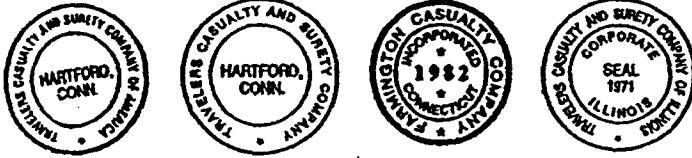
This Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following Standing Resolution voted by the Boards of Directors of TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY and TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF ILLINOIS, which Resolution is now in full force and effect:

VOTED: That the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY and TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF ILLINOIS have caused this instrument to be signed by their Senior Vice President, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed this 12th day of October, 1999.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
}SS. Hartford
COUNTY OF HARTFORD

TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY
FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF ILLINOIS



By *George W. Thompson*
George W. Thompson
Senior Vice President

On this 12th day of October, 1999 before me personally came GEORGE W. THOMPSON to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he/she is Senior Vice President of TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY and TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF ILLINOIS, the corporations described in and which executed the above instrument; that he/she knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; and that he/she executed the said instrument on behalf of the corporations by authority of his/her office under the Standing Resolutions thereof.



Marie C Tetreault
My commission expires June 30, 2001 Notary Public
Marie C. Tetreault

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY and FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY, stock corporations of the State of Connecticut, and TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF ILLINOIS, stock corporation of the State of Illinois, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that the Standing Resolutions of the Boards of Directors, as set forth in the Certificate of Authority, are now in force.

Signed and Sealed at the Home Office of the Company, in the City of Hartford, State of Connecticut. Dated this 24th day of July, 2002.



By *Kori M. Johanson*
Kori M. Johanson
Assistant Secretary, Bond