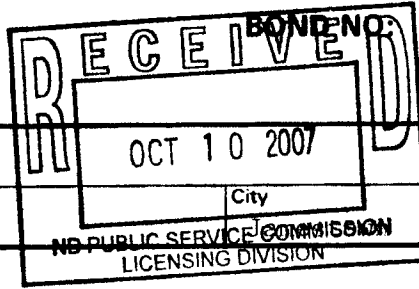




**AUCTIONEER BOND**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
 SFN 10455 (Rev. 12-99)

ND 3800



**PRINCIPAL**

Name Shawn Hanson			
Address 9447 - 35th Street SE		City	State ND
		Zip Code 58401	

**SURETY**

Name Merchants Bonding Company			
Address 2100 Fleur Drive		City Des Moines	State IA
		Zip Code 50321	

We, the above named SURETY, issue this Five Thousand Dollar (\$5,000) bond payable to the State of North Dakota for the benefit of any person injured by the improper conduct of the above-named PRINCIPAL when they are functioning as an auctioneer in North Dakota. The SURETY's liability under this bond is limited to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for each license year that the bond is in effect.

Liability for this undertaking commences on July 13, 2007. This bond (check one):

- Is continuous until cancelled.
- Terminates on the 31st day of December, 20    .

The liability under this bond covers actions of the PRINCIPAL from the effective date of the bond through the date the bond is cancelled. This bond may not be cancelled on less than sixty (60) days notice to the Public Service Commission (Commission); this sixty (60) day period will not begin prior to the day that written notice is received by the Commission.

The undersigned PRINCIPAL and SURETY bind themselves and their heirs, successors, and legal representatives and assigns, jointly and severally.

Countersigned by North Dakota Resident Agent:

<u>N/A</u>		
Name/Signature	Address	City, State(ND), Zip Code

**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PRINCIPAL**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL**

State of North Dakota )  
 ) ss.  
 County of Barnes )

On this 2nd day of August, 2007,  
 before me personally appeared Shawn Hanson  
 known to me to be the person or described in and who executed the  
 within instrument as PRINCIPAL and acknowledged to me that  
 he/she executed the same.

[Signature]  
 Signature of Principal

Ardis Christanson  
 Notary Public

My Commission expires ARDIS CHRISTANSON  
Notary Public  
State of North Dakota  
My Commission Expires March 23, 2013

(SEAL)

**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY SURETY**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY**  
 (Corporate Officer)

State of North Dakota )  
 ) ss.  
 County of Cass )

On this 13th day of July, 2007,  
 before me personally appeared James M. Padden  
 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.

James M. Padden, Attorney-in-Fact  
 Name and Title of Person Signing for Surety

[Signature]  
 Signature

Corinne Behrens  
 Notary Public

My Commission expires April 29, 2009

(SEAL)

North Dakota Public Service Commission  
 State Capitol  
 Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Telephone 701-328-2400

**CORINNE BEHRENS**  
 Notary Public  
 State of North Dakota  
 My Commission Expires Apr. 29, 2009

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

Merchants Bonding Company  
(Mutual)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Persons By These Presents, that the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Iowa, and having its principal office in the City of Des Moines, County of Polk, State of Iowa, hath made, constituted and appointed, and does by these presents make, constitute and appoint

James M. Padden, Charles L. Shambaugh, Carolyn J. Thoen, Corinne J. Behrens

of Fargo and State of North Dakota its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver in its behalf as surety any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof, subject to the limitation that any such instrument shall not exceed the amount of:

FOUR MILLION (\$4,000,000.00) DOLLARS

and to bind the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bond or undertaking was signed by the duly authorized officers of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), and all the acts of said Attorney-in-Fact, pursuant to the authority herein given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power-of-Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following Amended Substituted and Restated By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) on November 16, 2002.

ARTICLE II, SECTION 8 - The Chairman of the Board or President or any Vice President or Secretary shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the Seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof.

ARTICLE II, SECTION 9 - The signature of any authorized officer and the Seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or Certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually fixed.

In Witness Whereof, MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) has caused these presents to be signed by its President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed, this 16th day of January, 2006.



MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)

By *Larry Taylor*  
President

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF POLK ss.

On this 16th day of January, 2006, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), the corporation described in the foregoing instrument, and that the Seal affixed to the said instrument is the Corporate Seal of the said Corporation and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said Corporation by authority of its Board of Directors.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at the City of Des Moines, Iowa, the day and year first above written.

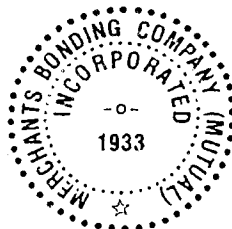


*Cindy Smyth*  
Notary Public, Polk County, Iowa

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF POLK ss.

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Company on this 13th day of July, 2007.



*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary