

ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE

This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator Warehouseman's Bond No. 141553422 written on behalf of Tronson Grain Company - Doyon, ND as Principal to the **State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission, Bismarck, ND** as obligee, issued by **Western Surety Company**, as Surety, with liability commencing August 1st, 1996.

Effective November 16th, 20 07, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Five hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 545,000.00)

to:

Six hundred fifty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 655,000.00)

Effective March 1st, 20 08, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Six hundred fifty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 655,000.00)

to:

Four hundred twenty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 425,000.00)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 16th day of November, 20 07.

Tronson Grain Company
BY: [Signature] (Principal)
U.P. (Title)

Western Surety Company
BY: [Signature]
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission
BY: [Signature]
(Title)

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Effective October 29th, 20 07, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Four hundred twenty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 425,000.00)

to:

Five hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 545,000.00)

Effective March 1st, 20 08, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Five hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 545,000.00)

to:

Four hundred twenty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 425,000.00)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

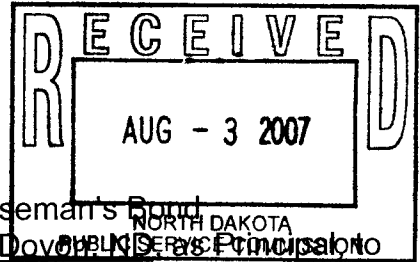
Signed, sealed and dated this 30th day of October, 20 07.

Tronson Grain Company
BY: *Donald Tronson* (Principal)
Pres.
(Title)

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission
BY: *Susan Richter*
(Title)

Western Surety Company
BY: *Jacci Wacker*
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

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Effective August 1st, 20 07, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED / ~~DECREASED~~**

From:

Three hundred eighty-five thousand and No/100ths----- (\$ 385,000.00----)

To:

Four hundred twenty-five thousand and No/100ths----- (\$ 425,000.00----)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 23rd day of July, 20 07.

Tronson Grain Company
(Principal)

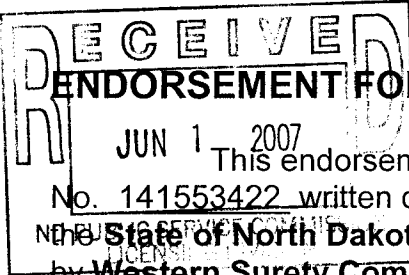
BY: Ronald Tronson Pres.
(Title)

Western Surety Company

BY: Jacci Wacker
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission

BY: _____
(Title)



ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE **DUPLICATE ORIGINAL**

This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator Warehouseman's Bond No. 141553422 written on behalf of Tronson Grain Company - Doyon, ND, as Principal, to the **State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission, Bismarck, ND**, as Obligee, issued by **Western Surety Company**, as Surety, with liability commencing August 1st, 1996.

Effective October 30th, 20 06, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Four hundred fifteen thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 415,000.00)

to:

Four hundred eighty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 485,000.00)

Effective February 28th, 20 07, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Four hundred eighty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 485,000.00)

to:

Three hundred eighty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 385,000.00)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

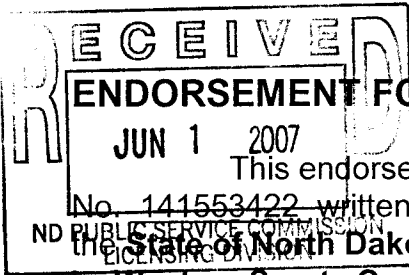
Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 31st day of October, 20 06.

Tronson Grain Company
BY: Donald Tronson Pres (Principal)
(Title)

Western Surety Company
BY: Jacci Wacker
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission
BY: Susan K. Reuter
(Title)



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Effective October 27th, 20 06, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Three hundred fifty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 350,000.00)

to:

Four hundred fifteen thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 415,000.00)

Effective February 28th, 20 07, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Four hundred fifteen thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 415,000.00)

to:

Three hundred fifteen thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 315,000.00)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

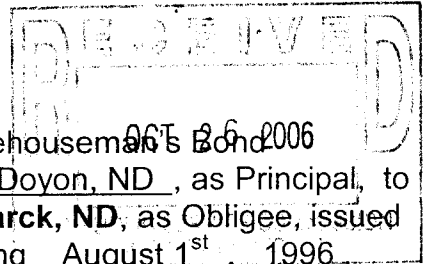
Signed, sealed and dated this 30th day of October, 20 06.

Tronson Grain Company
BY: Donald Tronson (Principal)
(Title)

Western Surety Company
BY: Jacci Wacker
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission
BY: Susan A. Richter
(Title)

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Effective October 11th, 20 06, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Three hundred fifteen thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 315,000.00)

to:

Three hundred fifty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 350,000.00)

Effective December 11th, 20 06, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Three hundred fifty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 350,000.00)

to:

Three hundred fifteen thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 315,000.00)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

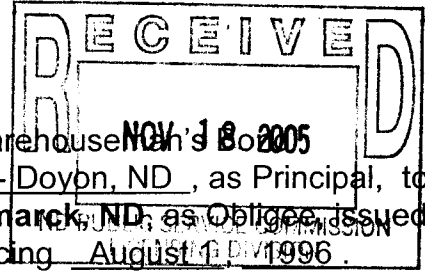
Signed, sealed and dated this 11th day of October, 20 06.

Tronson Grain Company
BY: Donald Tronson (Principal)
Pres. (Title)

Western Surety Company
BY: Jacci Wacker
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission
BY: Susan Richter
(Title)

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Effective November 3rd, 20 05, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Three hundred thirty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 330,000.00)

to:

Three hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 360,000.00)

Effective February 1st, 20 06, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Three hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 360,000.00)

to:

Three hundred fifteen thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 315,000.00)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

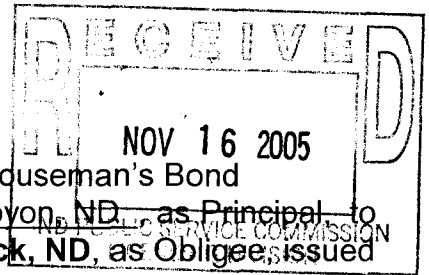
Signed, sealed and dated this 7th day of November, 20 05.

Tronson Grain Company
BY: Donald Tronson Pres. (Principal)
(Title)

Western Surety Company
BY: Jacci Wacker
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission
BY: Joan K. Reiter
(Title)

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Effective October 16th, 20 05, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Three hundred fifteen thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 315,000.00)

to:

Three hundred thirty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 330,000.00)

Effective December 31st, 20 05, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Three hundred thirty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 330,000.00)

to:

Three hundred fifteen thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 315,000.00)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

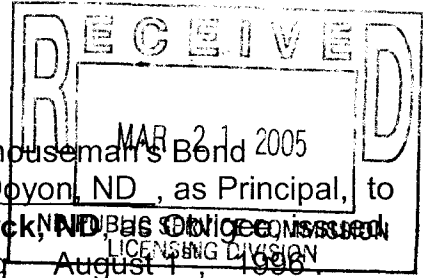
Signed, sealed and dated this 28th day of October, 20 05.

Tronson Grain Company
BY: Donald Tronson (Principal)
President
(Title)

Western Surety Company
BY: Jacci Wacker
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission
BY: Susan K. Richter
(Title)

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Effective January 26th, 20 05, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **DECREASED from:**

Three hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 370,000.00)

to:

Three hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 345,000.00)

Effective June 30th, 20 05, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Three hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 345,000.00)

to:

Three hundred fifteen thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 315,000.00)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

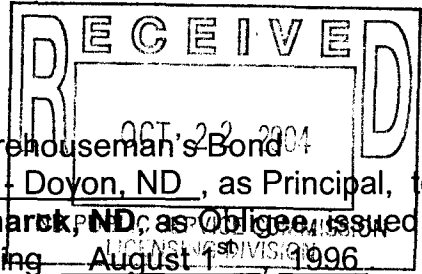
Signed, sealed and dated this 18th day of January, 20 05.

Tronson Grain Company
BY: *Donald Tronson Pres.* (Principal)
(Title)

Western Surety Company
BY: *Jacci Wacker*
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission
BY: *Susan A. Rukter*
(Title)

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Effective October 11th, 20 04, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Three hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 370,000.00)

to:

Four hundred thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 400,000.00)

Effective December 10th, 20 04, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Four hundred thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 400,000.00)

to:

Three hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 370,000.00)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

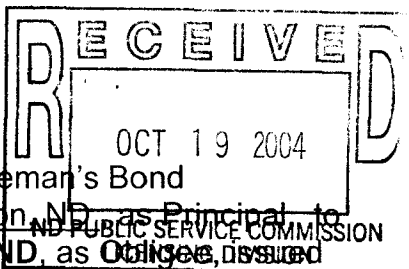
Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 13th day of October, 20 04.

Tronson Grain Company
BY: Donald Jensen, Pres. (Principal)
(Title)

Western Surety Company
BY: Jacci Wacker
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission
BY: Susan Richter
(Title)



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Effective October 5th, 20 04, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Three hundred fifty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 355,000.00)

to:

Three hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 370,000.00)

Effective June 30th, 20 05, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Three hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 370,000.00)

to:

Three hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 345,000.00)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

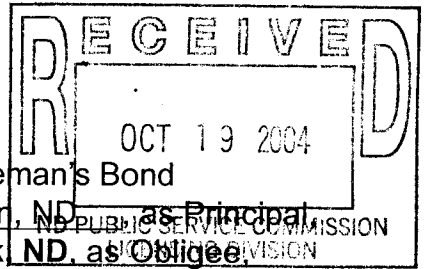
Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 5th day of October, 20 04.

Tronson Grain Company
BY: Donald Tronson Pres
(Principal)
(Title)

Western Surety Company
BY: Jacci Wacker
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission
BY: Susan Richter
(Title)



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Effective September 28th, 20 04, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Three hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 345,000.00)

to:

Three hundred fifty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 355,000.00)

Effective June 30th, 20 05, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Three hundred fifty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 355,000.00)

to:

Three hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 345,000.00)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

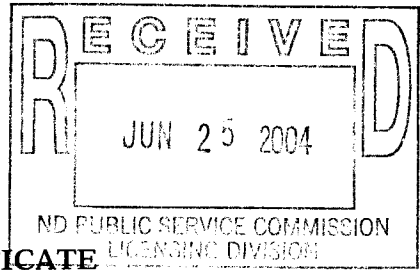
Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 28th day of September, 20 04.

Tronson Grain Company
BY: Donald Tronson (Principal)
Pres (Title)

Western Surety Company
BY: Jacci Wacker
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission
BY: Susan H. Richte
(Title)



ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY CERTIFICATE

Obligee: State of ND Public Service Comm Grain Elev. Div, 12th Fl. 600 E Boulevard Ave Bismarck, ND 58505

Principal: Tronson Grain Company 115 W. 1st Street Doyon, ND 58327

Effective 08/01/04 this Certificate assumes liability on Bond Number 141553422

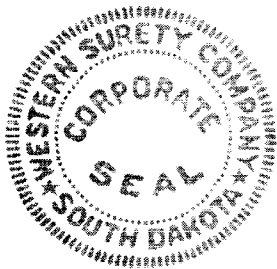
executed and previously filed by American Casualty Company of Reading PA

hereinafter referred to as the Company, in favor of the above-named Obligee.

This certifies that, in consideration of the Agreements and covenants herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, WESTERN SURETY COMPANY hereby assumes liability as surety under the above described bond.

BY ISSUANCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE IT IS AGREED:

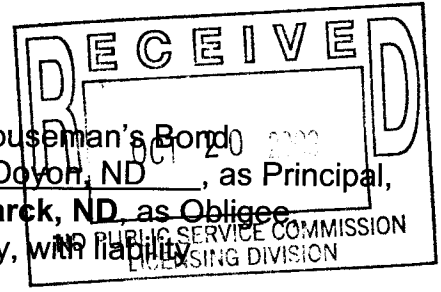
1. That the liability of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY under said bond (a) shall be subject to all of the terms, conditions, limitations and warranties contained in said bond and any amendment thereto or agreement between the Obligee and the Company affecting the same; and (b) shall in no event be greater than would have been the liability of the Company had this Certificate not been issued.
2. That all rights of the Company, which would have been available to the Company by reason of its suretyship under the aforementioned bond, or otherwise, if this Certificate had not been executed, shall inure to the benefit of and be fully enforceable by WESTERN SURETY COMPANY.
3. Signed and dated this 22nd day of June, 2003.



BY: Paul T. Bruflat
Paul T. Bruflat, Senior Vice President
Western Surety Company

Certified Mail No. 7003-1680-0002-0652-8394

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Effective October 10th, 20 03, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Three hundred fifty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 355,000.00)

to:

Four hundred thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 400,000.00)

Effective December 31st, 20 03, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Four hundred thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 400,000.00)

to:

Three hundred fifty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 355,000.00)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 10th day of October, 20 03.

Tronson Grain Company

BY: Donald Tronson (Principal)
(Title)

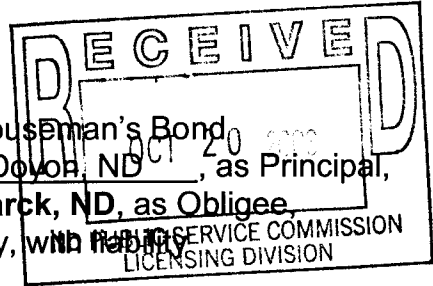
American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

BY: Jacci Wacker
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission

BY: Swan Richter
(Title)

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Effective October 8th, 20 03, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Three hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 345,000.00)

to:

Three hundred fifty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 355,000.00)

Effective February 1st, 20 04, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Three hundred fifty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 355,000.00)

to:

Three hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 345,000.00)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 10th day of October, 20 03.

Tronson Grain Company

BY: Donald Tronson (Principal) Pres
(Title)

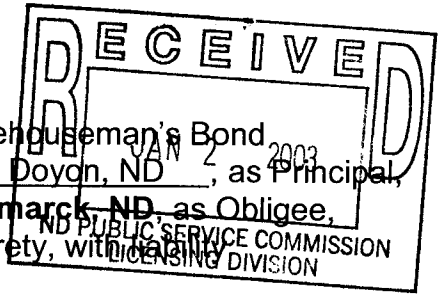
American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

BY: Jacci Wacker
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission

BY: Suzanne Richter
(Title)

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Effective November 25th, 20 02, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Three hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 345,000.00)

to:

Three hundred sixty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 365,000.00)

Effective January 25th, 20 03, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Three hundred sixty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 365,000.00)

to:

Three hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 345,000.00)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 2nd day of December, 20 02.

Tronson Grain Company
BY: Donald Tronson Pres. (Principal)
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA
BY: Jacci Wacker
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission
BY: Susan D. Purdie
(Title)

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Effective September 14th, 20 00, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Three hundred fifty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 355,000.00)

to:

Three hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 370,000.00)

Effective March 31st, 20 01, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Three hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 370,000.00)

to:

Three hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 345,000.00)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 19th day of September, 20 00.

Tronson Grain Company
BY: Donald Tronson (Principal)
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA
BY: Jacci Wacker
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission
BY: Susan D. Richter
(Title)

ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE

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This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator Warehouseman's Bond No. 141553422 written on behalf of Tronson Grain Company - Doyon, ND, as Principal, to the **State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission, Bismarck, ND**, as Obligee, issued by **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**, as Surety, with liability commencing August 1st, 19 96.

Effective August 1st, 20 00, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Three hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 345,000.00)

to:

Three hundred fifty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 355,000.00)

Effective March 31st, 20 01, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Three hundred fifty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 355,000.00)

to:

Three hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 345,000.00)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 1st day of August, 20 00.

Tronson Grain Company
BY: Donald Tronson Pres. (Principal)
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA
BY: Jacci Wacker
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission
BY: Susan R. Ruster
(Title)

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Effective August 1st, 19 99, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **DECREASED**

From:

Five hundred ninety-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 595,000.00----)

To:

Three hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 345,000.00----)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 21st day of July, 19 99.

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

BY: Jacci Wacker
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission

BY: Susan H. Rutter
(Title)

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Effective August 25th, 19 98, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Six hundred twenty thousand and No/100ths (\$ 620,000.00)

to:

Six hundred thirty-five thousand and No/100ths (\$ 635,000.00)

Effective May 31st, 19 99, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Six hundred thirty-five thousand and No/100ths (\$ 635,000.00)

to:

Five hundred ninety-five thousand and No/100ths (\$ 595,000.00)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 26th day of August, 19 98.

Tronson Grain Company
BY: Donald Tronson Pres. (Principal)
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA
BY: Jacci Wacker
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission
BY: Susan K. Richter
(Title)

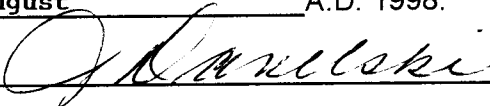
SURETY COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of **Minnesota**

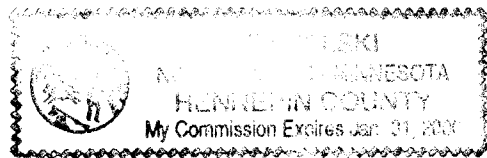
County of **Hennepin**

I, **J. Danelski** Notary Public of **Hennepin** County, in the State of **Minnesota** do hereby certify that **Jacci Wacker**, Attorney-in-Fact, of the **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he/she signed, sealed and delivered said instrument, for and on behalf of the **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the City of **Minneapolis** in said County, this **26th** day of **August** A.D. 1998.



(Notary Public)



POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, an Illinois corporation, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, a Connecticut corporation, AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, a Pennsylvania corporation (herein collectively called "the CCC Surety Companies"), are duly organized and existing corporations having their principal offices in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, and that they do by virtue of the signature and seals herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint J. Danelski, Mike Eberhardy, T. P. Killeen, Douglas L. Miller, Annette K. Rengel, Lori L. Robinson, Ross G. Sinclair, Jacci Wacker, Lois E. Wyncoop, Individually

of Minneapolis, Minnesota

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on their behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

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and to bind them thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of their corporations and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the By-Laws and Resolutions, printed on the reverse hereof, duly adopted, as indicated, by the Boards of Directors of the corporations.

In Witness Whereof, the CCC Surety Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Group Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 4th day of November, 1997.



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Marvin J. Cashion

Marvin J. Cashion

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Will, ss:

On this 4th day of November, 1997, before me personally came Marvin J. Cashion, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



Eileen T. Pachuta

My Commission Expires June 5, 2000

Eileen T. Pachuta

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, Mary A. Ribikawskis, Assistant Secretary of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of each corporation printed on the reverse hereof are still in force. In testimony whereof I have herunto subscribed my name and affixed the seals of the said corporations this 26th day of August, 1998



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Mary A. Ribikawskis

Mary A. Ribikawskis

Assistant Secretary

Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

"Article IX—Execution of Documents

Section 3. Appointment of Attorney-in-fact. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may, from time to time, appoint by written certificates attorneys-in-fact to act in behalf of the Company in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach the seal of the Company thereto. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President or the Board of Directors, may, at any time, revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"Resolved, that the signature of the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 3 of Article IX of the By-Laws, and the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

"Article VI—Execution of Obligations and Appointment of Attorney-in-Fact

Section 2. Appointment of Attorney-in-fact. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may, from time to time, appoint by written certificates attorneys-in-fact to act in behalf of the Company in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach the seal of the Company thereto. The President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact."

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"Resolved, that the signature of the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 2 of Article VI of the By-Laws, and the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following Resolution duly adopted on February 17, 1993 by the Board of Directors of the Company.

"RESOLVED: That the President, an Executive Vice President, or any Senior or Group Vice President of the Corporation may, from time to time, appoint, by written certificates, Attorneys-in-Fact to act in behalf of the Corporation in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such Attorney-in-Fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instrument and to attach the seal of the Corporation thereto. The President, an Executive Vice President, any Senior or Group Vice President or the Board of Directors may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any Attorney-in-Fact."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"RESOLVED: That the signature of the President, an Executive Vice President or any Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Corporation may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to the Resolution adopted by this Board of Directors on February 17, 1993 and the signature of a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Corporation may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power, and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Corporation. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed, shall with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Corporation."

ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE

This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator Warehouseman's Bond No. 141553422 written on behalf of Tronson Grain Company - Doyon, ND, as Principal, to the **State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission, Bismarck, ND**, as Obligee, issued by **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**, as Surety, with liability commencing August 1, 19 96.

Effective August 3rd, 19 98, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Five hundred ninety-five thousand and No/100ths (\$ 595,000.00)

to:

Six hundred twenty thousand and No/100ths (\$ 620,000.00)

Effective May 31st, 19 99, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Six hundred twenty thousand and No/100ths (\$ 620,000.00)

to:

Five hundred ninety-five thousand and No/100ths (\$ 595,000.00)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 4th day of August, 19 98.

Tronson Grain Company
BY: Donald Tronson (Principal)
Pres.
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA
BY: Jacqui Wacker
Jacqui Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission
BY: Susan D. Richter
(Title)

SURETY COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of Minnesota

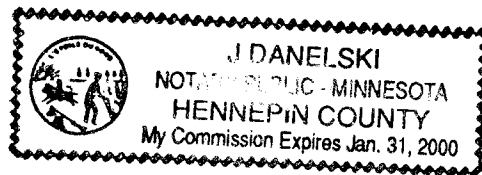
County of Hennepin

I, J. Danelski Notary Public of Hennepin County, in the State of Minnesota do hereby certify that **Jacci Wacker**, Attorney-in-Fact, of the **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he/she signed, sealed and delivered said instrument, for and on behalf of the **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the City of Minneapolis in said County, this 4th day of August A.D. 1998.

J. Danelski

(Notary Public)



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In Witness Whereof, the CCC Surety Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Group Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 4th day of November, 1997.



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Marvin J. Cashion

Marvin J. Cashion

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Will, ss:

On this 4th day of November, 1997, before me personally came Marvin J. Cashion, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



Eileen T. Pachuta

My Commission Expires June 5, 2000

Eileen T. Pachuta

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, Mary A. Ribikawskis, Assistant Secretary of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of each corporation printed on the reverse hereof are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seals of the said corporations this 4th day of August, 1998.



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Mary A. Ribikawskis

Mary A. Ribikawskis

Assistant Secretary

Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

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"Resolved, that the signature of the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 3 of Article IX of the By-Laws, and the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following Resolution duly adopted on February 17, 1993 by the Board of Directors of the Company.

"RESOLVED: That the President, an Executive Vice President, or any Senior or Group Vice President of the Corporation may, from time to time, appoint, by written certificates, Attorneys-in-Fact to act in behalf of the Corporation in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such Attorney-in-Fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instrument and to attach the seal of the Corporation thereto. The President, an Executive Vice President, any Senior or Group Vice President or the Board of Directors may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any Attorney-in-Fact."

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Effective October 17, 19 97, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Five hundred ninety-five thousand and No/100ths (\$ 595,000.00)

to:

Six hundred five thousand and No/100ths (\$ 605,000.00)

Effective March 31, 19 98, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Six hundred five thousand and No/100ths (\$ 605,000.00)

to:

Five hundred ninety-five thousand and No/100ths (\$ 595,000.00)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 21st day of October, 19 97.

Tronson Grain Company

BY: Donald Tronson (Principal)
Pres. (Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

BY: Jacci Wacker
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-in-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission
BY: Susan K. Richter
(Title)

SURETY COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of **Minnesota**

County of **Hennepin**

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Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the City of Minneapolis in said County, this 21st day of October A.D. 1997.



(Notary Public)



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of Minneapolis, Minnesota

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In Witness Whereof, the CNA Sureties Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Group Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 23rd day of June, 1997.



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

M.C. Vonnahme

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 23rd day of June, 1997, before me personally came M. C. Vonnahme, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the Village of Darien, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



My Commission Expires June 5, 2000

Eileen T. Pachuta

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

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CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD
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Robert E. Ayo

Assistant Secretary

Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

"Article IX—Execution of Documents

Section 3. Appointment of Attorney-in-fact. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may, from time to time, appoint by written certificates attorneys-in-fact to act in behalf of the Company in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach the seal of the Company thereto. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President or the Board of Directors, may, at any time, revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"Resolved, that the signature of the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 3 of Article IX of the By-Laws, and the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

"Article VI—Execution of Obligations and Appointment of Attorney-in-Fact

Section 2. Appointment of Attorney-in-fact. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may, from time to time, appoint by written certificates attorneys-in-fact to act in behalf of the Company in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach the seal of the Company thereto. The President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"Resolved, that the signature of the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 2 of Article VI of the By-Laws, and the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following Resolution duly adopted on February 17, 1993 by the Board of Directors of the Company.

"RESOLVED: That the President, an Executive Vice President, or any Senior or Group Vice President of the Corporation may, from time to time, appoint, by written certificates, Attorneys-in-Fact to act in behalf of the Corporation in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such Attorney-in-Fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instrument and to attach the seal of the Corporation thereto. The President, an Executive Vice President, any Senior or Group Vice President or the Board of Directors may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any Attorney-in-Fact."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"RESOLVED: That the signature of the President, an Executive Vice President or any Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Corporation may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to the Resolution adopted by this Board of Directors on February 17, 1993 and the signature of a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Corporation may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power, and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Corporation. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed, shall with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Corporation."

ENDORSEMENT

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This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 141553422 written on behalf of Tronson Grain Company - Doyon, ND to (Principal) the State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission - Bismarck, ND (Obligee) issued by American Casualty Company of Reading, PA with liability (Surety) commencing August 1, 19 96.

EFFECTIVE April 1, 19 97, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is INCREASED from:

Five hundred ninety-five thousand and No/100ths-----Dollars (\$ 595,000.00-----)

to:

Six hundred twenty-five thousand and No/100ths-----Dollars (\$ 625,000.00-----)

EFFECTIVE August 1, 19 97, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is DECREASED from:

Six hundred twenty-five thousand and No/100ths-----Dollars (\$ 625,000.00-----)

to:

Five hundred ninety-five thousand and No/100ths-----Dollars (\$ 595,000.00-----)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 15th day of April, 19 97.

(Tolna Location)

Tronson Grain Company
(Principal)
By: Donald Tronson Pres.
(Title)

ACCEPTED by
ND Public Service
Commission
By: Susan H. Richter
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA
By: Jacqui Wacker
Jacqui Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

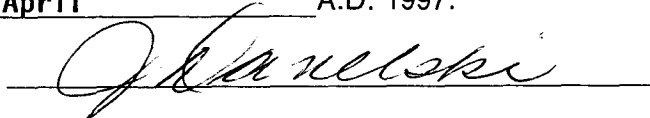
SURETY COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of **Minnesota**

County of **Hennepin**

I, **J. Danelski** Notary Public of Hennepin County, in the State of Minnesota do hereby certify that **Jacci Wacker**, Attorney-in-Fact, of the **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he/she signed, sealed and delivered said instrument, for and on behalf of the **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA.**, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the City of Minneapolis in said County, this 15th day of April A.D. 1997.



(Notary Public)



POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, an Illinois corporation, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, a Connecticut corporation, AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, a Pennsylvania corporation (herein collectively called "the CNA Surety Companies"), are duly organized and existing corporations having their principal offices in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, and that they do by virtue of the signature and seals herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint Jacci Wacker, Individually

of Minneapolis, Minnesota

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on their behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

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and to bind them thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of their corporations and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the By-Laws and Resolutions, printed on the reverse hereof, duly adopted, as indicated, by the Boards of Directors of the corporations.

In Witness Whereof, the CNA Sureties Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Group Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 4th day of September, 1996.



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

M.C. Vonnahme

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 4th day of September, 1996, before me personally came

M. C. Vonnahme, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the Village of Darien, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



My Commission Expires June 5, 2000

Eileen T. Pachuta

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, John M. Littler, Assistant Secretary of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of each corporation printed on the reverse hereof are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seals of the said corporations this 15th day of April, 1997.



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

John M. Littler

Assistant Secretary

Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

"Article IX—Execution of Documents

Section 3. Appointment of Attorney-in-fact. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may, from time to time, appoint by written certificates attorneys-in-fact to act in behalf of the Company in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach the seal of the Company thereto. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President or the Board of Directors, may, at any time, revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"Resolved, that the signature of the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 3 of Article IX of the By-Laws, and the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following Resolution duly adopted on February 17, 1993 by the Board of Directors of the Company.

"RESOLVED: That the President, an Executive Vice President, or any Senior or Group Vice President of the Corporation may, from time to time, appoint, by written certificates, Attorneys-in-Fact to act in behalf of the Corporation in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such Attorney-in-Fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instrument and to attach the seal of the Corporation thereto. The President, an Executive Vice President, any Senior or Group Vice President or the Board of Directors may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any Attorney-in-Fact."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

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ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE

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This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator

Warehouseman's Bond No. 141553422 written on behalf of Tronson Grain Company - Doyon, ND, as Principal, to the State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission, Bismarck, ND, as Obligee, issued by American Casualty Company of Reading, PA, as Surety, with liability commencing August 1, 1996.

EFFECTIVE March 31, 1997, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby ~~INCREASED~~ / DECREASED

From:

Six hundred fifteen thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 615,000.00-----)

To:

Five hundred ninety-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 595,000.00-----)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 21st day of March, 1997.

(Tolna Location)

Tronson Grain Company

(Principal)
By: Donald Tronson Pres.

(Title)

ACCEPTED by ND
Public Service Comm.
By: Susan K. Richter

(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA
By: Jacqui Wacker

Jacqui Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

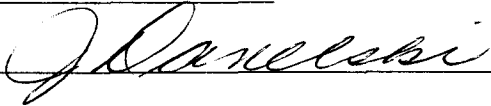
SURETY COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of **Minnesota**

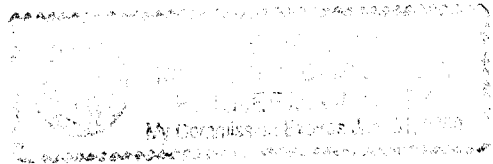
County of **Hennepin**

I, **J. Danelski** Notary Public of **Hennepin** County, in the State of **Minnesota** do hereby certify that **Jacci Wacker**, Attorney-in-Fact, of the **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he/she signed, sealed and delivered said instrument, for and on behalf of the **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA.**, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the City of **Minneapolis** in said County, this **21st** day of **March** A.D. 1997.



(Notary Public)



POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

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of Minneapolis, Minnesota

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on their behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

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and to bind them thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of their corporations and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the By-Laws and Resolutions, printed on the reverse hereof, duly adopted, as indicated, by the Boards of Directors of the corporations.

In Witness Whereof, the CNA Sureties Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Group Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 4th day of September, 1996.



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

M.C. Vonnahme

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 4th day of September, 1996, before me personally came

M. C. Vonnahme, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the Village of Darien, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



My Commission Expires June 5, 2000

Eileen T. Pachuta

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, John M. Littler, Assistant Secretary of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of each corporation printed on the reverse hereof are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seals of the said corporations this 21st day of March, 1997.



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

John M. Littler

Assistant Secretary

Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY:

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This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"Resolved, that the signature of the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 3 of Article IX of the By-Laws, and the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA:

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Section 2. Appointment of Attorney-in-fact. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may, from time to time, appoint by written certificates attorneys-in-fact to act in behalf of the Company in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach the seal of the Company thereto. The President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact."

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"Resolved, that the signature of the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 2 of Article VI of the By-Laws, and the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following Resolution duly adopted on February 17, 1993 by the Board of Directors of the Company.

"RESOLVED: That the President, an Executive Vice President, or any Senior or Group Vice President of the Corporation may, from time to time, appoint, by written certificates, Attorneys-in-Fact to act in behalf of the Corporation in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such Attorney-in-Fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instrument and to attach the seal of the Corporation thereto. The President, an Executive Vice President, any Senior or Group Vice President or the Board of Directors may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any Attorney-in-Fact."

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ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE

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This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator Warehouseman's Bond No. 141553422 written on behalf of Tronson Grain Company - Doyon, ND, as Principal, to the State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission, Bismarck, ND, as Obligee, issued by American Casualty Company of Reading, PA, as Surety, with liability commencing August 1, 19 96.

EFFECTIVE January 2, 19 97, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby ~~DECREASED~~ **INCREASED**

From:

Five hundred eighty-five thousand and No/100ths----- (\$ 585,000.00-----)

To:

Six hundred fifteen thousand and No/100ths----- (\$ 615,000.00-----)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 3rd day of January, 19 97.

Addition of Haymar Elevator
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Tronson Grain Company

(Principal)
By: Donald Tronson Pres.

(Title)

ACCEPTED by ND
Public Service Comm.
By: Edward R. Rinker

(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA
By: Jacqui Wacker

Jacqui Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

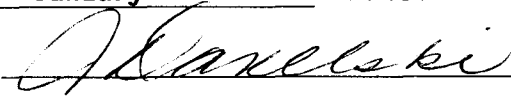
SURETY COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of **Minnesota**

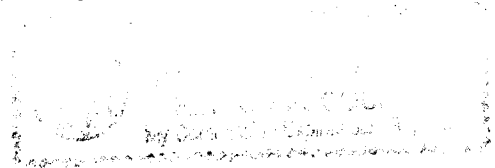
County of **Hennepin**

I, **J. Danelski** Notary Public of Hennepin County, in the State of Minnesota do hereby certify that **Jacci Wacker**, Attorney-in-Fact, of the **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he/she signed, sealed and delivered said instrument, for and on behalf of the **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA.**, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the City of Minneapolis in said County, this 3rd day of January A.D. 1997.



(Notary Public)



POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

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their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on their behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

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and to bind them thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of their corporations and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

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In Witness Whereof, the CNA Sureties Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Group Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 4th day of September, 1996.



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

M.C. Vonnahme

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 4th day of September, 1996, before me personally came M. C. Vonnahme, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the Village of Darien, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



My Commission Expires June 5, 2000

Eileen T. Pachuta

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, John M. Littler, Assistant Secretary of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of each corporation printed on the reverse hereof are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seals of the said corporations this 3rd day of January, 1997



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD
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Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD:

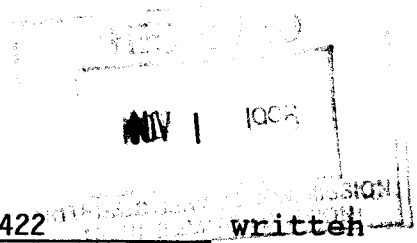
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ENDORSEMENT



This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 141553422 written on behalf of Tronson Grain Company - Doyon, ND (Principal) to the State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission - Bismarck, ND (Obligee) issued by American Casualty Company of Reading, PA with liability (Surety) commencing August 1, 19 96.

EFFECTIVE October 16, 19 96, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is INCREASED from:

Five hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----Dollars (\$ 570,000.00-----) to:

Five hundred eighty five thousand and No/100ths-----Dollars (\$ 585,000.00-----)

EFFECTIVE January 16, 19 97, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is DECREASED from:

Five hundred eighty five thousand and No/100ths-----Dollars (\$ 585,000.00-----) to:

Five hundred sixty-five thousand and No/100ths-----Dollars (\$ 565,000.00-----)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 18th day of October, 19 96.

Tronson Grain Company (Principal) By: Ronald Tronson Pres. (Title)

ACCEPTED by ND Public Service Commission By: Susan K. Richter (Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA By: Jacqui Wacker Attorney-In-Fact

SURETY COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of **Minnesota**

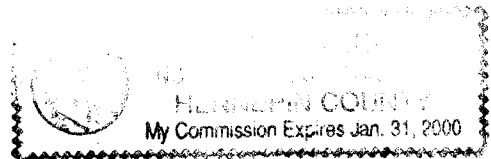
County of **Hennepin**

I, **J. Danelski** Notary Public of **Hennepin** County, in the State of **Minnesota** do hereby certify that **Jacci Wacker**, Attorney-in-Fact, of the **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he/she signed, sealed and delivered said instrument, for and on behalf of the **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA.**, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the City of **Minneapolis** in said County, this **18th** day of **October** A.D. 1996.



(Notary Public)



POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, an Illinois corporation, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, a Connecticut corporation, AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, a Pennsylvania corporation (herein collectively called "the CNA Surety Companies"), are duly organized and existing corporations having their principal offices in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, and that they do by virtue of the signature and seals herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint Jacci Wacker, Individually

of Minneapolis, Minnesota

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on their behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

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and to bind them thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of their corporations and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

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In Witness Whereof, the CNA Sureties Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Group Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 4th day of September, 1996.



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

M.C. Vonnahme

Group Vice President

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On this 4th day of September, 1996, before me personally came

M. C. Vonnahme, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the Village of Darien, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



My Commission Expires June 5, 2000

Eileen T. Pachuta

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CERTIFICATE

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CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
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John M. Littler

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Five hundred sixty-five thousand and No/100ths----- Dollars (\$ 565,000.00-----)

to:

Five hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths----- Dollars (\$ 570,000.00-----)

EFFECTIVE December 9, 19 96, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is DECREASED from:

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to:

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It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

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Signed, sealed and dated this 10th day of September, 19 96.

Tronson Grain Company (Principal)

By: Donald Tronson Pres (Title)

ACCEPTED by ND Public Service Commission

By: Susan A. Rinker (Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

By: Jacqui Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

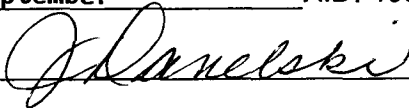
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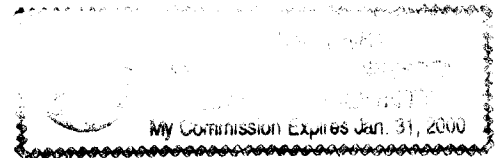
County of **Hennepin**

I, **J. Danelski** Notary Public of **Hennepin** County, in the State of **Minnesota** do hereby certify that **Jacci Wacker**, Attorney-in-Fact, of the **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he/she signed, sealed and delivered said instrument, for and on behalf of the **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA.**, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the City of **Minneapolis** in said County, this **10th** day of **September** A.D. 1996.



(Notary Public)



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CNA INSURANCE COMPANIES

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MINNEAPOLIS
700 PIPER JAFFRAY TOWER (55402)
P.O. BOX 9322
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55440

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ BOND NO. BND 1182727

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA
BOND NO. 141553422

ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY CERTIFICATE

OBLIGEE: STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PSC, GRAIN ELEV. DIV.
600 E BLVD.
BISMARCK, ND 58505-0480

PRINCIPAL: TRONSON GRAIN COMPANY, Doyon, ND \$565,000 Bond

THIS CERTIFICATE ASSUMES LIABILITY ON BOND NUMBER BND 1182727 EXECUTED AND PREVIOUSLY FILED BY FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE COMPANY, IN FAVOR OF THE CAPTIONED OBLIGEE, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 1996.

THIS CERTIFIES THAT AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE AGREEMENTS AND CONVENANTS HEREIN CONTAINED AND OTHER GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, ASSUMES LIABILITY UNDER THE ABOVE DESCRIBED BOND.

BY ISSUANCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE IT IS AGREED:

1. THAT LIABILITY OF AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA UNDER SAID BOND (A) SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL OF THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS AND WARRANTIES CONTAINED IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED BOND AND ANY AMENDMENT THERETO OR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OBLIGEE AND THE COMPANY AFFECTING THE SAME; AND (B) SHALL IN NO EVENT BE GREATER THAN WOULD HAVE BEEN THE LIABILITY OF THE COMPANY HAD THIS CERTIFICATE NOT BEEN ISSUED.

2. THAT ALL RIGHTS OF THE COMPANY, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY, BY REASON OF ITS SURETYSHIP UNDER THE AFOREMENTIONED BOND, OR OTHERWISE, IF THIS CERTIFICATE HAD NOT BEEN EXECUTED, SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF AND BE FULLY ENFORCEABLE BY AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA.

3. THAT THIS CERTIFICATE ASSUMES LIABILITY UNDER AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA BOND NO. 141553422 FOR LIABILITY ACCRUED UNDER FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ BOND NO. BND 1182727.

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

BY: _____

Jacqui Wacker
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT



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ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE

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This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator

Warehouseman's Bond No. BND 118 27 27 written on behalf of
Tronson Grain Company - Doyon, ND, as Principal,
to the State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission, Bismarck,
ND, as Obligee, issued by FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW
JERSEY, as Surety, with liability commencing August 21, 1990.

EFFECTIVE August 1, 1995, it is
understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond
shall be and is hereby **INCREASED / ~~DECREASED~~**

From:

Five hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths----- (\$ 560,000.00-----)

To:

Five hundred sixty-five thousand and No/100ths----- (\$ 565,000.00-----)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the
liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the
provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above
stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 15th day of August, 1995.

Tronson Grain Company

(Principal)
By: Donald Tronson Pres.
(Title)

ACCEPTED by ND
Public Service Comm.

By: Susan Richter
(Title)

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ

By: Jacci Wacker
Jacci Wacker (Attorney)

SURETY COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF MINNESOTA

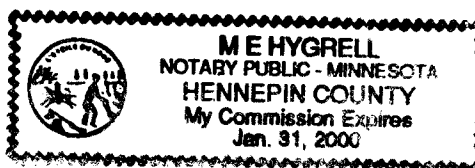
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

On this 15th day of August 1995, before me personally appeared Jacci Wacker, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that she reside(s) at Minneapolis, MN; that she is/are the Attorney of Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ, the corporation described in and which executed the annexed instrument; that she know(s) the corporate seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation; that she signed the same name(s) thereto by like order; and that the liabilities of said corporation do not exceed its assets as ascertained in the manner provided by law.

M.E. Hygrell

(Notary Public)

My commission expires January 31, 2000



Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all men by these Presents, That the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY has made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents does make, constitute and appoint

Jacci Wacker of Minnetonka, Minnesota

its true and lawful attorney, for it and in its name, place, and stead to execute on behalf of the said Company, as surety, bonds, undertakings and contracts of suretyship to be given to

All Obligees

provided that no bond or undertaking or contract of suretyship executed under this authority shall exceed in amount the sum of

One Million (1,000,000) Dollars

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY at a meeting duly called and held on the 13th day of January, 1989:

"RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board, the Vice Chairman of the Board, the President, an Executive Vice President or a Senior Vice President or a Vice President of the Company, be, and that each or any of them hereby is, authorized to execute Powers of Attorney qualifying the attorney named in the given Power of Attorney to execute in behalf of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, bonds, undertakings and all contracts of suretyship; and that an Assistant Vice President, a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary be, and that each or any of them hereby is, authorized to attest the execution of any such Power of Attorney, and to attach thereto the seal of the Company.

"FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signatures of such officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company when so affixed and in the future with respect to any bond, undertaking or contract of suretyship to which it is attached."

In Witness Whereof, the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY has caused its official seal to be hereunto affixed, and these presents to be signed by one of its Vice Presidents and attested by one of its Assistant Secretaries this 2 day of March, 1994.

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Attest:

J. H. Tanner

J. H. Tanner, Vice President



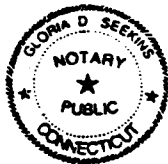
By

Matthew Klimczak

Matthew Klimczak, Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD }

On this 2 day of March, 1994, before me personally came Matthew Klimczak, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he is a Vice President of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.



CERTIFICATE

Gloria D. Seekins

GLORIA D. SEEKINS
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires

January 31, 1998

I, the undersigned, an Assistant Secretary of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, a New Jersey corporation, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore that the Resolution of the Board of Directors, set forth in the said Power of Attorney, is now in force.

Signed and sealed at the town of Farmington, the State of Connecticut. Dated the 15th day of August, 1995.



W. W. Cowling

W. W. Cowling, Assistant Secretary

ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE

This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator Warehouseman's Bond No. BND 118 27 27 written on behalf of Tronson Grain Company - Doyon, ND, as Principal, to the State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission, Bismarck, ND, as Obligee, issued by FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, as Surety, with liability commencing August 21, 1990.

EFFECTIVE May 19, 19 95, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED / ~~DECREASED~~**

From:

Five hundred fifty thousand and No/100ths----- (\$ 550,000.00-----)

To:

Five hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths----- (\$ 560,000.00-----)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 22nd day of May, 19 95.

Tronson Grain Company

(Principal)
By: Donald Tronson Pres.

(Title)

ACCEPTED by ND
Public Service Comm.
By: Susan Richter

(Title)

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ
By: Jacci Wacker

Jacci Wacker (Attorney)

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

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Jaczi Wacker of Minnetonka, Minnesota

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All Obligees

provided that no bond or undertaking or contract of suretyship executed under this authority shall exceed in amount the sum of

One Million (1,000,000) Dollars

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY at a meeting duly called and held on the 13th day of January, 1989:

"RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board, the Vice Chairman of the Board, the President, an Executive Vice President or a Senior Vice President or a Vice President of the Company, be, and that each or any of them hereby is, authorized to execute Powers of Attorney qualifying the attorney named in the given Power of Attorney to execute in behalf of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, bonds, undertakings and all contracts of suretyship; and that an Assistant Vice President, a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary be, and that each or any of them hereby is, authorized to attest the execution of any such Power of Attorney, and to attach thereto the seal of the Company.

"FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signatures of such officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company when so affixed and in the future with respect to any bond, undertaking or contract of suretyship to which it is attached."

In Witness Whereof, the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY has caused its official seal to be hereunto affixed, and these presents to be signed by one of its Vice Presidents and attested by one of its Assistant Secretaries this 2 day of March, 1994.

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Attest:

J. H. Tanner

J. H. Tanner, Vice President



By

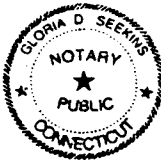
Matthew Klimczak

Matthew Klimczak, Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD }

ss.:

On this 2 day of March, 1994, before me personally came Matthew Klimczak, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he is a Vice President of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.



CERTIFICATE

Gloria D. Seekins

GLORIA D. SEEKINS
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires January 31, 1998

I, the undersigned, an Assistant Secretary of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, a New Jersey corporation, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore that the Resolution of the Board of Directors, set forth in the said Power of Attorney, is now in force.

Signed and sealed at the town of Farmington, the State of Connecticut. Dated the 22nd day of May, 1995.



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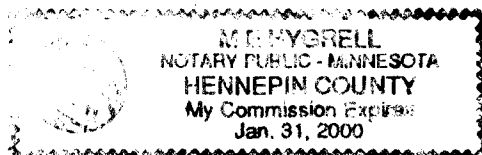
STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

On this 22nd day of May 1995, before me personally appeared Jacci Wacker, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that she reside(s) at Minneapolis, MN; that she is/are the Attorney of Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ, the corporation described in and which executed the annexed instrument; that she know(s) the corporate seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation; that she signed the same name(s) thereto by like order; and that the liabilities of said corporation do not exceed its assets as ascertained in the manner provided by law.

M.E. Hygrell
(Notary Public)

My commission expires January 31, 2000



ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE

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This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator Warehouseman's Bond No. BND 118 27 27 written on behalf of Tronson Grain Company - Doyon, ND 58328, as Principal, to the State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission, Bismarck, ND, as Obligee, issued by FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, as Surety, with liability commencing August 21, 19 90.

EFFECTIVE June 1, 19 93, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED /-DECREASED--**

From:

FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100-----(\$ 535,000.00-----)

To:

FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100-----(\$ 550,000.00-----)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 26th day of May, 19 93.

REMOVE LOCATION: Warwick, ND

ADD LOCATION: Tolna, ND

LOCATIONS NOW INCLUDE:

Doyon, ND
Tolna, ND

Tronson Grain Company

(Principal)

By: Donald Tronson

Pres.
(Title)

ACCEPTED by ND
Public Service Comm.

By: Susan H. Richter
(Title)

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ

By: Cheryl M. Gardner

Cheryl M. Gardner
(Attorney)

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey

180 Maiden Lane, New York, New York 10038

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all men by these Presents, That the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY has made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents does make, constitute and appoint

CHERYL M. GARDNER, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

its true and lawful attorney, for it and in its name, place, and stead to execute on behalf of the said Company, as surety, bonds, undertakings and contracts of suretyship to be given to

ALL OBLIGEES

provided that no bond or undertaking or contract of suretyship executed under this authority shall exceed in amount the sum of

UNLIMITED DOLLARS

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY at a meeting duly called and held on the 20th day of February, 1975:

"RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board, the Vice Chairman of the Board, the President, an Executive Vice President or a Senior Vice President or a Vice President of the Company, be, and that each or any of them hereby is, authorized to execute Powers of Attorney qualifying the attorney named in the given Power of Attorney to execute in behalf of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, bonds, undertakings and all contracts of suretyship; and that an Assistant Vice President, a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary be, and that each or any of them hereby is, authorized to attest the execution of any such Power of Attorney, and to attach thereto the seal of the Company.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signatures of such officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company when so affixed and in the future with respect to any bond, undertaking or contract of suretyship to which it is attached."

In Witness Whereof, the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY has caused its official seal to be hereunto affixed, and these presents to be signed by one of its Vice Presidents and attested by one of its Assistant Vice Presidents this 1st day of May, 1985.

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

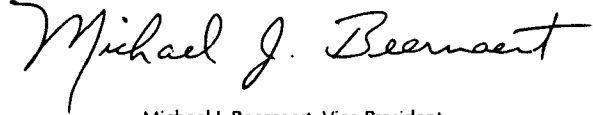
Attest:



Robert W. Adler, Sr., Assistant Vice President



By



Michael J. Beernaert, Vice President

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF NEW YORK

ss.:

On this 1st day of May, 1985, before me personally came Michael J. Beernaert, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he is a Vice President of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.



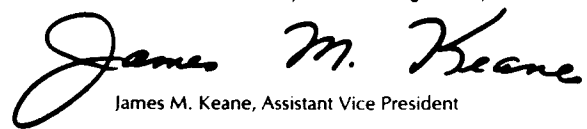
CERTIFICATE



ETHEL TARANTO
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York
No. 24-4663117 Qual. in Kings County
Commission Expires March 30, 1986

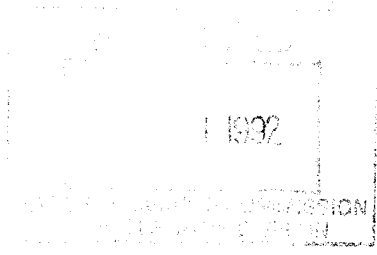
I, the undersigned, an Assistant Vice President of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, a New Jersey corporation, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore that the Resolution of the Board of Directors, set forth in the said Power of Attorney, is now in force.

Signed and sealed at the City of New York, in the State of New York. Dated the 26th day of May, 1993.



James M. Keane, Assistant Vice President

ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE AND ADDED LOCATION
~~OR DECREASE~~



This endorsement forms a part of North Dakota Grain Warehouseman's
Bond No. BND 118 27 27 issued by Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ
(Surety Company)
to Tronson Grain Company - Doyon, ND
(Principal)
on behalf of State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission, Bismarck, ND
(Obligee)
dated the 21st day of August, 19 90.

It is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby (increased)
from: FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$450,000.00) Dollars
to: FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$535,000.00) Dollars
as of the 7th day of August, 19 92.

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 7th day of August, 19 92.

ADD LOCATION:
Warwick, ND

Tronson Grain Company
Principal
By: Ronald H. Tronson Pres.
Title

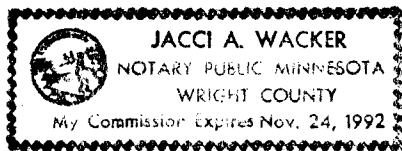
Accepted:
Susan H. Richter
State of North Dakota
Public Service Commission

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ
Surety
By: Cheryl M. Gardner
Cheryl M. Gardner Attorney

STATE OF Minnesota
COUNTY OF Hennepin ss.:

On this 7th day of August, 1992, before me personally appeared Cheryl M. Gardner, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that she reside(s) at Minneapolis, MN; that she is/are the Attorney of Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ, the corporation described in and which executed the annexed instrument; that she know(s) the corporate seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation; that she signed the same name(s) thereto by like order; and that the liabilities of said corporation do not exceed its assets as ascertained in the manner provided by law.

Surety
Company
Acknowledgment



BOND-3768-A

Jacci A. Wacker
(Notary Public in and for the above County and State)
My commission expires Nov 24, 1992

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey

180 Maiden Lane, New York, New York 10038

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FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

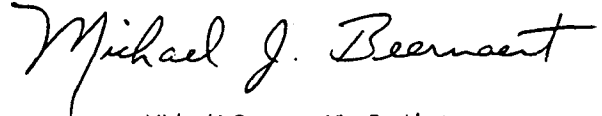
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By



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STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF NEW YORK }

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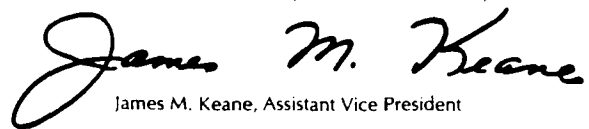
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Signed and sealed at the City of New York, in the State of New York. Dated the 7th day of August, 19 92.



James M. Keane, Assistant Vice President

**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE
OR DECREASE AND REMOVE LOCATION**

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It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

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Signed, sealed and dated this 29th day of July, 19 92.

REMOVE LOCATION

To/na
LOCATION NOW INCLUDES
Doyon, ND

Tronson Grain Company
Principal
By: [Signature] Pres.
Title

Accepted:
[Signature]

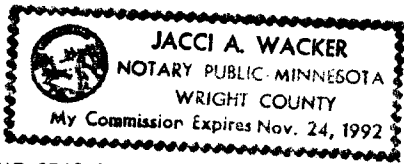
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By: [Signature]
Cheryl M. Gardner Attorney

STATE OF Minnesota

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provided that no bond or undertaking or contract of suretyship executed under this authority shall exceed in amount the sum of

UNLIMITED DOLLARS

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY at a meeting duly called and held on the 20th day of February, 1975:

"RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board, the Vice Chairman of the Board, the President, an Executive Vice President or a Senior Vice President or a Vice President of the Company, be, and that each or any of them hereby is, authorized to execute Powers of Attorney qualifying the attorney named in the given Power of Attorney to execute in behalf of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, bonds, undertakings and all contracts of suretyship; and that an Assistant Vice President, a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary be, and that each or any of them hereby is, authorized to attest the execution of any such Power of Attorney, and to attach thereto the seal of the Company.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signatures of such officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company when so affixed and in the future with respect to any bond, undertaking or contract of suretyship to which it is attached."

In Witness Whereof, the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY has caused its official seal to be hereunto affixed, and these presents to be signed by one of its Vice Presidents and attested by one of its Assistant Vice Presidents this 1st day of May, 1985.

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Attest:

Robert W. Adler, Sr., Assistant Vice President



By

Michael J. Beernaert, Vice President

STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF NEW YORK }

ss:

On this 1st day of May, 1985, before me personally came Michael J. Beernaert, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he is a Vice President of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.



CERTIFICATE

ETHEL TARANTO
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York
No. 24-4663117 Qual. in Kings County
Commission Expires March 30, 1986

I, the undersigned, an Assistant Vice President of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, a New Jersey corporation, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore that the Resolution of the Board of Directors, set forth in the said Power of Attorney, is now in force.

Signed and sealed at the City of New York, in the State of New York. Dated the 29th day of July, 1992.



James M. Keane, Assistant Vice President



ENDORSEMENT

Date, May 3, 19 91

This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator Warehouseman's Bond no. BND 118 27 27 issued by Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey (Surety Company) to State of North Dakota, Public Service Comm., Capital Bldg., Bismarck, ND 58505-0480 (Obligee or Insured) on behalf of Tronson Grain Company, Doyon, ND 58328 (Principal) in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100-----(\$550,000.00)-----Dollars effective August 21, 1990 .

In consideration of (reduced) premium of SIXTY-THREE AND NO/100----- (\$ 63.00-----) Dollars it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby (increased) (decreased) to FIVE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND AND NO/100----- (\$ 540,000.00-----) Dollars as of the 21st day of August, 19 90 but in no event shall the aggregate liability, embodied in this bond, exceed FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100----- (\$ 550,000.00-----) Dollars prior to the effective date of this endorsement, or FIVE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND AND NO/100----- (\$ 540,000.00-----) Dollars after such date, or in any event the larger of the said two amounts.

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 3rd day of May, 19 91.

Accepted: Susan H. Richter State of North Dakota Public Service Commission Capital Building Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Tronson Grain Company By: Donald Tronson Pres. Principal Title Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ Surety By: Cheryl M. Gardner Attorney

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey

180 Maiden Lane, New York, New York 10038

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all men by these Presents, That the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY has made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents does make, constitute and appoint

CHERYL M. GARDNER, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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In Witness Whereof, the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY has caused its official seal to be hereunto affixed, and these presents to be signed by one of its Vice Presidents and attested by one of its Assistant Vice Presidents this 1st day of May, 1985.

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

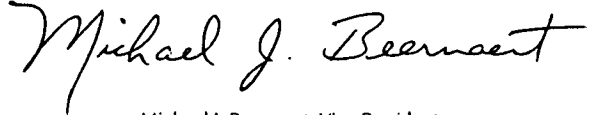
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