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SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR LITIGATION

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENT: That I, Gene Bowen, undersigned hereby make, constitute and appoint Ray Bowen my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name, place, and stead and for my use and benefit to sign all documents and make all client decisions concerning the following two litigation matters:

- 1) United States District Court, District of Nevada, Case No. CV-N-98-00621-HDM (VCP); and
- 2) United States District Court, District of Nevada, Case No. CV-N-97-00358-DWH (VCP).

GIVING AND GRANTING unto my said Attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the premises as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present, hereby ratifying all my said Attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of these presents. The powers and authority hereby conferred upon my said Attorney shall be fully applicable to all matters involving the above two described litigation matters.

My said Attorney is empowered hereby to determine in his sole discretion the time when, purpose for and manner in which any power herein conferred upon him shall be exercised, and the conditions, provisions and covenants of any instrument or document which may be executed by him/her pursuant hereto; and in the acquisition or disposition of any matter involving the above two litigation cases.

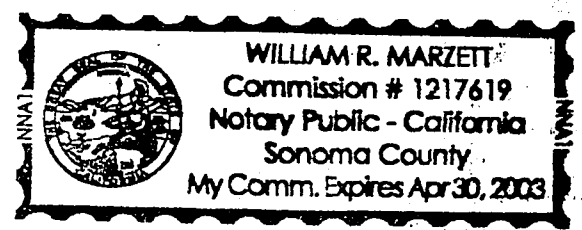
Witness my hand this 8 day of MAY, 2000.

Gene N. Bowen
GENE NATHAN BOWEN, individually,
and as Trustee of the GENE NATHAN
BOWEN TRUST

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
: ss.
COUNTY OF Sonoma)

On this 8th day of MAY, 2000, before me, personally appeared **GENE NATHAN BOWEN** personally known to me, or proved to me to be on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s) or the entity on behalf of which the person(s) acted executed the instrument.

William R. Marzett
NOTARY PUBLIC

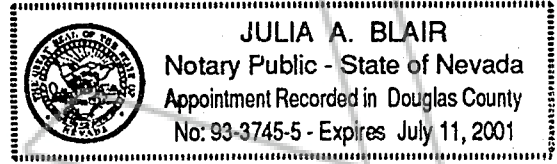


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STATE OF NEVADA)
) ss.
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On August 14, 2000, before me, a notary public, personally appeared Paula Ryan, personally known or proved to me to be the persons whose name is subscribed to the above instrument who acknowledged that she executed the instrument.

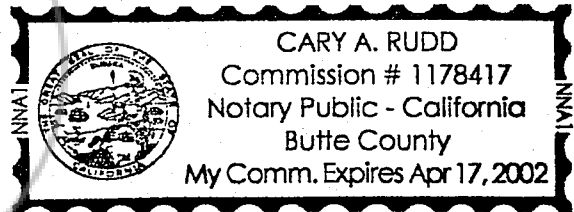
Julia A. Blair
Notary Public



STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF Butte)

On August 4, 2000, before me, a notary public, personally appeared Ray L. Bowen, personally known or proved to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the above instrument who acknowledged that he executed same in his authorized capacity as attorney-in-fact for Gene Nathan Bowen and Gene Nathan Bowen Trust, and that by his signatures on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

Cary A. Rudd
Notary Public



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